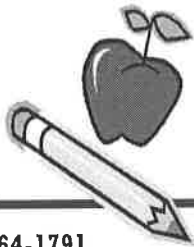


FRIDAY



FLASH


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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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From the Principal's Desk

We're delighted to welcome everyone back. We appreciate the work of the parents who volunteered to add the extra touches on Tuesday's "Green Up" Day. From weeding, to painting, to helping out teachers in the classrooms, the extra hands were wonderful. Thank you also to the parents who organized the Ice Cream Social. It's a longstanding tradition that we all enjoy.

The Friday Flash is meant to provide you with useful information about what is happening at school and is one of several sources of information available to you about the goings on at EES (Edmunds Elementary School). The format is very consistent to help you locate information quickly. You will see listing of upcoming events on the front page. We will provide information about the upcoming Whole School Assembly, especially when a classroom is sharing during an assembly so that you can make plans to attend. The Principal's Desk is a collection based upon what I'm seeing or hearing about at school or in the community. Having raised four children, I've learned a few things from the mistakes I made and I'm happy to share what I learned with you. Hopefully, you'll find it useful or helpful. The balance of the front page is news of activities and events provided by our faculty and staff, which may extend onto the back page.

PTO News is on the back of this page. The PTO lists upcoming events and volunteer needs. You will find information concerning how to volunteer, or who to contact should you have questions about events or school issues. All are members of the PTO just for being members of the EES community.

Last but not least are notes from the community. They might include news about sports teams, performance, or other community events that are of interest to our students and their families. District policy requires that community notes be first approved by the Superintendent and they are not to be considered an endorsement by the school district.

Next week the Friday Flash will be delivered to each family via the youngest student. Should your family be interested in reducing your environmental impact, you can receive the Friday Flash the same day as paper copies go out via email.

We also put the Friday Flash on the EES website.

You will also receive periodic newsletters from your child's teacher. Many teachers send home weekly notices, but some have also developed newsletters that span a longer period to inform you of units that are being studied, upcoming field trips and classroom needs.

We try to be on top of communication because we realize that you are all busy. If there is something that you

August 29, 2014

Upcoming Events:

Sept. 12 Welcome Back BBQ

Sept. 25 Open House

Sept. 30 Picture Day

Oct. 2 PTO Kindergarten Pajama Story Hour

Whole School Assembly, Wednesday, Sept. 3
8:10 - 8:30
PBiS - Respect

Opt Out Forms – We hope you don't return them!

Today we are sending two forms that we hope we don't get back from you. We have learned that if we send these forms home with all the paperwork that goes home on the first day, that parents get into autopilot signing forms and don't realize that they are signing a form that says they don't want to be in the student directory or they don't want their child's work or picture to be included in any media form.

If you sign the Opt Out form for media, it means that we can't include your child's work or photo in anything that might be seen by the public outside of EES. When we include photos of students in the Friday Flash, we do not include names. The same would hold true for any photos posted on the web site with the exception of . Anything that your child is involved in that is in the public would be exempt from this form (public performances of plays, talent shows, or the District Art Show would be examples). We really hope that we don't get this form back because we want to share what our students are doing and the students like to see themselves and their work too.

The second form is for the PTO Directory. If you do not return it, the PTO will assume that you want to participate fully in the Directory which means your child(ren)'s name, parent/guardian name, address, phone number and email address. It is possible to be more specific about the level at which you want to participate in the Directory. The Student Directory is very helpful for arranging play dates, birthday parties, and other events where your child wants to get together with friends. We hope that you will participate at some level in the directory so that it is easier for you to be a more active part of the EES community.

