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EDMUNDS
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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From the Principal's Desk

DRESSING APPROPRIATELY FOR SCHOOL:

As warm weather approaches, we want to issue this reminder about appropriate dress for school which is children's first exposure to their choices in a place of work. We strive to help students understand that just as adults wear appropriate clothes to their workplaces. School is effectively the workplace for students and their attire should also be respectful and safe ways for school.

As fashions change, it can be challenging to balance what is being offered in stores and what is appropriate for school. We need to remember that it isn't quite summer vacation yet and school is not the beach. Here are some basic guidelines.

Edmunds Elementary has no air conditioning and can get quite hot, especially when we have several days in a row of warm or hot weather. Please make sure to watch the weather and have your child dress for the anticipated temperatures rather than the chillier early morning temperatures. They can always take coats and sweaters off, but heavy clothing can get quite uncomfortable especially when children are participating in PE and need to run in heavy clothing on a hot sunbaked field.

Clothing should allow students to be comfortable in the heat but shirts should cover stomach's and shorts and skirts reach a child's knuckles if they stand with hands in a fist by their side. Skorts are great for playground comfort.

Tank tops and dresses should have shoulder straps rather than Spaghetti straps which frequently slip from children's shoulders and occasionally the result is rather embarrassing for the child as more is revealed than desired. Please make sure that the materials cannot be seen through.

We ask that children not wear flip flops. Sneakers, shoes, and sandals that can be firmly attached to feet are fine. Flip flops have resulted in many injuries during recess and definitely should not be worn during PE.

Up Coming Events:

May 23 - EMS Parent Information Night 6:00 - 7:00 PM
 May 26 - 5th Grade Step Up Day
 May 26 - VSO Petting Zoo 8:00 - 11:30 AM
 June 7 - K-5 Flower Assembly, 8:10 AM
 June 9 - Field Day Grades K-2; 9:30 - 11:00
 June 9 - Field Day Grades 3-5; 12:00 - 1:30
 June 15 - 5th Grade Tribute 6:00 PM
 June 16 - Half Day of School - 11:30 Dismissal
 June 19 - Last Day of School - 11:30 Dismissal
 June 21 - Lake Monster Baseball Game - 7:00 PM

Whole School Assembly
May 24, 2017
Memorial Day - Volunteer Appreciation
Miss Nolan Leading

EVERYBODY WINS!

Everybody Wins is a mentoring program that brings community members into school who are willing to have lunch and read with our students. We try to have the pairs continue through several years while students are at EES. This year EES had 40 pairs of students with mentors! It was heartening to witness the bonds formed and deepened between mentors and mentees.

The program relies upon a coordinator who looks for mentors in the community to pair with our students who is compensated through grants and some fundraising. Here are two fun ways for you to support Everybody Wins fundraising efforts this summer:

1. LAKE MONSTERS TICKETS

We are selling tickets to the Lake Monsters again this year. The Lake Monsters are Vermont's only professional sports team. Our game is on July 7 at 7 pm on Centennial Field in Burlington (BTV Lake Monsters vs. Hudson Valley Renegades). The tickets are discounted at \$6 each and Everybody Wins! gets half of the ticket price, or \$3 a ticket. **Tickets are only available in May and can be purchased online at bit.ly/EverybodyWinsBaseballTickets**

2. RACE TO THE TOP OF VERMONT - Hike, run, or bike to the top of Mt. Mansfield on August 27, 2017. Additional details about the reduced fee of \$30.00 to register as part of the Everybody Wins Team can be found [here](#). Wanda Stetson is the coordinator for the EES Everybody Wins program and will be at the event registering the team on the 27th.

SCHOOL SAFETY PRACTICES - CONTINUATION:

A few weeks ago, we described several of our practices and procedures relating to school safety. We hope you found that information helpful. Now, we'd also like to let you know about other aspects of our safety support system. Each school in the district has as a school psychologist, as a member of their staff. In addition to serving as a member of the School Safety Team, our school psychologist (Lauren Royer) conducts assessments for students who may be in need of significant emotional and/or behavioral support or even in crisis. Her service on the Educational Support Team (E.S.T.) and Behavioral Support Team (B.S.T.) are also valuable aspects of her work, as she reviews with the teams individual and school classroom academic and discipline data to use in planning and implementing interventions of support. At each week's School Safety Team meeting, students coping with significant challenges are identified and discussed or reviewed for appropriate levels of support. School personnel strive to communicate regularly and effectively with each other, families, and outside agencies to work together to provide students with what they need in order to feel and be successful.

PTO NEWS

PTO LEADERS: Leigh Fisher, Hollie Foley and Rachel Shelley
PTO CONTACT: pto@eespto.org

MAYFAIR TODAY!! 4-7PM WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

FRIDAY AY 26th: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VSO MUSICAL PETTING ZOO

Attention music lovers, parents of kindergarteners and of first-graders! We need your help to make this event happen!

- The musical petting zoo is a fun, hands-on experience for kids in kindergarten and first grade to learn about the instruments that are part of an orchestra and get a chance to play them.
- We need parent volunteers to help hold the instruments and sanitize them between students.
- No musical experience needed!
- The schedule for the classes will be as follows:
 - 8:15-9:05 Quinn/Fagan
 - 9:15-10:05 O'Brien/Weidman
 - 10:15-11:05 Kilburn
- We are looking for 8 volunteers at each workshop.
- It is helpful to have some volunteers who are willing to stay for more than one session. A brief orientation will begin at 8:05.
- If you are interested in helping, please contact Bethany Fitzgerald at bsaulpaugh@hotmail.com with your child's name and class, and what time slot(s) you are available to help. This is a great opportunity for grandparents to volunteer in the school as well. Thank you!!

EVERYBODY MOVE YOUR BODY

WHAT? All EES students are invited to come move their bodies before school starts!

WHEN? Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 7:45-8:05 during the month of May (we had to take 2 days off because of the Champlain College graduation tent)

WHY? Research has shown that exercise can increase academic achievement, improve behavior and increase self-confidence...and it will be fun!

WAIT...WHAT? All EES students are encouraged to join in a walk/run around the field in the morning before school starts. There is a system to track and record the number of laps made each day. In addition we are tracking how many miles as a school we have completed. Students who participate are recognized each week during our all school assembly. Please encourage your child to participate!