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From the Principal's Desk

We hope you and your families are having a great start to the new year. I was able to enjoy time with family and friends. Even though I am far from my grandchildren, technology makes it possible to continue to talk with them and see how they are growing. This year I was able to watch them open the presents I sent, which was a first. It is a significant improvement over a telephone call!

I am now officially balancing my time between EES and EMS and honestly, it's exciting to have the opportunity to learn more about what is going on in the adjacent building and to reconnect with some former EES students in the process.

It is coincidentally an interesting time for a leadership change when you think about it. There are other leadership changes going on throughout the country. We have a new governor and in two weeks, a new President, each with their new cabinets, and legislatures. Obviously, there are differences in opinion regarding the changes whether here, at the state or at the national level. Some are fearful, while others rejoice. In the end, I think that, rather than being afraid of change, it is far more constructive to pay attention, to be watchful and participate by using one's voice.

One message that I sincerely appreciated from Bernie Sanders, was that in order for a democracy to be effective, it requires all of our voices. Holding those who serve the people accountable is our role as citizens. They cannot know our minds if we fail to tell them. Unfortunately, we too often fall down on that job as we become busy with our lives. Too often we refer to "they" when complaining about a system or demanding a change. The idea that our nation is "of the people, for the people, and by the people" is too often forgotten. "We" has become "they".

Imagine how things could change if "they" became "we" when discussing what needs to be changed. We are, after all, "we, the people". This starts locally, with our neighborhoods, our communities, and our schools, but can go as far as it needs to, based upon our ideas and opinions as members of this community, state, and nation.

Up Coming Events:

Jan. 16 - Martin Luther King Day - NO SCHOOL
 Jan. 18 - EES Professional Development Day - NO SCHOOL
 Jan. 28 - Math Night!

Whole School Assembly
January 11, 2016
Martin Luther King Day
We Shall Overcome

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT TESTING:

Parents and guardians of children in Grade 4 are being sent home a letter today describing the administration of the National Assessment of Educational Progress (N.A.E.P.) tests. Our school will administer the tests next month. These tests are given every two years across the nation to students in Grade 4 to measure their academic progress, the results of which become part of The Nation's Report Card, a document which provides information about student achievement to educators, parents/guardians, policymakers, and the public. For more information, please contact Mr. Fleury at the school at tfleury@bsdvt.org or 864-8457.

VERMONT CHILDREN'S HEALTH SURVEY:

The Vermont Children's Health Survey, sponsored by the Vermont Department of Health, is a dental screening for Kindergarten through 3rd grade; a registered dental hygienist will be performing the screenings and will be held January 26th. Look for permission slips to come home soon. We will need a parent volunteer, to escort students to and from the classroom; if interested, please contact our school nurse, Jamie Charlson at jcharlso@bsdvt.org

PTO LEADERS: Leigh Fisher, Hollie Foley and Rachel Shelley

PTO CONTACT: pto@eespto.org

IMPORTANT UPCOMING SHREK DATES & INFORMATION:

AUDITIONS -

5th Graders wanting a Singing solo Monday, January 9 from 12:00pm-1:00pm

ALL CAST READ THROUGH -

Tuesday, January 17th, 3:00-5:00 PM

PARENTS MEETING CANCELED. Questions please contact Andrea Juneau.

1/2 CHORUS MOVEMENT -

Starts January 23, 3:00pm-4:00pm...Not January 16 due to MLK Day.

SET CREW -

Starts Tuesday 1/17 3pm-4pm

The SHREK Parent Volunteer Sign-Up Genius is Live. We need EVERY Family with a child involved in to pitch in and help out.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094aa8ac2faa8-20151>

SNEAK A PEEK KINDERGARTEN PIZZA PARTY

Who? Families with Incoming Kindergarten children for the 2017-2018 school year

Event: Edmunds Elementary School - Incoming Kindergarten "Sneak Peek" Pizza Party

Where? Main Entrance, Edmunds Elementary School

When: Tuesday, January 10th 5:30pm-6:30pm

What? Pizza, Games & more!

Any questions: contact pto@eespto.org

THANK YOU:

Thanks to our wonderful and generous community we met our No Frills Fundraiser goal of \$3,000!

******Save the Date: MATH NIGHT January 28th******

More information to come.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!