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From the Principal's Desk

It has been wonderful to see everyone back in school this week. We had a welcome back assembly for the students on Wednesday to let everyone meet the faculty. I told the students that it would be fun to know how many inches the entire student body has grown since they left. I hypothesized that it might be as many inches as the height of Edmunds! Good math exercise for next year - we just have to remember to measure them all before they leave in June!

We have close to 80 new families at Edmunds this year between our new kindergarten students, those families new to Burlington, and those who have chosen to join the Edmunds community. There are a few upcoming Edmunds traditions that I want to be sure that all of our families know about so that they can participate. The first tradition, started last year, is our Whole School Assembly. The assemblies are intended to build community and parents and siblings are welcome. They start at 8:10 every Wednesday morning and the programs vary. We hope that each class will have an opportunity to participate in demonstrating something of interest that they have learned during the course of the year.

The next upcoming tradition is the annual Edmunds BBQ which is Friday the 7th. Organized by the PTO, it's a great opportunity for everyone to meet, catch up and get acquainted. You'll find that Edmunds is a fun and friendly place to be. If everyone who has been part of the Edmunds family could be sure to not only introduce themselves to our new parents and children, but to introduce them to others, we can be sure that all will feel a part of our community more quickly.

The **Media Form** you are receiving regarding allowing your child's picture or work to be used or displayed for the purpose of improving our teaching/learning environment. The form is not to give permission; rather it is an form denying us permission. Please do not sign it if you want us to be able to share your child's work or picture. We do not include student names with work or pictures unless it is a public event like the school play or the Spelling Bee.

See you at the BBQ!

Upcoming Events

- Sept. 3 Labor Day - No School
- Sept. 5 Whole School Assembly - 8:10
- Sept. 7 PTO BBQ 5:30
- Sept. 12 Whole School Assembly
- Sept. 19 Whole School Assembly
- Sept. 21 Picture Day
- Sept. 24 PTO Meeting 7:00pm
- Sept. 26 No School
- Oct. 5 EES Family Skate Night 5:30 - 7:30

Wednesday Morning Whole School Assembly
We will be thanking those who put our school back together this summer after the flood.

PBiS at EES

The concept of Positive Behavior intervention Supports or PBiS has its basis in the concept that children learn behaviors through being taught and that schools need to first teach the behavior that is needed rather than expecting that students come to school knowing what is expected. The system is an acknowledgement that our children all come from different environments with different behavioral expectations. We are all social beings and want to be able to fit in and belong and it is the knowledge of how to behave within each setting that allows us to be comfortable in our community.

Teaching expectations includes involving the students in the logic of why a behavior is safe, responsible or respectful, which in turn, helps students to begin to think about how their behavior impacts others and themselves. The ultimate goal is to empower each student with the ability to enter a new social setting and be able to adjust their behavior easily to meet the behavioral expectations of that environment, while always maintaining their own sense of right and wrong. This is a very important life-long skill.

Acknowledgements are a very powerful tool and come in many forms. It could be a simple "thank you for showing me you are ready to learn" to a whole class or even whole school award. The idea of the acknowledgement is to reinforce the behaviors we want which creates a much more inviting climate for all.

FROM THE PTO**MORNING DROP-OFF PROTOCOL**

As many of you already know, or are now experiencing for the first time, the morning drop-off can be a hectic and busy time. To help make the horseshoe drop-off go as smooth as possible, there is a volunteer parent every morning who will open the car door and help your child out. There are a couple of basic guideline that REALLY help the process be as safe and smoothly as possible.

1. Parents should stay in the car if possible and let the volunteers help the child out.
2. Please be patient and wait for the car in front of you to be unloaded.
3. Please do not pass a car that is being unloaded, kids are often getting out from both sides and it is very dangerous to pass.
4. The exit of the driveway is right turn only onto Main Street. The city will ticket those who go left.
5. There are two school buses that do a drop-off each morning, and it is illegal to pass a school bus if its flashing stop sign is displayed. If the bus driver takes down your license number, you will be mailed a ticket.
6. There is no parking in the fire lanes.

