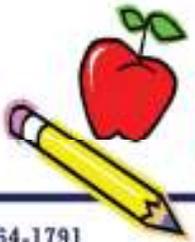




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December 14, 2012

From the Principal's Desk

I know that you are all in the midst of raising your children and it is a busy time in your lives. This week, I was thrilled for my oldest son and his wife as they experienced the first day of parenthood, Chris and his wife Katie are now proud parents of a beautiful baby boy, Theodore, was born in Boise, Idaho on 12/12/12.

We can all relate to the excitement and wonder they will be experiencing over the next days, weeks and months. As the time marches on, they will become more practiced at the art of parenting and things will become more routine. Another child or two will join their family. Schedules will get busier. There will be trials and tribulations along the way. Kids will get sick, they'll be juggling work and family and sometimes feeling like they are not filling any of their roles as well as they would like. I don't think there is a parent among us that doesn't know that feeling. No matter what pressures are upon us, I believe that the most important, difficult and rewarding job we will ever have is that of parent. As we rush to do laundry, cook a meal, pick someone up from sports, try to leave a little earlier to get to work, or answer one more email we are hard pressed to fully appreciate the rewards that are there every day. It's in their smiles, their hugs, their faces peering out the window greeting us, their thundering feet coming down the stairs to welcome us home. It's in their chattering stories in the car, telling us about their day, and their questions, trusting in our wisdom and our massive store of knowledge. It's in their peaceful faces, sleeping soundly, and their demands that we watch them as they attempt ever more daring feats. We are their world and our presence in their lives is of immeasurable importance.

If I were to wish one thing for Chris and Katie, it would be that they are able to always remember the joy and wonder that is their child. Perhaps it is that joy and wonder that we have all experienced that makes sharing a picture of a newborn so special. So, here is Theodore, brand new on his birthday.



Upcoming Events

- Dec. 19 EES Chorus to the University Mall!
- Dec. 24 Start of Winter Break—no school
- Jan. 2 Back to school
- Jan. 3,4,7,8 Play Auditions
- Jan. 21 No School Martin Luther King Day
- Jan. 26 Math Night at EES!
- Feb. 9 EES to UVM Women's Hockey - 2:00

**Whole School Assembly -
Presenting the EES Chorus!**

FOOD SHELF DRIVE KICKED OFF AT EES

Ms. Flynn's 4th grade class is spearheading a EES food drive by collecting non-perishable food for the Burlington Food Shelf. The class has distributed collection boxes on each floor with one outside the main office. The class is asking that all donate one or two cans or boxes of food for our friends and neighbors in our community. The following items are the most common: peanut butter, canned fish, canned fruits and veggies, all cereals, soup, boxed meals, pasta and sauce. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Request from the Nurses' office!

Our nurses are often asked for changes of pants as students' clothes become wet from accidents. We are out of our supply and could use underpants, pants and shirts for boys and girls in a variety of sizes with a concentration of smaller sizes. If you have clothes that have been outgrown, please consider dropping some off at our Health office.

Pertussis or Whooping Cough

The Tdap vaccine became available in Vermont in 2006, therefore many adults may not have received it. This illness is highly contagious through coughing and sneezing. Pertussis is particularly harmful to infants younger than 6 months of age. Most infants who get Pertussis have to be hospitalized. Help prevent the spread of Pertussis. There is a vaccination clinic scheduled in Burlington.

Date: Wednesday Dec 19, 2012
Time: 10:00 am- 6:00 pm
Where: 108 Cherry St, Burlington VT 05401
Who: Adults and children 11 years or older
Cost: FREE

SKATE WITH CATAMOUNTS AND SPREAD WARMTH

Our friends at UVM wanted to be sure that we knew about a special chance to skate with the UVM Men's Hockey Team on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 16 from 4-5 at UVM's Gutterson Field House. It's free for everyone. Let's help the athletes in their efforts to collect new or handmade hats, mittens, scarves, and gloves for the Rally for Warmth collection sponsored by the UPS Store in Essex. Let's share the warmth we enjoy at EES with others while skating with the CATS!

EES CHORUS PERFORMANCE:

**UNIVERSITY MALL JC PENNEY COURT ON
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19 AT 1 P.M.**

The EES Chorus will perform at the University Mall JCPenney Court on Wednesday, December 19 at 1 p.m. Please come, if you're able, and support the 4th and 5th grade super-singers of Edmunds! Young children will enjoy the show, too. All are welcome at this free, "light holiday" mini concert.

EES COMMUNITY HOLIDAY GIFTS PROJECT

During this holiday season, if you are looking of an opportunity to give to a family in the EES community, consider purchasing a gift card (grocery store, gas card, department store, etc.) to donate anonymously. This year Ms. Hathaway (EES School Counselor) and Tyler Sessions (P.E. Teacher) are working to connect EES families in need of some extra financial support with gifts and gift cards for the holidays. This year we are reaching out to the EES community to help provide gift cards to families in need. The gift cards can be sent to school in an envelope where they will be collected by the class teachers, and given to Ms. Hathaway. In order to reach families before the December break, ***please send in gift cards no later than Tuesday, 18th December.*** Thank you, EES community, for your generosity during this holiday season.

PTO News

VERMONT COFFEE MAKES A GREAT HOLIDAY GIFT

Make someone happy with a holiday gift of Vermont Coffee! The PTO raised almost \$400 with our October coffee fundraiser. Each \$12 bag sold means \$5.40 goes to the EES PTO. Order forms can be found at the front office and PTO website under fundraising or order online:

(<http://eespto.org/fundraisers/vermont-coffee-fundraiser/>).

Orders are due Friday, December 14. Thank you! For more information contact Pam Moreau at 999-4590 or moreaubuck@burlingtontelecom.net.

EES PTO VOLUNTEER SURVEY

The links below connect to a short survey that we hope you will take a few minutes to complete. Just click on one of them. The survey will give you an overview of our upcoming events and activities, and give you a chance to let us know which event(s) or activities you would be willing to help out with as a volunteer. We are also looking for the *names of anyone interested in leading the PTO next year.*

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/27KQWV6>

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/7NJZTZ9>

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2V3MYZN>

We would like to have the surveys completed by December 14th. Let us know if you have questions. Thank you, Peggy and Signe

AO GLASS WORKS ORDERS DELIVERED THIS WEEK

Thank you for your support! Glass orders will be delivered to your child's classroom teacher to be sent home this week. Any questions, contact Tove Ohlander (info@aoglass.com).

