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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As you may know from last spring, we have taken on a collaboration project for the Edmunds Campus which involves both Edmunds Middle and Edmunds Elementary Schools. We hope to learn a great deal on how to make the school experience more effective for students and parents. Conversations with staff indicate we are ready to progress to the next step in the project Mrs. Johnson-Aten, principal of EMS for eleven years, has been selected by Superintendent Yaw Obeng to take on the role of District Principal, assisting school administrators across the district as well as taking on specific projects to help Burlington School District attain our goals.

On January 3rd, I will be taking on the role of principal for Edmunds Campus with the assistance of two Assistant Principals, who are already in place; Mrs. Katherine Grykien at, EMS and Mr. Thom Fleury at EES. To facilitate the transition, I will maintain an office and a schedule at both schools.

The fact that the schools are physically connected will make it possible for me to easily move between the schools as needed. We have mapped out the responsibilities of each member of the administrative team and have shared that information with the faculty and staff. Both schools have strong Leadership Teams that have worked with their faculties for a number of years. We will continue to work closely with those teams to insure that we continue to flourish as two strong schools.

I am looking forward to the challenge of supporting collaboration between the two schools. The schools have long shared the facilities. This model will provide the leadership with a more complete understanding of the needs and resources of both schools to allow for balanced resource allocation in support of our students. We will have periodic reviews which will include input from our families to insure that the model is supporting both schools well.

Should you have a concern that requires assistance, the protocol will be to start with the teacher most closely associated with the issue as before. Mr. Fleury will be here on a daily basis, and will be available to help you for immediate concerns. He and I will be conferring on a regular basis. Additionally, our Administrative Assistant, Trish Palmer can help you schedule a meeting with me, or help you get a hold of me should there be a more immediate need.

Up Coming Events:

Dec. 21 - EES Chorus performs for COTS Candlelight Vigil - City Hall Steps, 5:30

Dec. 23 - Jan. 2 - Holiday Break (No school)

Dec. 25 - Christmas Day

Dec. 25 - Hanukkah Begins

Whole School Assembly

December 21th

Winter Sing-A-Long led by our EES Chorus

Music News

A great big **THANK YOU** to **Mark Sustic and Young Traditions Vermont** for bringing world famous fiddler, Pete Sutherland to perform for our EES community this Wednesday. Pete played the fiddle, banjo, harmonium and even accompanied Dr. Mathias as she played her first public performance on the whistle.

Fiddle Club

Young Traditions Vermont and EES music are teaming up to offer a six week fiddle club for EES violinists. Participants need to have their own instrument and about a year's experience to participate. The club will meet on Tuesdays from 3:30-4:30 Starting January 3, 2017 and every following Tuesday, culminating in a performance as the band for a family dance Thursday, February 16th 5:30-7. There are a limited number of spots so please [sign-up here](#). or stop by the music room before or after school to get more information!

CHORUS NEWS

Thank you to all the parents who came out with the EES chorus on Wednesday while they sang to chilly diners eating outside to raise money for COTS. The kids did a great job bringing good tidings and cheer with songs of winter. A special thanks to the folks at the Farm House Tap and Grill who provided a space for us to warm up and some delicious hot chocolate!

Come support the **Committee on Temporary Shelter (COTS) Candle Light Vigil** this Wednesday evening, December 21st at 5:30 on the steps of city hall. The EES chorus will be providing music for the beginning of this event which raises awareness about the people in our community who struggle with homelessness and the wonderful work done by COTS to provide support and resources. Chorus members will meet at 5:00 inside Contois Auditorium. The event will be over by 6:00. Dress for winter!

3rd Grade Recorder Orders

Last chance to order a recorder for your third grader (or fourth grader in 3/4 classroom if they lost it) is **Monday, December 19th**. Recorders are \$3.00 and scholarships are available upon request.

PTO Leaders: Leigh Fisher, Hollie Foley and Rachel Shelley

PTO Contact: pto@eespto.org

EES COMMUNITY HOLIDAY GIFTS PROJECT:

During this holiday season, if you are looking for an opportunity to give to a family in the EES community, consider purchasing a gift card (Amazon, book store, grocery store, 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 Monday the 19th of December. Thank you EES community for your generosity during this holiday season.

SPRING PLAY INFORMATION!!!!

Monday DECEMBER 5 FROM 5:45-6:15PM: KICK-OFF PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION MEETING FOR EES SCHOOL PLAY - All parents of students interested in participating in this year's school musical should attend this meeting!

- Open to all students in grades 1-5: chorus (grades 1-2); many roles for grades 3-5 in cast and stage crew.
- Auditions for grades 3-5: Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday, January 3rd, 4th & 5th during lunch/recess.
- Grades 1-2 chorus meets one day per week (**WILL NOT BE RUN BY BURLINGTON KIDS AFTER SCHOOL MORE INFO TO COME**) starting week of January 16th.
- Tuesday, January 10th Cast read through followed by Cast & Crew Parent meeting at 5:00.
- Wednesday, January 11th regular rehearsals on a Monday-Thursday cycle begin
- Full run through Sunday, March 12th
- Show will be Thurs-Saturday March 16th-18th
- **Looking for Parent Volunteers for the many roles that make the annual school musical possible. Volunteer opportunities will be discussed at meeting.**
- Contact: Andrea Juneau (andreamaryjuneau@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping

Thanks For the Help!

Thank you Jenny Sullivan for putting together our School Directory.

Thank you Cassy Gardner - For helping beautify our building by planting spruce trees in the urns outside of the school

No Frills Fundraiser

The EES PTO is launching our annual appeal, with a goal this year of raising \$3000. Please take a few moments to make a donation so that all of our students can continue to benefit from the rich classroom activities, educational field trips, and fun community events that are sponsored by the PTO. 100% of your donation will go towards programs for our students. Link: <https://eespto.org/fundraisers/no-frills-fundraiser/>

Remember that your donation is fully tax-deductible. What's more, many local businesses will match your contribution, so be sure to ask your employer about this opportunity to raise even more funds for our school.

TOUR GUIDES NEEDED:

EES parent/guardian volunteers needed to lead potential Kindergarten families on tours of our amazing school. The time commitment for this will be an hour (+/-) twice a month (January-end of March). Times and days of tours are flexible. You will be trained in what to say and the highlights to point out when giving a tour. Looking for 4-6 people to share the responsibility. Please email katelekstutis@gmail.com if you are able to volunteer.

FROM THE COMMUNITY:

Dec Break CAMP - African Art, Music & French

Where: Wingspan Studio, 4A Howard St, Burlington

When: Dec 23, 27, 28, 29, 30

Ages: 5-11 (**other youth welcome as studio assistants**)

Time: 8:30-2:30 pm, Cost: \$300/all 5 days or daily option \$75/day

Scholarships available: inquire

at maggiestandley@gmail.com/802.233.7676

Who: Madame Maggie Standley, long time educator, BSD instructor, professional artist, fluent French speaker and teacher, leads classes and camps at her inspiring working studio, Wingspan Studio, in Burlington's funky South end Arts District. She has lived and worked in both Paris, France and Yaounde, Cameroon.

To Register: Email maggiestandley@gmail.com or call 802.233.7676

Website: www.wingspanpaintingstudio.com

Reviews: http://www.findandgoseek.net/listing/wingspan-studio/arts_culture

Description: Adventure to the fabulous continent of Africa. With art, music, drumming and French, diverse cultures come alive. Painting, drawing, print making, music making & movement make up this fun filled camp. Outdoor play weather permitting. All materials included. Bring lunch/beverage. Pre-registration required.

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