



# MONDAY MEMO



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## From the Principal's Desk

### A memory shared

There is a bill making its way through the Vermont legislature regarding eligibility to attend public school based upon a child having received vaccines. It made me start to think about why attitudes towards vaccines have changed since I was a child. Perhaps those in my generation and older, who remember the diseases have been remiss by not sharing our memories to help newer parents with their decisions.

I am from the first generation to receive the polio vaccine. Polio terrified parents across the country. The first polio vaccines were shots. They progressed to liquid form and were given out in schools. I remember waiting in line to receive the little white paper cups with the sugary liquid. More importantly, I remember friends who survived polio. The effects would remain with them for the rest of their lives. I had a friend at camp whose shriveled legs would never be able to support her weight. She used the new short metal crutches with the brace around her fore arms. I'll never her daring as she did a handstand on her crutches and walked across a wooden bridge. I also remember pictures of people in iron lungs, machines that were later replaced by respirators, for those paralyzed from the neck down.

I had three different forms of measles as a child, including three bouts of Rubella before finally getting vaccinated as an adult. I missed the last six weeks of first grade because I had somehow gotten Black Measles, a severe form of measles with very high fevers. My memories include being put in tubs cold water to lower my temperature, my doctor coming to my house, and having to eat baby food.

We are now three generations away from a time when the effects of the diseases were commonly known here in the U.S.. It is harder to weigh risks when those who remember what it was like are not part of the conversation. While the diseases are rare in the U.S., they are not as rare in other parts of the world, including England, where thousands will travel for the 2012 summer Olympics.

My own experience has taught me that what may seem unlikely can still happen. I doubt my parents had ever heard of the Black Measles before I got it just as I never dreamed my 5 year old daughter would test positive for tuberculosis, but she did and had to take a course of strong antibiotics for nine months. How my daughter and I got these illnesses from will always be a mystery, but it shows that diseases know no borders.

## Upcoming Events

- Mar. 28 Whole School Assembly - Carnival!
- Mar. 29 On-line Parent/Teacher Conference sign-up begins.
- Mar. 29 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Multicultural Night 5-7
- Apr. 2 PTO Meeting
- Apr. 12 Early Release
- Apr. 13 No School, Parent Teacher Conf.
- Apr. 17 Art Show and Spring Concert
- May 1 Edmunds Middle School Parent Information Night
- May 5 Hoopalooza
- May 18 May Fair

### Hola Amigos!!!

Our PBIS journey is reaching Miami, Florida! To celebrate this accomplishment, our students are going to participate in a Latino Carnival parade! Wear your favorite tropical attire and please join us at the Wednesday Morning Assembly on March 28 for some Latino fun!!

### 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MULTICULTURAL NIGHT

Join us for our multicultural celebration in the Edmunds Cafeteria this Thursday, March 29th 5:00-7:00 PM. There will be live drumming and dancing from Jeh Kulu; multicultural arts and crafts booths; international potluck food for dinner; and around the world booths where students can "stamp" their passports.

For more information or questions about volunteering, please contact Chase Rosenberg, [crosenbe@bsdvt.org](mailto:crosenbe@bsdvt.org) or through EES at 864-8473

### On Line Parent/Teacher Conference Sign up

## Edmunds Middle School Parent Information Night

Please join the EMS faculty for a Parent Information Night on **Tuesday, May 1** from 6-7 pm in the EMS Library. This is a great opportunity for parents of current 5th grade students (incoming EMS 6th graders) to meet teachers, ask questions and get to know the EMS community. Snacks and childcare will be provided.

### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATON!!!

Calling all parents of children turning 5 by Sept. 1. Be sure to register your child for Kindergarten. Make sure you are on our mailing list for Kindergarten orientation. Know someone with a 5 year old? Be sure to ask them if they've registered yet! To register, come in for the forms or call us at

### High School Transformation Steering Committee

Help shape the future of education in Burlington and Winooski! Join the Steering Committee to oversee high school transformation. Applications are currently being accepted for this volunteer role. The deadline is April 9th. There are spots for parents, students, teachers and community partners. The vision for this initiative is to ensure that "Each young person in Burlington and Winooski, Vermont will graduate from high school with the confidence, enthusiasm, skills, and knowledge to build a satisfying and sustainable future for themselves, their community, and their world."

