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March 4, 2016

Up Coming Events:

Mar. 17 - EES Musical - The Frontier Express (In-school performance)

Mar. 18 - EES Musical - The Frontier Express (Evening Performance)

Mar. 19 - EES Musical - The Frontier Express (Matinee)

Mar. 24 - $\frac{1}{2}$ day for students; parent/teacher conferences

Mar. 25 - Parent/Teacher Conferences - No school

From the Principal's Desk

Every day, we will have students who complain that another student has said something mean or disrespectful to them. Every day, children will point out something that is not fair. Isn't it interesting that children know when things are disrespectful, mean or unjust, and know that it is wrong? I bet that if we could show the behavior of the various presidential candidates running for president to children, and asked them to pick a candidate, Donald Trump would get the least votes. The children wouldn't like the name-calling and the insults.

The contrast between the debates within the two parties could not be more extreme. Among the Democrats, the debate has offered substantive discourse concerning policies and differences in philosophy. While heated at times, the debates have remained civil and respectful. On the Republican side, opponents sink to yelling, interrupting each other, taunting, name-calling, and even bathroom humor in order to humiliate their opponent, leaving little time for substantive debate. On the maturity level, I would place it somewhere between 3rd and 6th grade. It is disconcerting that behavior that is labeled as bullying in every other venue, and especially within schools, is demonstrated repeatedly by the candidates. This behavior would not be allowed in schools.

The media coverage of the behavior has resulted in virtually eliminating access to Republican candidates who offer more substantive positions. I have observed a measured candidate among the Republicans who would present a reasonable choice during a national election, but his civility has not been entertaining enough for the media to provide him with time on the air.

I know that not all children pay attention to the news, but if it is on while they are around, they are going to see some of the more extreme behavior. It is worth having conversations about what is going on and why. What do your children think when they see adults behaving in such outrageous ways as to mimic a disabled person, or to constantly call others "stupid"? How did the behavior help them to understand how that person would be as a president? What did they actually learn about what that person believes in or would do for our country?

Help your children to understand that the media will report the more outrageous far more because it gets people to watch. The more people watch, the more money the channel gets when they sell advertising. Are the channels showing us what we need to know to make a choice, or are they just showing bad behavior because some people enjoy watching fighting?

Whole School Assembly
March 9, 2016
Miss Fagan's Class Presenting

Watching the way the media covers candidates has been interesting (scary) in terms of how it is influencing voters. Some candidates have been marginalized while others have been touted as front-runners. I've repeatedly seen political analysts discussing multiple Republican candidates and then refer to "the Democratic candidate" when there were three. You could ask your older student to watch and see if they think the coverage provides fair access to information about the candidates to the public. This is an important aspect of media literacy and making your student aware of what is going on is important in their role as a citizen.

You may think your children are too young but your children vote on things like what they want as a whole class celebration. Helping them to develop an awareness of the process and how to think about things more critically is an important skill.

4th & 5th Grade Health Education Notice

Information is being sent home with your student either today or Monday, depending on who the teacher is, about Dr. Green's upcoming presentations to the students. Dr. Green is a pediatrician and speaks with the 4th and 5th grade classes as part of our health curriculum. Please look for this letter in your child's backpack on Friday or Monday. Thank you

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!

CALLING ALL EES ARTISTS! DESIGN OUR SPRING MUSICAL COVER!

EES Drama presents *The Frontier Express Musical* on March 18th & 19th. Each year we ask all our students to voluntarily submit artwork for our Spring Musical PROGRAM COVER. All grades participate!

Program Cover Contest Guidelines are as follows:

- Original Artwork Only
- All entries must be on 8.5x11 standard copy paper; paper is available in all classrooms
- Color or Black and White Drawing or Illustration
- Title of Play: The Frontier Express

Make sure the drawing is dark enough as we send it to the printer. **ALL ENTRIES ARE DUE TUESDAY, MARCH 15th. BRING YOUR ART TO MRS. ELLIOTT**

Any questions please contact: Clare Wool ([\(917\) 912-4333](tel:9179124333))

FRONTIER EXPRESS - ALL 3rd, 4th and 5th GRADERS!

Please hand in your donations to the front office with your ORANGE donation sheet. We asked that ALL students participating to share with family, neighbors and our community your role in our spring musical.

Our production WELCOMES any financial support to support our Very Merry & Parent Volunteer Yearly Production here at EES. Questions: Call Clare Wool at ([\(917\) 912-4333](tel:9179124333)).

PLEASE CHECK THE FRIDAY FLASH ON OUR EES WEBSITE FOR THE COMPLETE [FRONTIER EXPRESS SCHEDULE](#) FOR THE FINAL WEEKS!



Center City 2016 Baseball Sign Up & Indoor Practice for Boys & Girls

Ages 4-5 (T-Ball)

Sustainability Academy @ Lawrence Barnes, 123 North Street
 Saturdays, 3/19, 3/26 & 4/2 9:00 am – 10:00 am

Ages 6-8 (Coach Pitch)

Memorial Auditorium, 250 Main Street
 Tuesdays, 3/15, 3/22 & 3/29 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Ages 9-12 (Kid Pitch)

Memorial Auditorium, 250 Main Street
 Wednesdays, 3/16, 3/23 & 3/30 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Players must show up for at least 1 indoor practice to be placed on a team. New players need a copy of their birth certificate to register. Registration fees: \$35/player or \$50/household. Scholarships available. No player will be turned away for lack of funds. Pre-register at www.centercityllburlington.org

Residency Requirement: Center City Little League is for players who live in Burlington between Main Street and Burlington High School. All students at SA and IAA are also eligible, regardless of residency. For more info or to volunteer, call Courtney Asaro at 233-1734 or www.centercityllburlington.org and [facebook.com/centercitylittleleague](https://www.facebook.com/centercitylittleleague)

Burlington Youth Lacrosse 2016 Spring Season

Burlington Youth Lacrosse season begins in early April and runs through June. It is for grades 3-8 and has girls and boys teams for the following grades: 3-4, 5-6 and 7-8. The teams will practice two days a week with games on the weekends. Practice and games will be at Leddy Fields. BYL is also holding 2 Pre-Season lacrosse clinics on March 12 and 19 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm at the Edge in Williston. For details, you can visit the **Parks and Rec website** for information about online registration, equipment for the season and the Spring Clinics at enjoyburlington.com or call Parks and Rec at 684-0123. You can also visit the BYL website at btvyouthlacrosse.com.

