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From the Principal's Desk

I asked the faculty, staff and PTO for the names of all the people who have volunteered in any capacity this year at Edmunds Elementary. As the names on the list grew, I began to feel like I'd hit the jackpot. As it stands right now, we have close to 300 names on the list. It is comprised of parents, grandparents, community members, college students, and teachers. This is an exceptional level of support for our students, faculty and community. Each act of volunteering is a gift and we sincerely appreciate the effort.

The kinds of volunteering that has occurred includes chaperoning, contributing to events and celebrations, providing transportation to students or families, helping in the front drop off area, green-up of the campus, copying and collating classroom materials, assisting in classrooms, mentoring, running reading groups, helping out at the many PTO events, presenting hands on 4 Winds programs, organizing events, collecting donations, organizing the lost and found, helping in the library, contributing to keeping up faculty morale with faculty appreciation days, reading with students, bringing guest speakers and presentations to the students, sewing, designing costumes and landscape, walk and roll to school organization, guiding walking school buses, providing additional communication to EES families, planning for the future and how to continue to make EES a warm, welcoming place for our children, our families, and our faculty and staff to come every day and more.

The United States has the most instances of volunteering of any country in the world and while it is part of our culture, it is not the custom to volunteer in schools in many countries around the world. I have been excited by the increase in numbers of our new American parents who are now volunteering and joining more fully in our community.

In order to share the names of those who have been able to volunteer with our school community, I created an iMovie, which was shown at the Wednesday Whole School Assembly this week. As the names scrolled up the screen, I watched students throughout the cafeteria pointing out names of individuals they had connections with. I will try to post it on our website. If I have missed your name, or if your name is presented incorrectly, please let me know. We tried to make it as accurate as possible. The front entrance has a beautiful sign made by Julie Shaffner with a new piece of equipment that the PTO purchased for the school at Julie's request. You will see our list of volunteers in the lobby and that list will remain going into next fall so that everyone will have a chance to see it. I do want to thank all who have volunteered. If I missed you, please accept my apology and don't be shy. Let me know and I'll add your name.

May 30, 2014

Upcoming Events:

May 30 Last day for Lake Monster Tickets

June 2-6 Spirit Week

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 June 4
8:10 to 8:30
Kindergarten farewell to 5th grade

EES TRADITION AT WHOLE SCHOOL CELEBRATION

In the fall, our fifth grade students welcomed our kindergarten students to EES with a pencil. On Wednesday, our kindergarten students will be wishing the fifth grade well as they leave EES for middle school. This is a long time tradition at EES and parents of fifth grade and kindergarten students are especially invited to come and enjoy the occasion.

EDMUNDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 5th GRADE TRIBUTE

TUESDAY, JUNE 10th 6:30-8PM 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)

SPIRIT WEEK AT EDMUNDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Monday, June 2: Mismatched Clothes and Socks Day

Tuesday, June 3: Crazy Hair Day

Wednesday, June 4: Twin Day - dress like a friend or a group of friends

Thursday, June 5: Sports Team Day (wear your favorite jersey/hat)

