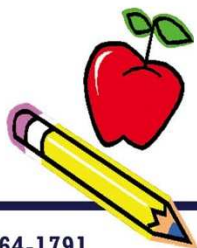


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From the Principal's Desk

We all have it - The mother bear or father bear mode. We're supposed to have it, and we're supposed to use it. I completely understand when parents come in with their bear hat on. I've been there. I've also walked away from more than a few situations, doing a mental sigh of relief that I didn't actually put the bear hat on before talking to the person or organization I was "protecting my child" from.

I distinctly remember several instances of picking up the phone "loaded for bear", ready to do battle. Fortunately, my mother's training kicked in just in the nick of time and I would ask some simple questions about the situation at hand. I would then learn that my child's story wasn't exactly accurate. Sometimes I learned that my child's story wasn't remotely close to accurate. Those were the times when I put the momma bear hat down, and picked up the "You're in so much trouble" parent hat. I have to say that in all the time I raised my four children, there was only one time when I actually put that momma bear hat on and it was after the simple questions were answered. For the most part though, I remember a distinct feeling of relief wash over me as I hung up the phone or walked out of an office or classroom - relief that I didn't follow my initial impulse; relief and a bit of sheepishness that I didn't have more faith in the common sense of the people working with my children. I was also relieved that I hadn't told misinformation to others because then going back to correct the information would have been necessary.

Children will tell you what they heard, what they remember, and their interpretation of things. Sometimes they are very accurate. Sometimes they are not. Sometimes their interpretations are very funny and it's obvious that what they are saying couldn't be the case and they've gotten something wrong. But sometimes, what they say sounds just close enough to plausible that our radar goes up and with it, our indignation. That's when it's time to pick up the phone or stop in at school and ask a few simple questions. This serves three purposes. If what the child says is inaccurate, then you will be reassured. We can make sure that the child understands the correct information. Just as importantly, if what the child says is true, it may be a situation that needs to be fixed and alerting us is really important.

Being a momma or poppa bear is part of our job as parents. We appreciate that and know that is it important and necessary. We will always appreciate questions because we know that asking questions or letting us know that you have a concern is in the best interest of our students and our school, and all of our children.

Mar. 13 Narnia 7PM
 Mar. 14 Narnia 4PM
 Mar. 18 Annual City Arts Show - City Hall
 Mar. 23-27 Parent Teacher Conferences
 Apr. 10 Skate Night - Leddy Park

Whole School Assembly
Wednesday, Mar. 18

Don't forget to go to "Narnia"
Friday at 7:00 pm
Saturday at 4:00 pm
Edmunds Middle School Gymnasium

Parent/Teacher Conference Scheduling

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:

http://ptcfast.com/schools/Edmunds_Elementary_School

If you need assistance, please contact Mrs. Monica Gragg at 864-1791. If needed, please see the web documentation related to scheduling your EES conferences at PTC Fast:
<http://tinyurl.com/helpforconferences>

Everybody Wins Lunchtime Open House

Family members of EW students, along with EES staff, are invited to a lunchtime Open House on Tuesday, March 24 and Wednesday, March 25 (whichever day is your child's reading day) from 12:00-1:00. Come meet your child's mentor and see Everybody Wins in action! For more information contact Valerie Hamlin at Valerie.ewvt@gmail.com.

KORRINA HILLEMANN - A SPECIAL THANK YOU!

We want to extend a special thanks to Korrina Hillemann for the eight years of wonderful costume design and coordination for our plays. Many hundreds of students have danced, sung, acted and glowed on stage to the delight of family and friends alike thanks to all your special work.

Congratulations to the EES Artists who have work on display at City Hall

Christina Adolphe, Ione Burns, Hugo Crainich, Oscar Crainich, Caiden Croteau, Vance Danylieko, Charite Dzingou, Gretchen Fitzgerald, Ashlyn Foley, Miles Goldsmith, Lexi Gordon, Zoe Glass, Abubakar Awow, Liam Hand, Brianna Huynh, Eze Jimenez, Taylor Laforce, Nolan Lane, Rosalie Lekstutis, Esther Lokossou, Rosie Lowry, Ellie Macdonald, Christian McEnerney, Norah Miller, Abigail Mingin, Liam Morton, Nevin Morton, David Mutar, Eli Needle, Elizabeth Nguyen, Lucas Rodriguez, Emerson Seaman, Wells Shelley, Calista Simon, Olive Taylor, and Hto Lwee Wah

We hope that friends and families will take some time to go to City Hall to view the art by all the elementary students of Burlington School District and to attend the special celebration on **Wednesday, March 18th from 5:45pm-7pm** in City Hall's Contois Auditorium. The Burlington City Arts (BCA) team will serve refreshments in the foyer from 5-5:30pm. The Mayor will start the awards presentation promptly at 5:45pm

FROM THE PTO

NARNIA PERFORMANCE BAKE SALES

The performance bake sales raise money to support the cost of the play. Please SIGN

UP (www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0B44ACAB2BA57-narnia) to help at one of the bake sales during intermission and/or to donate food or beverages. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Brighenti at lisa.brighenti@gmail.com (999-2934) or Alicia Cunningham at aliciacunningham@gmail.com

PTO MEETING THURSDAY APRIL 9, 6:30-7:30PM

All are welcome and childcare will be provided. Please join us on the third floor library/resource room. Looking for 1-2 people to help serve as co-leaders next year. Contact Marni Slavik (pto@eespto.org) with questions.

SKATE NIGHT FRIDAY APRIL 10 FROM 6-8PM AT LEDDY ARENA

Join us for pizza and ice skating! Please let Annie Howell know if you can help pass out food, set up, or clean up (annebhowell@gmail.com).

COME SEE THE NARNIA PERFORMANCES:

FRIDAY MARCH 13 at 7:00PM

SATURDAY, MARCH 14 AT 4:00PM

Cast arrival times for Friday March 13:

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.

Cast arrival times for Saturday March 14:

5th graders - 2:30 pm 3rd & 4th graders- 2:45 pm;
Set Crew & 1/2 Chorus - 3:15 pm.

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

NARNIA MUGS FOR SALE

Kate Larson will be selling mugs to celebrate and help pay for this year's school play: Narnia. Pick up a mug (or more) at the final play practices or at one of the weekend shows. Mugs are selling for \$8 each. If you have any questions, please contact Kate at kate.larson@mac.com. Special thank you to Korinna Hilleman for providing amazing sketches and costumes for so many years!

FROM THE COMMUNITY

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Fundraiser for the Burlington Summer Nutrition and Recreation Program

Warm up to the beats of Burlington's own **Mango Jam**, enjoy tasty local foods and hit the dance floor at a benefit concert to raise money for Burlington's Summer Nutrition and Recreation Program! For one night only, Fletcher Free Library will transform into a hot spot for music and dance, with a cash bar and raffle to keep things moving throughout the evening. This event - the first of its kind - is presented by the Burlington Summer Meals Coalition, a group of local organizations working to keep Burlington kids healthy and learning when school is out. 100% of funds raised will support our youth through meals, programming and outreach this summer! Tickets are \$50 and 100% of the proceeds will go to the program.

HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS

The world famous Harlem Globetrotters will be playing at the **Patrick Gym in Burlington, VT on Wednesday, March 25th at 7 pm**. Everyone associated with the **Burlington School District** can take advantage of an exclusive discount and save up to \$6.00 off each ticket! To take advantage of this discount or for any questions, please contact Derek Gensburg at [602-707-7037](tel:602-707-7037) or Gensburg@harlemglobetrotters.com. Tickets are limited based on availability, so please order early while tickets are available.

