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February 3, 2017

Up Coming Events:

Feb. 3 - PACK THE GUT! 7:00 PM

Feb. 9 - Fine Arts Night (K-2) 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Feb. 10 - Tu B'Sheval (New Year of the Trees Begins)

Feb. 14 - Valentine's Day

Feb. 16 - EES Community Dinner & Dance 5:30 - 7:00 PM

Feb. 27 - Mar. 6 Winter Break - NO SCHOOL

From the Principal's Desk

In light of recent changes in the climate in our Government, including the Executive Order concerning immigration, it is important to make it very clear that we welcome all who come to our school and our community. All are welcome throughout all of our schools. We know that that sentiment is shared widely throughout Burlington, Vermont and the country.

We know that there are families within our community that are afraid. There are children within our school that have expressed fear. We also know that the support shown to families; a kind greeting and a smile go a long way in comforting and reassuring the many individuals who have been made to experience uncertainty and fear. One of our community members told me that when he went to pray at his Mosque this week, a pineapple was on a table with a note from a stranger which expressed support. He knew that the pineapple was a symbol of hospitality - of welcome. He said that the community was leaving messages of support and that they helped reassure the Muslim community.

Students of the International Club of Burlington High School were worried and wanted to do something. The students met together to talk about these fears and ways to communicate that Vermont is a place where all are welcome. During these meetings and the design process, the students strengthened their voice and power to stand up against hurtful rhetoric. They were able to share how Burlington has been a welcoming community. Something they wanted to make visible to all.

They shared it with the Burlington School District community. You will see it throughout the campus. We are having stickers made to distribute to students and the staff across the entire Edmunds campus which should be delivered by Friday next week. We hope that all will be visibly displayed to spread the message of welcome and support throughout our community.



Drawn by Francoise and Odreille, BHS senior and junior respectively. Graphic work courtesy of Tyler Littwin.

Whole School Assembly
February 8, 2017
100th Day of School!
Kindergarten Class Presenting

K-2 FINE ARTS NIGHT - FEBRUARY 9TH 6-7:30PM

Please join us for an evening of visual art and music brought to you by the Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd graders of Edmunds Elementary! The art show begins at 6:00 and is followed by a music performance in the middle school gymnasium at 6:30. Below are the expectations we are teaching the students about going to an arts show and being in a concert.

Expectations For the Art Show:

Be Safe: Stay with your grown up...Use walking feet...Look with your eyes.

Be Respectful: Share kind thoughts about the art work...Use a calm, inside voice

Be Responsible: After viewing the art work, move on so others can see. Discuss your work with your grown ups so they know how you made it.

Expectations for the Music Performance:

Be Safe: Performers use calm bodies when going on and off the stage. Students sit with their class.

Be Respectful: Audience members have voices off, calm bodies and clap at the end of each song. Ignore mistakes.

Be Responsible: Performers watch Ms. Nolan and follow directions. Performers do their best musical work.

EES COMMUNITY DINNER AND FAMILY DANCE

This event is Thursday, February 16th from 5:30 - 7:00 pm and is open to all EES families. The evening features a free dinner to all who come, followed by a Community Dance of traditional folk dances from a variety of cultures. No experience necessary! 4th and 5th graders have been signing up for volunteer jobs for this event. Parents are invited to help out too! Sign-up [here](#) if you are available to help!

This event is free; any and all donations will support the purchase of a new bass xylophone for the music room!

PTO NEWS

PTO LEADERS: Leigh Fisher, Hollie Foley and Rachel Shelley
PTO CONTACT: pto@eespto.org

THANK YOU!!

To everyone who came out to Math Night!! We had a lot of fun. A Giant THANK YOU to Nancy Westbrook, Hollie Foley, Leigh Fisher, Bethany Fitzgerald, Lisa Brighenti, Dave Jenemann, Colin McNeil, Kirsten Storch and Kate Lekstutis, for their help with set up and clean up. Thank you to everyone who brought a snack to share or a game for our raffle.

PTO MEETING THANK YOU

Thank you to all the parents who took time out of their mornings to stop by and have a cup of coffee and touch base about what is going on around our school.

Shelley came by and talked about multi-aged classrooms and what they will look like moving forward. She also touched on the budget process and urged us to contact our legislators in regards to Governor Scott's proposal.

We also started a conversation about what we can do to help our entire community feel welcome and safe. If you have ideas and thoughts about this conversation please email PTO@eespto.org. We have ordered posters to reiterate that All are Welcome. We are also encouraging all families to attend the Community Dinner and Family dance with free food provided by the Burlington School Food Project.

We discussed upcoming events and volunteers opportunities. For more information please contact pto@eespto.org

PLAY HELP NEEDED

Adult help needed building and painting sets. If you can help please let Andrea know at andreamaryjuneau@gmail.com

FROM THE COMMUNITY

Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) and VFN are researching the needs of Vermont's students with disabilities as part of our 2017 Needs Assessment. Please help in letting the students and families you work with know about this opportunity to share their experiences **by taking a short survey** geared toward high school students. Participants are entered into a drawing to win a \$20 Amazon Gift Card. Our goal is 100 responses, and we plan to close it by mid-February. [Read more.....](#)

COMMUNITY READ-A-THON

On Sunday, February 5th, Everybody Wins! Vermont will be sponsoring a Community Read-A-Thon at the South Burlington Community Library at 540 Dorset Street in South Burlington. The event will be from 1:00-3:30 p.m. and will feature snacks, music by Jon Gailmor, and prizes from Phoenix Bookstore. Every child will choose a free book to take home. Bring the whole family! Pre-registration is not required. This is a FREE family event hosted by the library. For more information, please call 229-2665 or email beth@everybodywinsvermont.org.