Friday, June 6: Tie or Scarf Day

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE - LYME DISEASE

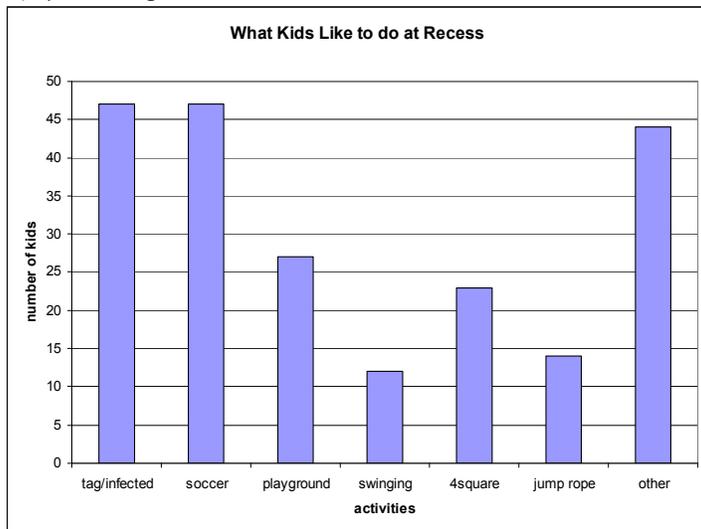
It is tick season. Lyme disease is spread by ticks and is present in Vermont. To avoid Lyme disease the CDC recommends: wearing tick repellent, checking your child daily for ticks, showering soon after spending time outdoors and calling your doctor if your child develops a rash or fever. Also teach your child to check for ticks frequently. They can easily have a tick and be completely unaware of it so learning to visually inspect their bodies will help them avoid health problems.

WHAT KIDS LIKE TO DO AT RECESS

By Beck Mac

I wanted to know what kids like to do at recess so I collected recess data. 212 kids responded to the survey. That's about 60% of the kids in this school. 21% of the kids (47 kids) like to play **tag or Infected**. Infected is like tag but if you're "infected" and you tag someone else, they become infected too. The last person "alive" is the winner. 21% of the kids like to play **soccer** at recess. 21% of the kids is 47 kids. 13% of the kids like playing on the **playground**. 11% of the kids like to play **foursquare**. 7% of the kids like to **jump rope** at recess. 6% of the kids like **swinging**.

Since so many kids like to play soccer at recess, maybe we could get new soccer balls. Even though 7% of the kids like jump rope, we could get new jump ropes too. Getting new equipment might make more kids have more fun at recess!



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)
 - Song: We are One Nation
 - March down to end of Church St and back to City Hall (3:45-4:15)
 - Bring signs and Banners: VOTE YES

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FIELD DAY THURSDAY, JUNE 5TH

Field day is fast approaching and we still need a few more volunteers. We have a wonderful day of fun activities set up for the kids, but we need your help. Can you volunteer for either the morning or afternoon session on Thursday June 5th? Grades K-2 are from 9-11 and grades 3-5 will be from 12-2. Please click on <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094BADAA2EAA8-field> to join us, or contact Kate Lekstutis at katelekstutis@gmail.com with any questions

FROM THE COMMUNITY

Please donate to Flood Relief for Bosnia 2014!

This month, Bosnia was inundated by three months of rain in just three days. Whole cities, villages and roads were destroyed. The devastation is as widespread as after the war. Mudslides compounded the disaster and now, although the waters have receded, warm temperatures are making the clean-up more difficult as workers attempt to remove mountains of dried debris. Trees, cars, trash and the rubble of neighborhoods clog the streets. Hundreds of thousands of people remain stranded without reliable sources of clean water or food.

We are Bosnians living in Vermont. All of us have family, friends and loved ones who have lost their homes and any access to clean water and food. They are stranded in shelters of the remains of what were once thriving communities. We would like you to please consider to give a helping hand.

The victims of the flood are in dire need of hygienic items (shampoo, tooth brushes, tooth paste, women's sanitary products, toilet paper, sunscreen) cleaning supplies (bleach, paper towels, soap), shovels, blankets, rubber boots, towels, child-care supplies (diapers, diaper-rash creme, bottles, formula, baby-food), gloves (rubber, cloth or latex), flashlights, insecticides, insect repellent, non-perishable food items (canned or dried, sealed foods) and face-masks.

All donations will go directly to the victims of the flood. We are happy to issue tax receipts for any and all donations. We will be conducting our drive during the week of June 2 through June 6. We will have boxes in each school that will be labeled "A Heart for Bosnia". It is essential that we act quickly in order to provide the relief needed for the victims of the flood. We thank you in advance for all your support. For further questions or more information please contact any of the following people:

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