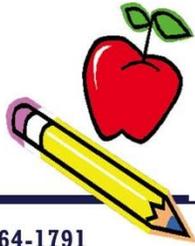


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From the Principal's Desk

I wish you all a holiday break that brings you peace, rejuvenation, and time with friends and family. Hopefully, the winter weather will afford us some decent snow for some great skiing, boarding, snowshoeing and pristine views enjoyed from the comfort of home where a good book or movie is beckoning. I know there are some movies that I'm looking forward to catching.

As the nights are long, it is the perfect time to open a good book and share it with your children. Young children can delight in good chapter books if the story is engaging. Give them the gift of your time by reading a good, long story; one that is rich in description and with interesting characters, where you each can create the scenes in your own minds and care about the welfare of the characters. Pull out the stories that you loved as a child and share them with them. The richness that they are exposed to in listening to stories, will become part of their own language, their own fantasies and imaginings and their own writing as they grow. The conversations about the characters, their choices, what would your child do in the circumstances, what would you do, what do they think will happen next, all give a chance to have a common interest. If you are taking a long car trip this vacation, try listening to a book with the whole family. It may just be the most peaceful, interesting trip you've ever had!

I wish you peace and joy this Holiday season. Be safe, be well. Happy New Year.

Shelley Mathias

It has been a joy and an honor for me to join the E.E.S. community. It is one of dedicated, caring, and hardworking children and adults. I wish each and every one of you a happy and safe holiday season and hope that 2017 will be the best year yet for you.

Thom Fleury

Up Coming Events:

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

Dec. 25 - Christmas Day, Hanukkah Begins

Dec. 26 - Kwanzaa Begins

January 1 - New Years Day, Hanukkah End, Kwanzaa Ends

Whole School Assembly
January 4, 2017
Welcome Back To School & Happy New Year
Ms. Nolan's Class Leading

CHORUS

Thanks and congratulations to the EES 4/5 chorus for their stellar support of COTS this December. The chorus supported the Coolest Lunch fundraiser and the Candle Light Vigil this winter. Students sang winter carols at four different restaurants who invited diners to eat outside in the winter with all the proceeds going to COTS. Special thanks to the staff at the Farm House Tap and Grill for providing a cozy spot to warm up and some homemade hot chocolate. The candlelight vigil was attended by Senator Leahy and Governor elect Scott, both of whom were impressed by our students' performance.

Chorus will resume with spring rehearsals on March 23rd after the completion of the EES play. New members for the spring are welcome. I will send out sign-up information in early March.

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!

EVERYBODY WINS!

The Everybody Wins Program is having yet another successful year at E.E.S. under the direction of Wanda Stetson. Approximately 30 students in Grades 2-5 read weekly with a community volunteer with whom they are paired. Student participants recently made cards for their community readers and received books from them to read and keep.

ABCD STUDY!

The Adolescent Brain Cognitive Development (ABCD) Study being conducted by the University of Vermont is seeking additional participants who are 9 or 10 years old. Information is being sent home this week about the study. For more information, please contact Jesse Macomber at [\(802\) 847-4562](tel:8028474562) or ABCD@uvm.edu.

PTO Leaders: Leigh Fisher, Hollie Foley and Rachel Shelley

PTO Contact: pto@eespto.org

SPRING PLAY INFORMATION

If your child is planning on participating in the spring play SHREK get their permission slip in ASAP! SHREK 1/2 chorus/movement please get your permission slips in ASAP! Forms went home last week. The Parent Volunteer Sign-Up Genius is Live. We need EVERY Family to pitch in and help in.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094aa8ac2faa8-20151>

NO FRILLS FUNDRAISER

Our No Frills Fundraiser is chugging right along! We have had lots of donations! THANK YOU!! We have 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.

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!! 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.

Enjoy the Break!