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Up Coming Events:

Jan. 28 - Math Night! 5:30 - 7:00 PM
 Feb. 2 - Chinese, Korean & Vietnamese New Year
 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. 17 -18: EES & Very Merry Theatre - SHREK
 Feb. 27 - Mar. 6: Winter Break - NO SCHOOL

Whole School Assembly
February 1
Chittenden Solid Waste - Recycle Song
(January 25 - Red Clover)

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for the child to experience new things by trying them, even when they know they're probably not going to be perfect. That is a real gift to any child!

THANK YOU!

Thank you to **Mark Sustic** and **Young Traditions Vermont** for arranging the performance last week by Betsaydo Machada and the Parranda En Clavo. This Afro-Venezuelan music and dance ensemble performed at EES last Thursday to a wonderfully engaged audience. The kids were mesmerized by Betsayda Machada's beautiful voice and danced their socks off to the poly rhythmic percussion. What an amazing experience for our students!

SAVE THE DATE: K-2 FINE ARTS NIGHT FEBRUARY 9TH, 6:00 PM -7:30 PM

The Kindergarten, 1st Grade and 2nd Grade Fine Arts Night is Thursday, February 9th. This is combined visual arts show and music performance. The art show takes place in the first floor hallway of EES and begins at 6:00 PM. The concert begins at 6:30 in the Middle School auditorium. Every student has a role to play in the performance. We can't wait to share all of our hard work!!

The music program is seeking parent volunteers to run the sound and light boards during this performance. If you are available to help, please contact Betsy Nolan at enolan@bsdvt.org.

From the Principal's Desk

I've made a few mistakes in my time (I'd say well into the tens of thousands by now), and one thing that I know, is that it's far easier to cope with a mistake if we feel safe to make it. Sometimes, mistakes result in better outcomes than the original plan. A great example is the Post-It note. 3M Corporation insured that their engineers and scientists felt safe to make mistakes. The leaders knew that creativity and innovation requires a willingness to try new things. Post-it notes (those sticky notes that you can put on a piece of paper and pull it off without tearing the paper) were born of a mistake. The intent was to make a super adhesive, but the scientists accidentally discovered an adhesive that was reusable. Rather than pushing the mistake aside, the scientists put the adhesive on pads of paper and sent the pads out to the office workers to see what they thought. In no time, the lab was getting orders for more and more pads of paper.

Some of our students are very nervous about making mistakes. That is unfortunate, because we learn more from mistakes than we do from getting everything right. Having to puzzle through things requires us to stretch our thinking. Some children are afraid that whatever they do must be perfect. Perfectionism can be a real barrier to trying new things and improving, especially when children refuse to even try, because they know they may not be successful in their first attempts.

The good news is that we have learned that making mistakes is the best path to learning; that it forces us to use our brains more, and in different ways. Mistakes actually help us grow more synapses and if we are doing a lot of different things as we are learning, we can actually increase our IQ. Focus on being correct is not as important as working to solve a problem that is really puzzling. Ultimately, we hope for a correct answer, but if it doesn't happen immediately, that should not be a cause for concern or undermine our belief in our ability to get to a good solution.

I think that we all can agree that we don't expect kids to be perfect. No one's perfect, least of all children. The thing is, children need to feel safe making mistakes. There are three things we can do that will help children to feel safe to try new things. The first thing is to reassure them that mistakes are just part of the learning process; that it often takes many tries before someone is able to do something really well. The important thing is trying. The second thing we can do is model making a mistake. This can be done in a "matter of fact" way - "Oh look, I made a mistake. I'll just have to try again." We can laugh at ourselves. If we can show them that we make mistakes, we've paved the way for helping them to feel safe to make a mistake. More importantly, we've paved the way

EES COMMUNITY DINNER & FAMILY DANCE FEBRUARY 16, 5:30 PM-7:00PM

The EES Music program is joining forces with Young Traditions Vermont and the Burlington School Foods program to bring you a community dinner and family dance. This event is free to all EES families any donations will go to support the purchase of a new bass xylophone for the EES music room. This awesome event will feature live music from the EES fiddle club, delicious food from the Burlington School Foods Project and a chance for everyone to show their stuff on the dance floor. Come join in the fun!

PTO LEADERS: Leigh Fisher, Hollie Foley and Rachel Shelley

PTO CONTACT: pto@eespto.org

PTO MEETING & COFFEE HOUR FEBRUARY 1ST: PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE!!!!

Immediately following Wednesday assembly. Location TBD. Date change due to the fact there will be NO WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY on January 25th.

RSVP FOR MATH NIGHT - SATURDAY, JANUARY

28th, 5:30-7:00 PM

The Edmunds Elementary PTO is sponsoring the 8th Annual Family Math Night. Explore the wonders of math with your children and let them show you what they are learning. A variety of activities, math centers and home learning activities will be available for children of all ages, such as graphing, chess, games using dice and playing cards and many other fun activities. Prizes, desserts and drinks too! We will have National Honor Society students from BHS to help facilitate games so that parents can fully enjoy the night with their children. **RSVP by sending an email to Rachel Shelley (rachskye@gmail.com) including your child's name, grade level and number of people attending.**

For those of you new to Math Night, here is how the night will work. **5:30 - 7:00 pm:** Math night begins. Games in the upper gym/cafeteria. Each student will go home with a packet full of games you can play at home.

We are also looking for donations of new or gently used -- with all the pieces--math related games (Uno, Chutes and Ladders, Yahtzee, Phase 10, Dominoes, Set, Sequence, Chess, etc) for the raffle at the end of the night; Because we are not serving Pizza this year we'd love a few donations of veggies and dip crackers and cheese as well as a few desserts. Please contact Rachel Shelley (rachskye@gmail.com) if you are able to contribute. We hope to see you all there!

SHREK PARENT SIGN UP GENIUS:

The Parent Volunteer Sign-Up Genius is Live. We need EVERY Family involved in SHREK to pitch in and help out. MORE HAS BEEN ADDED!!

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FROM THE COMMUNITY:

UVM WOMEN'S HOCKEY TO HOST PACK THE GUT ON FEBRUARY 3RD!

