



EDMUNDS  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

# FRIDAY



# FLASH

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## From the Principal's Desk

### Filling the stands - Men's and Women's Sports

We all know the Superbowl as the quintessential sporting event - a championship game of epic proportions with over 100 million fans watching. Even those who have not watched a game all year can be found at a Superbowl Party getting into the spirit of the game. While some join the party for the food, company, the commercials and half time show, others are diehard fans.

I was thinking about spectators for sporting events and the fact that, despite the number of women in sports, women's games simply don't get the crowds. I remember the 1999 Women's World Cup Soccer Championship Game in the Rose Bowl. 90 thousand fans watched in the stadium and millions around the world watched on TV. It was the largest audience in history for a women's sporting event. I remember believing that it would help change attitudes towards women's athletics. Not even close. So what *would* change attitudes towards women's athletics, and why does it even matter?

Let's start with "why does it even matter"?

Perceptions about capabilities of men and women are formed early and through multiple means. Watching sports is fun for everyone, but if the only teams we ever watch are men's teams, our children get a message that men's athletics are superior to women's. If our children see men being powerful in sports and a half time show with women dancing in provocative clothes, the message is pretty strong about the roles of men and women. The media perpetuates stereotypes about gender roles. How does that message extend to other areas of society, whether employment, education, and positions of power? The fact is that women do play hard and well and have exciting games but too often, no one is watching. We want our girls and boys to understand that both genders are strong and capable. We want our girls to see this to open their minds to the possibilities open to them. We want our boys to be open to the idea that leadership and capability is based in one's actions, not one's gender.

This Sunday, many students will be watching the Superbowl, admiring two powerful men's teams. Next Saturday, they have an opportunity to see and admire two strong women's team play a game of ice hockey at UVM. Let our girls and boys see women being strong, and aggressive in a sport. Just as important, let them see us, the adults they look to as role models, appreciate the young UVM women's skill and determination in competing against the University of Maine team.

Changing attitudes requires that we not only tell children what we want them to believe - it requires that we show them.

### Upcoming Events

- Feb. 6 NAEP testing for 4<sup>th</sup> grade
- Feb. 7 Early Release - 11:30
- Feb. 9 EES to UVM Women's Hockey - 2:00
- Feb. 11 Duct Tape Parenting! 5:45
- Feb. 15 EES PTO Dance
- Feb. 22 Report Cards go home
- Feb. 25 - March 5 Winter break
- Mar. 6 Students return to school

**Wednesday Whole School Assembly Feb. 6  
8:10-8:25  
UVM Pep Band, and Special Guests!!!!**

**EES AT UVM WOMEN'S HOCKEY:  
SATURDAY, 9 FEB AT 2PM**

On Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> Feb. at 2 pm, join EES at the University of Vermont's Gutterson Field House to cheer on the UVM Women's Hockey Team! The students have come to visit with classes here at EES and we want to support their efforts on the ice as a thank you!

**EES students will receive free tickets, but you must complete the RSVP form that will be going out this week in the Friday Flash. We hope to get the forms back on Monday to help us coordinate with UVM.**

We need an accurate count so we can have a ticket for your student. For non-EES students, tickets are available for \$5.00 each at the door. We have some additional tickets for families who may need some assistance in order to attend. Students must attend with an adult. Your child can go with another family if you are not able to attend. We will also work to help in finding a family/adult in your neighborhood who is willing to chaperone your child. Contact Peggy O'Neill ([peggyov@burlingtontelecom.net](mailto:peggyov@burlingtontelecom.net)) if you need an electronic copy of the Hockey RSVP form.

