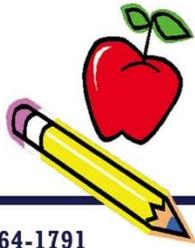




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From the Principal's Desk

Have you ever noticed yourself saying the exact same thing to your child that you could swear you already said 137 times? As they get older and older, it would seem that you shouldn't have to repeat yourself, and yet, there you are again, saying the same thing - "hang up your coat", "put your shoes away", or "clear your dishes". I have four children. One of my sons forgot to sign up for Driver's Education five semesters in a row. Another was constantly losing his Latin homework and had to do it over again. Sometimes he did the same homework 3 or 4 times. I asked him whether it bothered him to have to do it over again. Sadly, he said no. It would have driven me nuts!

Here at school, it's the same thing. We are repeatedly asking children to walk; to be quiet in the hallway, to put their things away, or to raise their hand when they want to speak. Many times, I don't actually give the student the correction. I simply ask, "Do you know why I stopped you?" or "What am I going to say?" They know. A simple redirection is often all that is needed to make them think about what they are supposed to be doing. It generally includes a natural consequence, like retracing their steps in the expected walking pace, picking up what they dropped, or sweeping up the crushed crackers or chips that were played with during snack or lunch. Relating their actions to the impact on others is important but the consequence provides a lot of that learning. A simple sentence to remind them not to make extra work for others, and then actually having to clean up the mess they created, is far more effective than an angry lecture.

Taking misbehavior as a personal affront assumes intent to harm, and odds are, they were not thinking about anything or anyone but themselves. When my mother was frustrated with me for misbehavior, she would say "You did that to me on purpose." I always thought that was nuts. When I was doing something wrong, she was the farthest thing from my mind! Obviously!

It is easy to let our frustration with the repetition get to us. I know that as a parent, I did. Having to repeat myself with hundreds of students over the years, showed me that it's best to simply remind them in an even tone. Being calm, friendly, and using a sense of humor is far more powerful than being angry. An angry tone is far more likely to reduce the child's ability to think or hear what is being said. Letting them tell us is really a great way to help them remind themselves. Getting angry doesn't change the fact that we'll probably be reminding them again. Being frustrated only makes our day worse. The reality is, they are kids and it is going to take a long time and lots of reminders for them to get where we want them to be. We might as well enjoy the ride, relax and plan on lots of reminders. We'll all be much happier, and so will they.

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Up Coming Events:

- Mar. 17 - EES Musical - The Frontier Express (In-school performance)
- Mar. 18 - EES Musical - The Frontier Express 7 PM
- Mar. 19 - EES Musical - The Frontier Express 4PM
- Mar. 24 - ½ day for students; parent/teacher conferences
- Mar. 25 - Parent/Teacher Conferences - No school
- Mar. 31 - Fine Arts Night 5:30
- Apr. 18-22 - Spring Break

Whole School Assembly
March 17, 2016
Miss Bellavance's Class Presenting

SIGN UP FOR SPRING PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES!

Electronic scheduling for our March parent/teacher conferences is now available. Please click on the following link to access the teachers' conference schedules. If you cannot access the link directly, please cut and paste the link into an Internet browser:

https://ptcfast.com/schools/edmunds_elementary_school

If you need assistance, please contact us at 864- 1791.

If needed, please see the web documentation related to scheduling your EES conferences:

<http://tinyurl.com/helpforconferences>

VERMONT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA TO VISIT EES!

Next Tuesday, March 15th members of the Vermont Symphony Orchestra will be coming to perform for the students at EES. Fanfare Brass Trio will be performing at 8:45 for the 3rd-5th grade students and at 9:45 for the Kindergarten-2nd grade students. Players will be sharing a variety of styles and forms of music for the trumpet, french horn and trombone. Parents are welcome to join us.

EES CHORUS:

4th and 5th grade chorus starts up again on Monday, March 21st. Students enrolled in the fall are all set to continue; students interested in joining chorus for the second session should see Ms. Nolan for more information.

FLYNN THEATER SUMMER CAMP

The Flynn Theater summer camp sign-up is now open. To learn more, click [here](#).

RED CLOVER DAYS:

This week and next we will be holding our annual school-wide Red Clover read aloud event. The Red Clover Award, which fosters an appreciation of picture books through their reading and discussion, is voted on by Vermont students in grades K-4. At Edmunds, groups of all ages travel throughout the school listening to each of the ten books that were nominated for the award this year. The books are read by our staff and related projects are done by the students after each book is heard. Voting will take place in the next few weeks with our votes being sent to Montpelier to be included with those from schools all across Vermont. Once all votes are tallied, the winning book will be presented with the Red Clover Award. The winning title will be announced sometime later in April. Check in with your student and ask which book was their favorite and why. Hopefully it will be the winner! To find out more about the Red Clover Award, visit <https://sites.google.com/site/redcloveraward20152016/the-ten-nominees-of-2015-2016>

READY SET RUN! IS NOW MINI MILERS

It's back... previously Ready, Set, Run is returning, with a new name! Welcome Mini Milers!! Your child will learn about and practice fitness, the value of proper nutrition, citizenship, and goal setting all while having fun and being safe. Groups meet weekly for an hour. The program will be led from **April 6th to June 1st** on Wednesdays, from 1:50pm-3:00pm, with a final event in June. If your child currently attends the Burlington Kids After School Program, we will filter them back to their leaders at the end of the program. There is a \$35 fee for participation; however, if your child receives free or reduced lunches, the fee is waived. In addition, if the fee is a hardship, please connect with us as we want your child to participate and will seek accommodations. Flyers will be going home with your children soon. Please email Brandi at Brandi.littlefield7@gmail.com with any questions. Feel free to also check in with Kirsten McNeil, Leigh Fisher or Marni Slavik. For further information, you can also go to RunVermont's website: <https://www.runvermont.org/youth/ready-set-run/> (registration is already available online).

