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From the Principal's Desk

We've been doing assessments for the past couple of weeks. These are different from the NECAP's and frankly far more informative for our purposes in understanding the growth of our students. We look at their growth in reading, writing and mathematics over time and the results are typically gratifying.

We also collect data on behaviors and I was looking at that information as well. I know that many of you have seen the Edmunds Elementary School Expectations signs with the Bees on them in the hallways and many of you have been in assemblies where we review expectations for audiences, how to behave in the hallways, cafeteria, playground etc.. You are also probably aware of the classroom celebrations each time your child's class racks up another 100 bees. We've gotten over 21,000 schoolwide so far. The goal is to hit 25,000 if the kids want to put myself or Mr. Steve in a dunk tank. They have until June 5th to do it. We have one lined up for after field day for the whole school to come out.

What you may not be aware of is how we are also measuring our effectiveness in helping students learn how to behave in terms of the number of times they are sent to the office. Your child may or may not have ever received a green slip (I don't know why we call it a slip - it's a full sheet of paper) but it is an office discipline referral and we plug the information into a program which tracks behaviors by a multitude of criteria including gender, grade, location of behavior, time of day, type of behavior and we also track demographics.

The importance of tracking the data of students who are not meeting expectations is that it helps us to know who needs more teaching and what some of the triggers are that may influence a student. Behavior and academic difficulty are often closely aligned and students frequently use behavior in order to avoid academic tasks that are challenging to them, so we work to insure that students are better supported. Some students have not learned the social skills that they need in order to be successful in school, and for those, we directly teach the skills.

So, how are we doing based on our data? I'm very pleased with the results of our efforts this year. Overall, the school has less referrals to date than we had last year at this time. More importantly, I really am pleased when I look student to students. The progress made over the year at the individual level is significant. Students who have struggled are becoming more competent and capable citizens. I give credit to the students themselves, the faculty and staff and the parents who have worked alongside us. The growth in social and emotional skills is key to life long success so this is very good news.

May 23, 2014

Upcoming Events:

- May 28 Kindergarten Get Acquainted Day
- May 29 PTO Meeting - 3:00 - 4:00 End of year wrap up!
- June 5 Field Days
- June 6 EES Chorus at Burlington Jazz Festival
- June 10 5th Grade Tribute - 6:30pm - 8:00pm
- June 11 Last day of school - Early Release 11:30am
- June 17 EES at Lake Monster Game

Whole School Assembly May 28

8:10 to 8:30

Volunteer Appreciation

EES STAGE SHOW!

Show: May 23 @ 6:30 pm in EMS Gym -
DON'T MISS IT!!!

EDMUNDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 5th GRADE TRIBUTE

*****NEW TIME*****

Date: TUESDAY, JUNE 10th

Time: 6:30-8PM

Where: EES Cafeteria

Attire: Festive and Fun!

All 5th grade families and relatives are invited to a night of reflection and celebration of your years here at Edmunds Elementary.

This is a VERY special evening for our 5th graders!

Thank you in advance to Ms. Bonanni, Ms. D'Agostino & Mr. Gillard!

Light refreshments will be served at the end of the evening.

Please RSVP to Clare Wool clarewool@mac.com or [802.657.3211](tel:802.657.3211)

EES - VERMONT LAKE MONSTER GAME: JUNE 17TH

The Vermont Lake Monsters baseball team is working hard to become an active and integral part of our community. Throughout the season they sponsor games where an organizations such as ours is involved in pregame activities and promoted throughout the game. **Tuesday, June 17th at 7 pm will be Edmunds Elementary second annual game night!** There will be involvement from the students before the game and between innings. Also, **we are making plans for the EES Chorus to sing the National Anthem at the start of the game! The tickets are general admission and cost \$6 each, with \$3 going directly to Edmunds Elementary to support the parent-led 4 Winds Science program.** The sale period will last 2 weeks, so please have them back to your teachers by May 30th or sooner. The goal of the event is to provide an opportunity for our school community to get together over the summer, to support our parent-led 4 Winds Science program, and for the Lake Monsters to demonstrate their commitment to the community.

Burlington Kids Afterschool Family Night!

Thursday May 29, from 5:00-6:30pm in the cafeteria. Come check out what the Burlington Kids have been up to this past session! Complete with a drumming performance and light refreshments! Contact Interim Site Director, Priscilla May for more information praba@bsdvt.org

Climate Survey Input

Burlington School District is currently in the process of surveying students, parents, and staff on their views on critical issues such as discrimination, staff respectfulness, and student safety during school activities in order to measure our success and strive for improvement in these areas. Visit www.bsdvt.org through May 29th to participate in this Equity, Inclusion, and Respect Survey. If you have already completed the survey and have additional comments to submit, please do so by selecting the "Equity, Inclusion, and Respect Survey: Additional Feedback" topic, located on the Let's Talk! page, accessible via www.bsdvt.org.

