



EDMUNDS
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From the Principal's Desk

Edmunds Campus Park Plans Unveiled!

I have the good fortune of being able to experience Spring twice this year. I was able to enjoy beautiful spring days while visiting my son and his family in Boise, Idaho. Give it a few weeks, and we're promised another.

A harbinger of Spring at EES is the forsythia and Green Up Day at EES. We are delighted to have the help of our community in sprucing the campus up. As our best efforts make it look better, there are still things that could be done to make the campus more beautiful, welcoming and educational. We began looking at how to do just that three years ago. This week, the exciting plans will be hanging up on the walls of the first floor.

Imagine an outdoor environment within view of Church Street and downtown Burlington that draws and enchants both children and their parents. Imagine that it offers an accessible space to enjoy performances both day and night, and explore pathways of indigenous Vermont plants. Imagine fruit and vegetables being nurtured and grown, alongside outdoor learning spaces. Imagine a sustainable hillside park that controls erosion to protect the Lake Champlain watershed, while utilizing existing springs to irrigate. The plan includes an amphitheater where we may hold assemblies outside, or may be used for evening performances under the stars. existing springs to irrigate. The plan includes an amphitheater where we may hold assemblies outside, or may be used for evening performances under the stars. A lit canopy will make the late gray afternoons of December more inviting, and a trees will provide shade as visitors enjoy the area and each others company.

Up Coming Events

- May 1 Green up Day
- May 13 Kindergarten Get Acquainted Day
- May 15 Mayfair
- Jun 11 5th Grade Appreciation
- Jun 12 Last Day of School 11:30am dismissal (bag lunch)

Whole School Assembly
Wednesday, May 6

The vision is one that will allow our students more access to the outdoors in learning. Whether science, math, or writing, there will be plenty to connect our students to the outdoors, right in the middle of the city. They will be able to plant vegetables, construct rain gardens to help absorb the watershed that cascades down the hill during a rain and learning about native Vermont vegetation; explore the weather and much more. The plan will provide a richer, more welcoming environment for all to enjoy.

The vision is the combination of many ideas from our community. The design you will see incorporated many of those ideas and was created by Gabe Stadecker with input from Cleary Buckley, Scott Massey, Kirsten Worden, Michelle Hobbs and myself. Our First Grade helped by securing grants from Berlin City Motors, which has helped with some of our initial expenses, assisted by Jessica Moos whose been really helpful in looking for grants and we have some additional commitment of funding from one of the Edmunds families who prefer to remain anonymous. We are delighted to have Signe Daly on board to help move this project forward. The plans are ambitious, and will require fundraising to accomplish, but we believe strongly that the Edmunds Campus Park is a vision that enhances not only our school community, but the city of Burlington. We hope you agree!



THANK YOU MRS. LAMONT

EES Families come to our lobby and pick up 1 of 3 different cards for present and past EES art students to write a "thank you" note to our wonderful art teacher who is retiring in June after 17 years at Edmunds Elementary!

**REGISTRATION FOR BURLINGTON KIDS**

Burlington Kids is accepting registration for 2015-2016 school year! Registration packets and financial support paperwork can be found in the information rack on the 2nd floor, near the main office. Contact Priscilla with any questions, praba@bsdvt.org, (802) 316-0195. Sign up today!

From the PTO**MAYFAIR AUCTION GOES LIVE!**

Visit the 2015 Mayfair Silent Auction at: www.32auctions.com/eesmayfair2015.

There is something for everyone! Great local restaurants, jewelry, surf shop, camps, chocolate, yoga, golf and ski passes, salons, yogurt-- many great items! 100% of proceeds go to support field trips and programs at Edmunds Elementary, and we will be adding more items before May 14th. Look soon and come back and bid again. Please share with friends and family. Bidding opens May 1 at 8:00 am and closes on May 14 at 8:00 pm. Items can be picked up at Mayfair on May 15th or we can make other arrangements if necessary. Please contact Stacey Kelleher at staceyhk1568@yahoo.com with questions.

WEEKS OF MAY 4 - 15: "WAY TO GO CHALLENGE" WALK & ROLL TO SCHOOL

Get Ready to Walk-n-Roll in the state-wide Way to Go! Challenge. Let's cut our carbon and have fun getting to school on our own muscle power - walk, bike, scooter, skateboard, etc. If your parents have to drive you, have them drop you off a couple of blocks from school and walk the rest of the way - every little bit counts! **OR** Join an adult leader for laps around the EES field to earn your walk n roll points! We'll be competing with schools across the state for the coveted Carbon Cup Award. Let's bring it to Edmunds! Students and staff will track their modes of transportation to and from school each day during the challenge. Our coordinator will enter our data and we can track our progress. Questions, please contact Peggy: peggyov5@gmail.com or Rachel: rachskye@gmail.com. For those parents and caregivers who carpool, walk or bike, *please join the Edmunds Elementary team*.

<https://www.waytogovt.org/Users/Account/Register> *Once you register it will direct you to a page where you can "join a team". Choose: school: Edmunds Elementary.* Then follow the directions on adding your during the Way to Go Challenge from May 4-15.

NOW UNTIL FRIDAY MAY 8th: NO FRILLS FUNDRAISER "MAY" WE ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Flyers were sent home with students this week. Two weeks to donate: Every dollar matters! Donations directly fund teacher grants, student enrichment activities, and field trips. Your tax-deductible donation can be sent to school with your student, dropped off at the office (checks made payable to EES PTO) or you can pay with your credit card online at www.eespto.org.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MAYFAIR FRIDAY MAY 15 FROM 4-7 PM

Come one, Come all! Mayfair is almost here! Please join us for our annual fundraising event next Friday, May 15th from 4pm-7pm on the EES Field. We need lots of volunteers and help to put on such an amazing event. Please consider donating your time and food items found here: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0844ADAA2AA02-mayfair

FROM THE COMMUNITY

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COTS WALK SUNDAY MAY 2

The annual COTS Walk is a 3-mile trek around downtown Burlington starting from Battery Park, following the route a person who is homeless might travel to receive shelter and services. This is the one day of the year that we open our shelters to the community so people can see how their pledges are put to use. Registration opens at 1p.m. and at 2 p.m., participants are led by the drummers of Sambatucada down the Church Street Marketplace along Main Street and into surrounding neighborhoods. Along the way, walkers are invited into COTS shelters to see COTS facilities "up close and personal." The walk takes about an hour and concludes back at Battery Park where walkers are met with music, Ben & Jerry's ice cream and other free refreshments. Register online at <http://cotsonline.org/get-involved-2/newsevents/cots-walk-2015/cots-walk-registration/> or call Gillian at (802) 540-3084, Ext. 207 to register over the phone.