**Calling all future Kindergarten Parents!  
Please alert your friends with children who will be  
Kindergarteners to come to one of our Kindergarten  
tours,  
Feb. 12 at 1:15, March 13 at 1:15 and March 28 at 8:20  
More tours throughout the Spring**

**Read! Around the World in 20 Days**

Students should be bringing home a letter and a sheet of reading coupons that will get them started on our whole-school reading race: Read! Around the World in 20 Days. Their classrooms will be competing to see how many times they can read around the world during the month of February. Please record how much time your child reads outside of school and homework requirements and send in the reading coupon each time he/she has read an hour. We will tally the results and mark the progress of each class on our library bulletin board. Stop by the third floor and check out how much our school is reading! Thank you for your help in encouraging our students to read!! Kathy Neil, Librarian

**School Counseling Office**

My name is Jamilah Vogel and I would like to take a moment to introduce myself as a new face at EES. I am here through May working as an Intern with EES School Counselor, Melissa Hathaway. I am currently in the Master of Counseling Program at the University of Vermont. I am thrilled to be part of the EES family for a few months and looking forward to getting to know lots of kids and many parents as well. Your students will see me in the guidance office, supporting kids one-on-one or in small groups, in the classroom, and all around the building. I am fun loving and silly, and enjoy being active. I also love to draw with kids and do art projects. SO far the children and staff have made me feel very welcome and I look forward to the rest of my time here.

**Student Council**

Letter to the Red Cross:

We are the Edmunds Elementary School Student Council representatives. We got this idea when tropical storm Sandy occurred. We thought we could donate this money to help the storm victims. So we decided to have a raffle to raise money. The grand total is \$105.05. We would like this money to go to helping disaster relief. It may not be a lot, but we hope it makes a difference!

Students of Edmunds Elementary and the Student Council, Genni, Ella, Chloe, Zoe, Zander, Anna, Libby, Quincy, Jake, Owen, and Rose

**From the PTO****NO FRILLS FUNDRAISER**

At the beginning of each year, our PTO asks Edmunds families for financial support. We call it our annual "NO FRILLS" fundraiser, and it directly benefits your child or children at our wonderful school.

Our PTO works hard to create a school year filled with enrichment activities, field trips, and community-building events. *100% of your donation will go towards programs that enrich the lives of all our students and caring community.*

**(No Frills, Con't)**

MATH NIGHT, AUTHOR VISITS, TEACHER GRANTS, BCA CLAY STUDIO, WEDNESDAY MORNING ASSEMBLIES, WELCOME BBQ, SLEDS, MAYFAIR, WALK TO SCHOOL, READING-TO-END-RACISM, CLASSROOM MATERIALS No gift amount is too small or too large. EVERY DOLLAR MATTERS!

We are hoping for 100% family participation. Families can send their donation to school with your student, drop it off at the office or pay with your credit card on-line at the PTO website, [www.eespto.org](http://www.eespto.org). Your gift is tax deductible. The PTO is a Non-Profit 501c(3) organization. Please email Clare Wool, PTO Treasurer, ([clarewool@mac.com](mailto:clarewool@mac.com)) if your employer will match your contribution. Please make your donation by Valentines Day - Thursday, February 14th. Checks made payable to EES PTO.

**MATH NIGHT: THANK YOU!**

Thanks to all who attended Math Night; we had a fun-filled family evening! We would like to give a special thanks to Sandy Flemer, Stephanie Mueller, Kate Larson, Lisa Brighenti, Dave Jenemann, Renee Yagoda, Lara Gentchos, Chris Burns, Jen Adrian, Ken Hampel, the Burlington High School National Honor Society students, Sara Fitch and John O'Leary for set up, clean up and transporting EES families. Thanks to all who brought a treat to share, and who donated games for the raffle. Thank you to Leonardo's for the discount on the pizza, and to our great custodial staff.

**SCHOOL SAFETY & SECURITY: MEETING NOTES**

For a summary of the meeting, please visit the EES PTO site: <http://eespto.org/>

For a recording of the meeting by Colin Fitzgerald and Jess Wilson of RETN, please click here:

<http://www.retn.org/programs/edmunds-elementary-school-safety-and-security-pto-meeting>

Air dates TUESDAY, 1/29 4:00 PM; WEDNESDAY, 1/30 9:30 PM; THURSDAY, 1/31

3:30 PM; SATURDAY, 2/2 4:00 PM. Interpreters available upon request.

**TEACHER WISH LIST ITEMS**

Chase Rosenberg, Spanish Teacher, is looking for a used, but functioning MP3 Player/iPod for the Spanish Department.