Superintendent and Finance Director Search Input

We also invite you to submit comments via the Let's Talk! Page at www.bsdvt.org about the upcoming searches for both the Superintendent and Finance Director positions for the District, or to comment/provide general feedback to the District as we work to improve the school environment for all students and families. These comments will be compiled and presented to the Administration and School Board as they work in the next month to fill these positions and transition into new leadership.

PTO NEWS**"VOTE YES" STUDENT, TEACHER AND FAMILY MARCH MONDAY, JUNE 2 AT 3:15 PM**

- Teachers, students, and families from EES and EMS will meet to march down Church St. and back to raise awareness for the June 3 school budget vote.
- Families from other Burlington schools will meet us.
- Please join us and spread the word- our students and teachers need our support.
- Contact Marni Slavik (marnislavik@yahoo.com) if you would like to help lead the group or help make signs.
- Schedule:
 - Leave Edmunds at 3:15.
 - Meet at City Hall 3:30-3:45 (voting can take place there until 5:00)
 - March down to end of Church St and back to City Hall (3:45-4:15)
 - Song: We are One Nation
 - Bring signs and Banners: VOTE YES

The Lost and Found Clean Out- May 30th

The Lost and Found at EES will be cleaned out on May 30th. We will clean out the Lost and Found again, on the last day of school, June 11th. Please stop by or have your child swing by to claim any missing items

THANK YOU MAYFAIR VOLUNTEERS!

For set-up, clean-up, running games, handing out tickets and prizes, grilling food, baking cakes, gathering and selling food, contributing to the basket raffles, running and bidding on silent auction items, and everything in between (including Mother Nature), thank you for making our fundraiser such a huge and fun success!

THURSDAY, MAY 29TH AT 3:00-4:00: END-OF-THE-YEAR PTO MEETING

Brief meeting to wrap up the year. Location: Mrs. Spinner's 1st grade classroom; room #209 on the second floor. Contact pto@eespto.org with questions

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FIELD DAY THURSDAY, JUNE 5TH

The annual Field Day is an outdoor sporting/teamwork building event for all classes. The kids LOVE it, but we need your help. Tyler Sessions, the PE teacher has a wonderful day of fun activities set up for the kids. Please help her by signing up to lead an activity. There are two different time slots to choose from (or stay the whole day). Grades K-2 is 9-11am, and grades 3-5 will be from 12-2pm. Volunteers will get two 10 minute breaks each shift and can enjoy watermelon and rocking tunes along with the kids. To sign up click on:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094BADAA2EAA8-field> or contact Kate Lekstutis at katelekstutis@gmail.com

FROM THE COMMUNITY**FROM BURLINGTON FRIENDS OF EDUCATION:**

CONTACT: KATH LAING- kblaing@gmail.com

Hello Burlington Friends of Education volunteers!

We are gathering to make phone calls to likely voters over the very short weeks leading up to the school budget vote June 3rd. Please volunteer and recruit friends. We need you! We will provide a script and facts about the school budget to all callers. You just need to bring your cell phone to our gathering and a willingness to enthusiastically promote a yes-vote on June 3rd. All calling will happen from **6 - 8:30pm** on the dates listed below:

Week of 5/25

Tues., 5/27, CCTV Offices

Wed., 5/28, VT Workers' Center

Thurs., 5/29, Location To Be Determined

Week of 6/1

Sun., 6/1, Location To Be Determined

Mon., 6/2, Location To Be Determined

Please reply with your full name, best number to reach you, and nights you are prepared to come make calls. For nights with the location not yet determined, I will provide at a later date. Thank you for engaging in this important effort. It will take all of us to pass this budget!



A BIG thank you to all Petting Zoo Volunteers!

Our kindergarteners and first graders had a lot of fun trying out different instruments in the VSO petting zoo on Tuesday May 20th. Rebecca Kopycinski from the VSO entertained the kids with funny stories and a very loud conch shell. Perhaps your child can tell you which instruments in the orchestra inspired them. We could not have an event like this without many wonderful volunteers— Thank you to Leigh Fisher, Dan Cunningham, Marni Slavik, Amy Lilly, Kate Lekstutis, Don Slish, Amy McArthur, Adam Buchwald, Nancy Westbrook, Cathy Stadecker, Kirstin McNeil, Aimee Ehlers, and Beth Cullen. It was such a treat for the kids to hear Adam Buchwald play the violin, I think he inspired a few budding musicians. Some of these folks have volunteered year after year for this event and some stayed for all 3 sessions. A special thank you to Mrs. Weidman for all the scheduling! And thank you very much to Carolyn Hansen for coordinating this event,