**LITTLE LEAGUE 2016 SEASON REGISTRATION OPEN**

Register now for the 2016 baseball season. Kids play at four different levels based on age and experience, with most games at Calahan Park. The program is open to Burlington boys and girls age 4-12, who reside or attend school south of Main St. The spring season runs mid April through Mid June. Registration fee is \$60 per child, uniform included. Sibling discounts apply and financial assistance is available. Major league tryouts will be held on Sunday March 20th and Saturday April 2nd from 8-10am at Gutterson Field House on UVM campus. Players above the T-Ball level should attend one of the 2 tryouts for team placement. For more information visit www.burlingtonamerican.com or contact Ben Rinehart at benrin+BA@gmail.com

PTO LEADERS: Marni Slavik, Hollie Foley & Clare Wool
PTO CONTACT: pto@eespto.org

FRONTIER EXPRESS PERFORMANCE BAKE SALES -

The bake sales at intermission are important fundraisers to help cover the costs of the musical. We need lots of goodies! Please help with a donation of food, baked goods, or drinks for the Friday night and/or Saturday afternoon performances. We welcome participation from all families whether or not you have children in the musical. Your contribution is much appreciated to support costs and treat-seeking audience members during intermission! Please **SIGN UP at:** (<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b44acab2ba57-frontier>) to help at one of the bake sales during intermission and/or to donate food or beverages. It helps us to know ASAP if you can help, so even if you don't know what you want to bring, please add your name. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Brighenti (lisa.brighenti@gmail.com or 999-2934) or Alicia Cunningham (aliciamcunningham@gmail.com). We appreciate your help!

TUES. MARCH 15: VERMONT COFFEE COMPANY ORDERS DUE

EES makes \$6/bag! Flavors: Dark, Medium, Mild, Decaf, Uno, Dos, Tres. Orders will be delivered Friday. Order forms at Front Office and EES PTO website (<http://eespto.org/fundraisers/Vermont-coffee-fundraiser/>). Checks payable to EES PTO, OR Pay via PayPal; Please note in PayPal "Purpose Box" number of bags and coffee choice. Contact Pam Moreau (802.999.4590 or pmoreaulawvt@gmail.com) with questions.

EES SCHOOL PLAY THE FRONTIER EXPRESS UPDATE ALL DAY DRESS AND TECHNICAL REHEARSAL SUNDAY, MAR. 13 FROM 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Who: All 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade Cast Members

Where: EMS Stage

We are having our first complete run-through of the play in full costumes, make-up, and with sets this coming Sunday (3/13) from 11-4 pm in the EMS gym and stage. Please make sure you have the following:

- Your costume, if it is not already at school
- Your script
- A packed lunch and snacks
- A water bottle
- Quiet activities such as books or board games to do while not on stage

This rehearsal is mandatory. If you cannot make it to this or any of the other rehearsals during production week, please let us know. If you need help with a ride to or from this rehearsal, please let us know, and we can arrange rides. Thanks, Kirstin DiPietro Worden kkworden@gmail.com 343-5502

Frontier Express Rehearsal Schedule for Final Week
Sunday 3/13 – Saturday 3/19

* Indicates Pick-Up Time/Place.

PRODUCTION WEEK

Sun. 3/13: All Cast (3/4/5 – No 1/2 Chorus) – Dress Rehearsal
11:00-4:00 pm* **Stage** (Tech/dress rehearsal for all 3/4/5 Cast)

*****Please eat lunch before you come. We will provide a small snack, but feel free to bring your own or extra. Remember to pack a water bottle.*****

Mon. 3/14: **ALL CAST and SET CREW (No 1/2 CHORUS)**
2:50 - 6:30 pm*
Stage (Full Dress Rehearsal for all 3/4/5 Cast and Set Crew)

Wed. 3/16: **ALL CAST, SET CREW and 1/2 CHORUS**
1:50 – 5:30 pm* (1/2 Chorus leaves at 3:30 pm)
Stage (Full Dress rehearsal for all 3/4/5 Cast, Set Crew and 1/2 Chorus)

Thurs. 3/17: **In-School Performance**
12:30 - 2:50 pm
Call time (for all cast, set crew & 1/2 Chorus): 11:30 pm)

Fri. 3/18: **Performance - 7pm**
Performance call times: 5th graders - 5:30 pm
3rd & 4th graders – 5:45 pm
Set Crew & 1/2 Chorus – 6:15 pm

Please feed your child dinner before they arrive for their call time.

Sat. 3/19: **Performance - 4pm**
Performance call times: 5th graders - 2:30 pm
3rd & 4th graders– 2:45 pm
Set Crew & 1/2 Chorus – 3:15 pm