With your help, we can keep drop-off safe, easy and stress-free. Thanks for your cooperation. If you would like to volunteer for the morning drop-off, contact Dave Jenemann (David.Jenemann@uvm.edu)

INTERESTED IN BEING A FOUR WINDS VOLUNTEER?

Looking for a way to do some fun and meaningful volunteer work in your child's class? Four Winds is a hands-on natural science program run by parent volunteers in every class for every grade at Edmunds. Each class has the opportunity for 8 workshops throughout the year.

Volunteers are encouraged to make a year-long commitment to the program and to attend 8 trainings approximately once a month on Friday mornings (8:15-10:15) at the school. The overall commitment is about 4 hours a month. We need two volunteers for each class.

Our first training for the year is Friday, Sept 14 from 8:15-10:15 am in the resource room next to the library. This year's theme is earth and sky, and our first workshop is about sun power. If you have any questions about four winds at Edmunds, please contact coordinator Carolyn Hanson at carolynhanson21@gmail.com. For more information about the program, please visit www.fourwindsinstitute.org.

HELP NEEDED WITH THE FALL FUNDRAISER

This year we will be selling Dan's Chocolates, and Vermont Coffee. Volunteers are needed to help with the distribution of fundraising materials, collection of orders and sorting of orders when they arrive. If you are able to help, please contact Clare Wool (clarewool@mac.com). Thank you!

THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH GREEN UP AND ENJOYED ICE CREAM SOCIAL

What a great Workday/Green Up day and Ice Cream Social we had on Thursday, 24 August!

Thank you to everyone who came and helped spruce up Edmunds both inside and out. It was wonderful to see so many people there - meeting, greeting, helping and connecting while weeding, edging, raking, cleaning, and eating ice cream! Welcome again to all the new families who joined us. We finished the work with a beautiful rainbow after a little 'finishing' rain.

EDMUNDS COMMUNITY BBQ: FRIDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Please join us for the annual Edmunds Community BBQ, sponsored by the EES PTO, on Friday, 7 September at 5:30 pm on the upper playing field. This is for our students, parents, families and EES faculty and staff.

Burgers, veggie burgers, hotdogs and drinks provided.
EES Families with last names from A - L: Please bring salad or side dish to share.

EES Families with last names from M - Z: Please bring dessert to share.

Bring blankets and lawn chairs

Walk or bike

FREE!!

We are still looking for some volunteers. Please contact Libby MacDonald (libbymac@aol.com) if you are interested in helping with the event.

ROOM PARENTS NEEDED

Become a room parent for the 2012-13 school year.

Responsibilities include being a resource for teachers, coordinating volunteers, gathering supplies, and communicating PTO information to the parents in your child's class. Much of this work may be done in the evening via phone and e-mail. Please contact Pam Shea (pj_shea@yahoo.com) if you are able to help. (Those parents who signed up at the Welcome Back Coffee need not reply)

SKATE NIGHT FRIDAY, 5 OCTOBER!

Come ice skating with Edmunds Elementary, at the annual fall Skate Night, Fri., October 5th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. There will be free pizza and drinks. Skates can be rented for \$3. Location is Leddy Arena, 216 Leddy Park Rd. Watch for a flier coming home from school, and RSVP by returning the bottom of the flier to your class teacher. For more information, contact Warren Cornwall at cornwallw@gmail.com.

PTO MEETING MONDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER AT 7:00 PM

Please join us at the PTO meeting on Monday, September 24th at 7:00 PM in the Library Resource Room. Agenda TBD. Childcare will be provided. For more information about PTO events contact Signe Daly (signe.daly@burlingtontelecom.net) or Peggy O'Neill (peggyov@burlingtontelecom.net) or visit: <http://eespto.org/> or <https://www.facebook.com/eespto>