Mr. Gillard, 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, is looking for a used, but functioning hand vacuum (Dirt-Devil type) for his classroom.

If you have any of these items kicking around your closet and are willing to donate them, please contact Peggy: [peggyov@burlingtontelecom.net](mailto:peggyov@burlingtontelecom.net). Thank you!

**DPW UPDATE: MAIN ST. MID-BLOCK CROSSING, 4 FEB. 7-8 PM EES CAFETERIA**

Guillermo Gomez, Public Works Engineer, will hold a public meeting to present their concept plan and seek input from the public. This meeting is critical so they can make sure everyone's questions are answered and any changes resulting from the meeting can be incorporated in the plans prior to the next submittal.

### EDMUNDS CAFETERIA GETS SILVERWARE AND A LITTLE GREENER

Thanks to the folks at The Burlington School Food Project, starting February 4th EES/EMS will be making a switch from plastic utensils to real reusable spoons and forks in the cafeteria. Transitioning to reusable forks and spoons will save 3,500 plastic forks and spoons from entering the landfill each week! Over the course of the year, that's about 150,000 pieces. Wow! **Volunteers Need: We are looking for volunteers (2 per day) from 2/4 - 2/8 between 10:45 am and 1:00 pm to help monitor the trash and compost bins.** If you can help out, even for a portion of a shift, please contact Jenn McGowan at [jmcgowan@bsdvt.org](mailto:jmcgowan@bsdvt.org).

### BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Please continue to collect "Box Tops for Education" labels from household products and **bring them into the collection bin outside the main office.** We will mail our labels in on February 22. **So far this year, we've earned over \$75 for our school.** More information about the program can be found at: <http://www.boxtops4education.com> or by contacting Cliff Morgan ([cmorgan@us.ibm.com](mailto:cmorgan@us.ibm.com)).

### PINOCCHIO - UPDATES

Please visit the following sites to access the updated two-week schedule:

Distribution list email

Very Merry Theater website:

<http://www.verymerrytheatre.org/auditions-rehearsals.html>

EES PTO website: <http://eespto.org/theater-program/>

A hard copy is on the PTO bulletin board on the wall to the left of the staff lounge on the second floor.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

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### From the Community

#### A Community Learning Conversation:

What Do Our Graduates Need to Succeed?

Sat. Feb 2 | 9:30am-1:00pm | Burlington High School

What skills and knowledge do our young people need to thrive in today's rapidly-changing world? Please join us for this, the first of an ongoing series of Community Learning Conversations. Together, we will look at some of the ways we are "remodeling" our educational system so that every young person in Winooski and Burlington receives a world-class education. Community dialogues brought us to this point, and your input is vital for moving us forward. We will leave the day with a treasure trove of information that will be mined by working groups moving forward. Join us as we express our specific hopes and dreams for the young people in our communities as they prepare for college, career and citizenship. □

### Ward 6 Meeting

*The next Ward 6 Neighborhood Planning and Assembly is February 7, 2013 at 7PM. February 4th's meeting will feature a discussion of the School Budget that will be voted on in March. Keith Pillsbury and School Superintendent Jeanne Collins will explain the impact of the budget proposal and the potential resulting tax increase. In addition, time will be allotted to the election of a School Commissioner (currently Alan Matson) and City Councillor (currently Norm Blais).*

*The meeting is at the Greek Orthodox Church, 600 South Willard Street, though access to the parking lot is from Ledge Road.*

*Head south on St. Paul, South Union or South Willard (they all merge into Route 7) to the traffic circle. You will see Majestic Car Rental at the corner of Ledge Road and South Willard. Go around the circle and head east (up hill) on Ledge Road. The second driveway on the left goes to the Church's parking lot.*

*Unfortunately, the Church does not have facilities that allow for babysitters but the Ward Steering Committee hopes that parents can find a way to attend this important meeting.*

*More information about the City's Neighborhood Planning Assemblies can be found at <http://www.cedoburlington.org/neighborhoods/npa/npas1.htm>*

*Please contact the Ward 6 Steering Committee members if you have questions.*

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