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From the Principal's Desk

Today, I received a lovely letter in the mail from an individual who was especially appreciative of the work of our crossing guard at the corner of South Willard and Maple Street. The crossing guard is Reg Robair and he's been out there sun, snow, rain or shine every morning for longer than I've been at EES. The author observed, that Reg "literally rescued a little elementary school-age boy from walking out in front of a car, that was not observing the crossing guard's presence in the crosswalk". Apparently, an inattentive motorist was driving fast down Maple, not paying attention to the crossing guard's sign, while a child was simultaneously stepping off the curb. The child was looking down and literally ran into Reg's outstretched arm. The whole time, Reg kept his stop sign held high for the motorist to see. His quick thinking stopped the boy mid step, as the car came to a screeching halt, stalling out in the middle of the street. I shudder to think what could have happened had it not been for his powers of observation, caring and concern for our young people. We are very grateful for the quick thinking and caring of Mr. Robair.

I am also very grateful to the author of the letter who took the time to sit down and write a letter to tell me about the incident. To share what she saw with us, allows us to thank this individual for his actions and the resulting safety for all of our students. It is an act of kindness that is rather rare, but every once in a while, I will get a letter telling me about something exceptional that someone has done on our campus. I am always eager to share those letters of appreciation with the individual (as I will with this letter).

I want to also take this opportunity, to thank all of our volunteers who have been so generous with their time and energy this year. The many ways that our students and faculty have benefited from your thoughtful contributions cannot be measured. Whether bringing in tasty treats, copying, cutting out shapes, driving, chaperoning, making costumes, tutoring, reading with students, fundraising, putting up posters, planting flowers, weeding gardens, dishing ice cream, managing the horseshoe in the morning regardless of the weather, cooking burgers and hot dogs, telephoning, mentoring new parents, setting up and tearing down for events, counting money, sorting out coffee orders, sending coupons in for rebates, organizing events, publicizing, driving, picking up and driving students, you've been here for us and our school is all the better because of each and every one of you. We are all richer for the work that you all do.

Up Coming Events:

May 30th (Memorial Day) - No School

May 31 - VSO Musical Petting Zoo

June 1 - Parent Night - Special Ed & Student Support Services - Sustainability Academy 6:00 - 7:30

June 2 - Field Days

June 3 - End of Marking Period

June 4 - EES Parent & Staff Night

June 8 - EES 5th Grade Celebration 6-7 PM

June 9 - 4th & 5th Grade Chorus Perform at Jazz Festival 2 PM

June 9 - Last Day of School! - Report Cards Go Home

Whole School Assembly
June 1, 2016
Volunteer Thank You!

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

Please join us on Wednesday, June 1st for our whole school assembly, when we celebrate, appreciate and thank our many volunteers who work tirelessly throughout the year.

UPDATES & REMINDERS FROM THE MUSIC ROOM!

Next week is "Student's Perform Week" in Music Class!! Any student who has musical learning from outside of school that they would like to share is invited to participate. Successful performances are prepared, 1-3 minutes long and appropriate for school.

The 4th and 5th grade chorus will be performing at the Jazz festival on Wednesday, June 9th at 2:00 p.m. We will be singing a short set at the center stage in front of the Burlington Square Mall. In the event of bad weather, our performance will be inside the mall. A permission slip for singers was sent home last week and dress for the concert is solid colored tee-shirts and shorts or skirts. *We are looking for a volunteer to transport the sound system to the performance area at about 1:30 and bring it back to the school following the performance at about 2:30.* Please contact Ms. Nolan (enolan@bsdvt.org) if you are able to help.

PARENT NIGHT - SPECIAL ED & STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Join Superintendent Yaw Obeng and Student Support Director, Laura Nugent, for an evening of thoughts, concerns, and sharing of your experiences. Wednesday, June 1st, 6:00 - 7:30 PM, Sustainability Academy at Lawrence Barnes School.

SPIRIT WEEK IS COMING!

Wednesday, June 1 - Crazy Hair Day!

Thursday, June 2 - Sports Day! (Wear your favorite sports gear)

Friday, June 3 - Wear Your Favorite Hat Day

SUPPORT STILL NEEDED FOR DISPLACED EES FAMILY:

Hello Edmunds Community,

I wanted to update everyone about the McSweeney family who recently lost their home and all possessions in a fire several weeks ago. A Youcaring fundraising site has been established and this is the link:

<https://www.youcaring.com/mcsweeney-family-562940>

Please share it with others as the family could really benefit from the assistance! The family also has some other specific needs and could make use of:

- Gift cards or cash for future unplanned needs
- Suitcases (preferably with wheels)
- School supplies
- Toddler shoes size 4-5
- Adult female clothing size x-large or preferably gift cards to purchase clothing
- Food items such as pasta, cans of soup or other easy to prepare items

Donations for the family can be brought directly to me.

Joanna Elliot has also set up a space where the family can look through clothing to use as needed. Thanks for getting the word out and providing the much needed help to this family during this difficult time. Please let me know if you have any questions. Angele Paul, M.A. - Howard Center School Services Clinician - Edmund's Elementary School Office Phone: [802-846-3783](tel:802-846-3783)

EES FIELD DAY-THURSDAY, JUNE 2ND

Field day is a fun, outdoor, team-building, game playing day that the kids LOVE! It is a volunteer-run event, so I'm hoping you'll come have a great time with us. As always, we will have the music playing, break times for volunteers as well as snacks and drinks to keep you going. The morning session is for grades K-2 and grades 3-5 will play in the afternoon. Please visit the sign-up genius to volunteer to run an activity station, and feel free to contact me with any questions. I really appreciate the help.

Thank you! Kate Lekstutis; katelekstutis@gmail.com or text/call 802-238-2972.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094badaa2eaa8-field2>

LOCAL, AND ORGANIC VEGGIES FOR FREE!

The Intervale Center Fair Share program runs for 16 weeks (starting July 11th) with food pickups every Monday at the Intervale Center. The food is from farms within the Intervale Center and Chittenden County. The veggies don't always look 100% (like they would at a farmers' market or the grocery store) but they are always perfectly delicious. All recipients' gross income (i.e. before taxes are withheld) must fall at or below 185 percent of the U.S. Poverty Income Guidelines. If you qualify for 3Squares or WIC, Free/Reduced School Lunch, are seniors, or on disability,

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you qualify. We just have folks sign a simple waiver on the first day of veggie pickup - we don't do any further verification.

If you would like more information or have questions, please call or email sarah@intervale.org or [802-660-0440 ext.120](tel:802-660-0440).

PTO LEADERS: Marni Slavik, Hollie Foley, and Clare Wool

PTO CONTACT: pto@eespto.org

PTO LEADERSHIP TRANSITION

The current PTO leaders, Marni Slavik, Hollie Foley, and Clare Wool, will be stepping down on June 9. If you are interested in learning more about the roles of PTO leadership, please contact Marni at pto@eespto.org.

MAYFAIR SUCCESS!

Thank you to all who gave so generously with their time, set up, baking, cooking, grilling, running games, clean up and more! Mayfair was a huge success and could not have happened without all of your help! Special thanks to Stephanie Mueller, Stacey Kelleher and Brandi Littlefield for running the very successful Mayfair auction, and Leigh Fisher, the Mayfair coordinator.