Help for Mrs. Spinner and her family

Quite a few of our families have inquired about how they can help Mrs. Spinner and her family during her illness. We are in close contact with Shelley and are in the process of establishing a way for people to know what they can do. Her first grade team is our contact point and will be helping to let us know what is needed. As we know more, we will relay the information to you through the Friday Flash and PTO Flashes. We know that she will appreciate your support, your positive energy and love

ARRIVAL AND DROP OFF

The change in how we are bringing student into school in the morning makes it especially important that drivers please not use the Maple St. entrance to the faculty parking area as a means to drop off students. The sidewalks along Maple St., especially above the driveway are now very safe for drop off. There are two wide walkways that would make drop off quite easy if one wants to use Maple St. rather than the traffic circle. Additionally, drivers will find it far easier to enter South Union St. at the intersection of Maple and S. Union rather than in the Middle School drop off area.

FROM THE PTO

GREEN-UP DAY, ICE CREAM SOCIAL, AND WELCOME COFFEE: THANK YOU!

Thank you to all of those in the Edmunds community who helped to clean up our school and help the teachers in their classrooms on Green-Up day. A special thank you to Signe Daly and Peggy O'Neill for organizing these efforts. Thank you to Nancy Westbrook for putting together the ice cream social, and her scooping volunteers who served many ice cream eaters! Thank you to Signe Daly for organizing the Welcome Coffee. It was wonderful to see so many Edmunds' family members stop by.

EDMUNDS COMMUNITY BBQ - FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 - 5:30-7 PM

Please join us for the annual Edmunds Community BBQ, sponsored by the EES PTO, on the upper playing field. This is for our students, parents, families, and EES faculty and staff. FREE!! Burgers, veggie burgers, hotdogs and drinks will be provided. We are looking for some volunteers for set up (4:30-5:30 pm), grilling (5:30-6:30 pm) and clean up (7-7:30 pm). Please contact Nancy Westbrook (nswestbrook@yahoo.com or 802-578-6441) if you are interested in helping with this event.

MORNING TRAFFIC CIRCLE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Helping with drop-off at the traffic circle is an easy and fun way to help out our community in the morning! Choose one morning a week 8:00 am - 8:15 am. Contact: Dave Jenemann (David.Jenemann@uvm.edu).

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR THE FOUR WINDS PROGRAM

Four Winds is a hands-on natural science program that is available to every class at Edmunds. It is run entirely by parent-volunteers and no science experience is necessary, just your curiosity and a willingness to learn. Volunteers attend a 2-hr training 8 times a year (approximately once a month) on Friday mornings during the school year and learn how to teach a one-hour workshop in the classroom that is scheduled directly with your child's teacher at a mutually convenient time during the day. Two or more volunteers are needed for each classroom in order for that class to participate. You can learn more about the Four Winds program for this year (<http://www.fwni.org/eco.html>). This year's theme is Patterns in Nature, and the first workshop on Insects is Friday, September 12 from 8:15-10:15 am. If you have questions about the program or are just curious about how it works, please contact our Four Winds coordinator Carolyn Hanson (carolynhanson21@gmail.com) or 860-6638.

SEEKING ROOM PARENTS: NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

Being a room parent is a great way to get more connected to your child's classroom community and support his/her education! A room parent's basic responsibility is to assist her/his classroom teacher in promoting family involvement in the classroom and school wide activities, such as teacher appreciation and classroom party planning. Being available during school hours is helpful, but not necessary. If you are interested in being a room parent or have questions about what a room parent does, contact Hollie Foley (holliesfoley@yahoo.com or 802-318-2596). Please include your name, classroom teacher, and the best way to contact you.

PTO EMAIL UPDATES

The PTO sends out weekly email updates. If you would like to be added to the PTO email list, please contact Marni Slavik at EES PTO (pto@eespto.org). For more information about PTO events visit: <http://eespto.org/> or <https://www.facebook.com/eespto>

ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY FRIDAY FLASH

If you would like to help us reduce paper waste, and reduce the amount of recycling needed in your home, and you have the ability to receive the Friday Flash through email, we will be happy to send it to you that way. Any other materials that would be sent home would continue to be sent home on hard copy. We do post the Friday Flash on line as well. If you would prefer an electronic copy, please indicate below and return to school:

I prefer my copy via email I prefer to go to the Web Site (ees.bsdrv.org)

Parent Names: _____

Email Address: _____

Students: _____ Teacher _____

Teacher _____

Teacher _____