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From the Principal's Desk

Thank you for sharing your children with us this year. We've enjoyed working with them. They are a special group. What we find really fun to see as the end of the year approaches is the amount of change that is evident in each child. There comes a point every spring, especially after April break, where students look ready to move to the next grade. Kindergarteners look more like first graders, and fifth graders are definitely looking more like middle school students. Everyone is more confident and more competent academically.

Each of you can think back to what your child knew at the beginning of the year and what they know now and you will see a difference. Some of our children have grown as much as two years worth in some academic areas which indicates a lot of work done on the part of both the students and their teachers.

It is really gratifying for the teachers as they look at final assessments and see how much each of their students have changed over the year. The growth has not only been in the area of academics, but perhaps more importantly (in the long run), the growth has also been in social and emotional skills as students become more adept at communicating and problem solving with each other. This too has been part of the work we have done here.

I want to publically thank each teacher, and every staff member for the impact they have had on our children. I want to acknowledge Janice Case's retirement after 44 years of teaching. She's contributed a great deal to the school over the years, and her sense of humor and style will be sorely missed. We wish Chase Rosenberg good luck at Horizons where he will be teaching science. He has been a creative and joyful energy in our school. Beth Lane will be moving over to a new challenge as the Library Media Specialist at the Sustainability Academy. Her contribution to developing good writers has been phenomenal. Kate Mattina has been the long term substitute for Amanda Bonanni. Ms. Mattina has been exceptional in the classroom as all her students can attest to. We want to wish Meghan Bustamante luck in her new position as Special Educator for Shelburne. Meghan has been very valuable to our Special Education Department. We have three certified teachers who will be looking for their own classrooms; Rachel Whalen has been our Student Support Coach this year and helped a great many students, Kaity Barry, para in Mrs. Weishaar's class and Laura Fisher our building sub. We wish all well and good luck in their pursuits.

This is a special group here at EES, and I am grateful to have the opportunity to work with such a fine group of educators. They are a group that constantly seeks ways to better serve each and every one of our students.

Upcoming Events

July 8 Lake Monster Game! 7 pm
 Aug. 27 PTO Green Up day and 3:30 Ice Cream Social
 Aug. 28 First day of School!

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR AT OUR WHOLE
 SCHOOL ASSEMBLY ON WEDNESDAY,
 SEPTEMBER 4

BSD to Implement K-8 Professional Learning Communities Early Release

Burlington School District will implement a K-8 weekly early release Wednesday schedule for the 2013-2014 school year. The District anticipates elementary students will be dismissed on Wednesday at 1:50 with middle school dismissal at approximately 2:00. Exact times will be communicated as the final bus route details are made available.

Mountain Transit Inc. will provide the transportation from schools following existing bus routes. Dismissal time the remaining four days of the week will be 2:50 for elementary and 3:00 for middle school. The schedule change was prompted by a state mandate for restructuring that includes identifying dedicated time for Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) intended to increase student achievement. The professional learning communities model is based upon a simple premise: To be effective, educators must have the collaborative time to review data, plan instruction and analyze professional practice.

Stay Smart Bags Delivered!

The Family School Partnership has created and sponsored activity bags which are loaded with great summer activities for your children. Special thanks to Claudia Renchy-Morton, Clare Wool, Morgan Ford, Laura Kingston, and Kyle Dodson for all their work in compiling the materials and getting them published. Thanks also to the faculty for contributing materials and to Nicole Diebold, and Leslie Halperin for helping to fill the bags, as well as students Nevin Morton and Isaac Dunkiel for helping deliver them. (Monica - what's the Dunkiel boy's first name?)



Clare Wool and Nevin Morton deliver the Stay Smart bags to classrooms.

FIELD DAY VOLUNTEERS: THANK YOU!!

Thank you so much for all your help! Everyone had a great time and we could not have made field day possible without your help and support! It was a perfect way to end a busy school year!

EES WINS 2ND RUNNER UP IN SCHOOL CARBON CUP CHALLENGE: RAFFLE THIS WEEK

Abby Mattera from Safe Routes to Schools emailed us last week and announced that EES won a prize in the Carbon Cup challenge for the *greatest number of clean student commuters*. We will raffle off this prize to those students who participated in the walk and roll to school weeks of 6-17 May. Each student who participated in the walk and roll to school weeks of 6-17 May is eligible to enter. Classroom teachers will collect student names (first and last name) AND phone number on a piece of paper; and *Dr. Mathias will randomly draw a name and announce the winner*. Thanks to all of you for your commitment to clean commuting, and to Safe Routes to School for their support. To see the results in detail visit: http://saferoutes.vermont.gov/whats_happening/press_room or <http://www.waytogovt.org/awards/>



EES - VERMONT LAKE MONSTER GAME: JULY 8TH

The Vermont Lake Monsters sponsor games where an organization such as Center City Little League or a school such as ours is involved in pregame activities and promoted throughout the game. *Monday, July the 8th at 7 pm will be Edmunds Elementary first-ever game night!* There will be involvement from the students before the game and between innings. Also, *EES singers will sing the National Anthem at the start of the game!* See you at the game!

Burlington School District - Looking for input

Building on the success of the Integrated Arts and Sustainability Academies, the Burlington School District is looking for other opportunities to enrich the experiences of our kindergarten through fifth grade students. To that end, we are about to conduct a survey among a randomly selected group of parents and guardians of our incoming K-5 students (for the 2013-2014 school year) to see what thoughts and ideas you might have. We would like to hear your perspectives on where a new academy might focus its attentions and how it can best serve the students of the District.

The survey will be mostly by telephone and will begin on or about June 12th. For non-English speaking families, the District's family liaisons will be conducting the survey in person. If you are contacted to participate, we encourage you all to share your thoughts with us.

SAVE BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION THROUGH

Please continue to save Box Tops for Education through the summer. We finished this school year at \$219.60, a record for EES. Since February break, we've collected Box Tops worth an additional \$80 which will go towards our next submission in October. Every little bit helps. Thank you for a great year!

Have a terrific, wonderful, healthy, safe, intellectually stimulating, environmentally aware summer!

