



FRIDAY FLASH

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February 8, 2013

Upcoming Events

- Feb. 11 Duct Tape Parenting! 5:45
- Feb. 15 EES PTO Dance 7:00 - 8:30
- Feb. 22 Report Cards go home
- Feb. 25 - March 5 Winter break
- Mar. 6 Students return to school

From the Principal's Desk

Concerns regarding safety on the Edmunds campus following the tragedy at Sandy Hook have resulted in concrete action by the District and the Burlington School Board. We have changed our main entrance to our Main St. entrance which is now equipped with a buzzer and a camera. The back and side doors will be locked from now on. Students arriving in the morning should proceed to the Main St. entrance. If they are interested in having breakfast, they should enter through the Main Street cafeteria door, which is where the 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students have lined up in the past. The cafeteria entrance will be unlocked at 7:30 and locked at 8:10.

After 8:10, we ask that all who enter the building please come through the front door. All other doors will be locked. There is a buzzer on the right hand side of the door jam. Push the small, silver button (not the white rectangle) and you will be buzzed in. Please come up to the office to sign in.

By the end of the April break, we should be equipped with a second set of doors to create both an air lock and a safety barrier. We will also be creating a small safety office to the right of the lobby that will house a safety monitor who will be there to greet visitors. The safety monitor will be able to see the cameras that are at each entrance. The position will also provide some assistance to our office administrator, Monica Gragg.

Ultimately, we will be introducing a self-check for visitor passes which simply requires that you sign in and the system will record that you are in the school and issue a pass to you. We will be issuing id's specifically to those individuals who are here a great deal because of regularly scheduled volunteer efforts.

We want to thank those who came to our safety meeting earlier in January. Your comments helped the School Board to understand what is needed by Edmunds. We also want to thank Keith Pillsbury, School Board Chair for supporting the additional personnel to help make EES a safer place.

Whole School Assembly 8:10-8:25
Mrs. Flaherty and Ms. Palmer's 3rd grade
Class and COTS

Thank you to the PTO for helping with the UVM Women's Hockey game! It was a lot of fun for all and the UVM women really loved the cheers!

DUCT TAPE PARENTING! 11th 5:45 - 8:00 PM

The Family School Partnership and the PTO are hosting an evening with parenting expert Vicki Hoefle. Vicki will share tips from her new book *Duct Tape Parenting, A Less is More Approach to Raising Respectful, Responsible and Resilient Kids*. Vicki loves to share her parenting tips and techniques along with humorous stories to help parents begin the journey to parenting from their best. She brings a new perspective to the job of parenting that is not only liberating and refreshing, but works to create long-term change and happiness in any family. Vicki will share the principles from her book and answer questions about raising kids in an atmosphere of respect, cooperation and support. Her presentations have been called "inspiring, informative, entertaining and life-changing." You won't want to miss it!

RSVP to Claudia Renchy Morton at

claudiarenchymorton@gmail.com by February 1, 2012.

Free pizza and childcare will be available for those people who register.

5:45PM to 6:15PM pizza in the gym

6:15PM to 8:00PM conversation with Vicki Hoefle

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, Mar 13 at 1:15 and Mar 28 at 8:20
 More tours throughout the Spring

PTO NEWS

NO FRILLS FUNDRAISER

We have less than 10 days left of our No Frills Fundraiser. We are hoping for 100% family participation. Please consider donating - no gift amount is too small or too large. 100% of your donation will go towards programs that enrich the lives of all our students and caring community.

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. Your gift is tax deductible. The PTO is a Non-Profit 501c(3) organization. Please email Clare Wool, PTO Treasurer, (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.

EES FAMILY VALENTINE'S DANCE: 15 FEB, 7-8:30 PM IN EMS GYM

Join the fun with DJ Lily! Dance with your child and get down with EES families! *Free admission. Suggested donation of \$2 per person to defray cost of sound equipment rental.* Dance will be held in the Middle School Gymnasium.

DPW MEETING UPDATE: EES MAIN STREET CROSSING

Guillermo Gomez of DPW, along with officials from VTrans presented their conceptual site plan for the Main Street mid-block cross walk. Please visit the DPW site to see it:

<http://www.burlingtonvt.gov/DPW/Transportation/Projects/Main-Street-Mid-Block-Crosswalk-at-Edmunds-Schools/> If you have comments about the site plan, please email them to Guillermo Gomez (ggomez@burlingtonvt.gov) by Friday, 15 March. Once DPW completes the necessary review processes and permitting, they will begin construction on the new crosswalk. They are planning to begin work in June 2013. *In the meantime, parents should use caution sending unaccompanied children to the crosswalk in front of EES. We also need to remind parents NOT to park on the street directly in front of the horseshoe - it is a no parking zone, and it makes it VERY dangerous for those of us who do use the cross walk to cross safely.*

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).

TEACHER WISH LIST ITEMS

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

*Mr. Gillard, 5th grade teacher, is looking for a used, but functioning hand vacuum (Dustbuster-type) for his classroom.

*Mrs. Whalen, Student Support Coach, is looking for a used desktop scanner or copier for her office.

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

LOST AND FOUND: UNLABELED ITEMS TO BE DONATED ON FRIDAY

On Friday, 8 Feb, we will be donating all items with no name that have not been claimed. We have lots of clothing, boots, shoes, lunch boxes, and miscellaneous items in the entryway of the first floor. Please be sure to check it out if your child is missing something (and even if you think they are not, you might be surprised at what you find). Please note that the Lost and Found includes items from Burlington Kids afterschool program. *Please remember to label your child's items.* If anyone is interested in volunteering to monitor the lost and found, organize it, and pull unclaimed items for donation at the end of each month, please contact Peggy: peggyov@burlingtontelecom.net or 999-4995.

NURTURING HEALTHY SEXUAL DEVELOPMENT: 21 MARCH, 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Karen Holz from Prevent Child Abuse VT will host a discussion to help parents and caregivers better understand the sexual development of children, and how to respond to children's sexual behaviors and questions in ways that promote healthy behaviors. Participants will learn to: identify normal sexual behaviors of children; respond to children's sexual interactions; respond to children's questions about sexuality; identify and report suspected child abuse; respond to disclosures of abuse.

Location TBA. *Childcare provided.*

From the community

The UVM women's basketball team invites all to their NCAA Pack the House Challenge women's basketball game on Saturday, February 16th at 2 p.m. vs Stony Brook. The goal is to fill Patrick Gym! UVM won the challenge for the America East Conference last year and hope to again this year!

Want to help, print out the coupon below and get your tickets. You can get as many as you need!



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