To apply, and learn more about this project, go to <http://www.partnershipforchangevt.org> If you have questions, email [partnershipforchangevt@gmail.com](mailto:partnershipforchangevt@gmail.com) or call [802-865-5332](tel:802-865-5332).

## FROM THE PTO

### MAYFAIR! 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 4-7 PM CO-CHAIRS NEEDED

In order for Mayfair to run, we need your help. **Act now, to join in the fun of planning for this great family event!** We have all the instructions you will need to co-chair the overall event or one of the subcommittees (**Food Concession; Games; Crafts; Plant Sale; Basket Raffle; Face Painting; Ticket Sales; Prizes; Musical Cakes**). Mayfair is a fun-filled afternoon of food, games, raffles, prizes, a silent auction and much more. Not only is it a blast for the EES community, but it is also the PTO's largest fundraiser. *Each year, more than \$5,000 dollars are raised to fund such activities as classroom grants, field trips and PTO-sponsored events such as Skate Night, and Math Night just to name a few.* If you can co-chair a committee or have any suggestions about Mayfair please contact Peggy O'Neill ([peggyov@burlingtontelecom.net](mailto:peggyov@burlingtontelecom.net))

### FOOLS FEST 2012 FLYNN SPACE APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup> 7 PM-11:30 PM

Fundraiser for EMS Drama *AND* Community event celebrating the families that support EMS Drama **Entertainment includes**

\* Queen City Hot Club <http://www.queencityhotclub.com/>  
\* Cinder Thrane – comedy (EMS coach extraordinaire and EMS drama supported)

\*An Alumni Musical Revue (with EMS alumni)

\*XRAYS dance music (<http://xraysvt.com/>)

Cash Bar; Food – yummy appetizers and desserts

Raffle: 2 tickets to show at Lane Series *Pablo Ziegler Trio* 4/27/12: 2 tickets to show at Flynn Theatre; Dinner for two at Leunig's; Dinner for two at Single Pebble; **Tickets: \$25 each in advance (plus 3 raffle tickets) call to order: 734-9429 or 30\$ at door (plus 1 raffle ticket)**

\*\*FOOLS FEST 2012 Special: Purchase your ticket in advance and get 3 raffle entries!

Mark your calendars now! To purchase tickets, call 734-9429 or e-mail [martha.churchill@burlingtontelecom.net](mailto:martha.churchill@burlingtontelecom.net)

### HOOPALOOZA: FUNDRAISER FOR EES ON 5 MAY:

**9:30 AM - 1:00 PM**

Three years ago *Burlington Rotary Club* committed to raise \$45,000 to assist in the landscaping and beautification of the "Gateway to Burlington; the front yard of Edmunds School on Main Street. Properly landscaped, it will provide a safer place for our children to play. Hoopalooza is Burlington Rotary Club's signature fundraising event. This years Hoopalooza is being held on 5 May from 9:30am to 1:00pm at City Hall Park.

Teams from all over the City and State compete in this hula hoop contest to raise money and support our cause. Find us on Facebook @ Hoopalooza VT; "Friend" us, or go to <http://burlingtonvtrotary.org/> to find out how to raise money & enter a team. Contact Joseph R. McGowan: [joseph\\_r\\_mcgowan@keybank.com](mailto:joseph_r_mcgowan@keybank.com) or 802.660-9082

## From the Community

### National Credit Union Youth Month

Members Advantage Community Credit Union will be celebrating National Credit Union Youth Month from April 2- April 27<sup>th</sup>. The theme this year is "Super Savers". We want to promote financial literacy to the young members of our community by teaching them how to be responsible savers. Stop in with your child to make a deposit to his/her account and his/her name will be entered into a drawing for great prizes. While you're here, sign up for our essay contest, reading contest or coloring contest. Contests will be judged based on age group. Participants will be eligible to win great prizes such as movie tickets, iTunes gift cards and an Ipod touch! Stop by and see us for more details. 340 Dorset Street, Ste 4, South Burlington, VT (802)862-8184



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