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EDMUNDS
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Upcoming Events

June 7	Field Day, Rain date June 10
June 13	5 th Grade Tribute - 6:30 pm
June 14	Last Day of School 11:30 dismissal, bag lunch
Aug. 28	First day of School!

From the Principal's Desk

This past Wednesday, we thanked our volunteers in our Whole School Assembly. Many of you were not able to attend. We understand how difficult it can be to come to an event when work calls, and we wanted to make sure that you know that you are appreciated. We know that despite our best efforts to include all who have helped, that there are some names missed and for those, we apologize. **We want all to know that we are very grateful for your contributions.**

Adam Buchwald, Alice Somda, Amanda Crawford, Amanda LaFond, Amanda Young, Amy Gogo, Amy Young, Andy Hard, Anne Rathbone, Annie Howell, Ashley Bessette, Beth Morgan, Bethany Fitzgerald, Beverly Wemple, Bridget O'Brien, Bryan Mihok, Brendan Fisher, Carolyn Connor, Carolyn Hanson, Cate MacLachlan, CFES Volunteers from UVM, Champlain College Volunteers, Charlie Rathbone, Cheryl Herrick, Christine Massey, Clare Wool, Cliff Morgan, Claudia Renchy-Morton, Courtney Assaro, Courtney Guyette, Dan Cunningham, Daniel Schedit, Danielle Rancourt, Dave Jeneman, Dave Reville, Don Slis, Erica Donnis, Erica Ravelin, Erin Baker, Evan Goldsmith, Gabrielle Sealy, Gail Rose, George Shelley, George Gentchos, Gina McKinnon, Hannah Harrington, Harry Burton, Hammond Marray-Rust, Henri Sparks, Hollie Foley, Irina Tsvetkov, Jacob Colie, Jamie Charlson, Jamie Montgomery, Jana Manley, Jeff Thomson, Jen Green, Jessica Tikti, Joe Manley, John Fitch, John O'Leary, Kara Joyce, Karen Emerson, Karen Guth, Karen Newman, Kari Giroux, Kate Cartwright, Kate Larson, Kate Lekstutis, Keren Kinner, Kim MacQueen, Kim Moran, Kirsten Worden, Korinna Hilleman, Kyle Dodson, Lara Gentchos, Laura Fetters, Laura Standard, Leigh Fisher, Leslie Halperin, Lewy Lamont, Libby Macdonald, Linda Berlin, Lindsay Goldsmith, Lisa Brighenti, Lisa Cannon, Liz Proia, Liz Segal, Luis Vivanco, Lynn Bryant, Mandy Beaupre, Marianne McCoy, Maribeth Long, Marina Tal, Mark Charlson, Marni Slavik, Matt Moore, Mia Novelli, Mike Sealy, Monika Modlinski, Morgan Mathews, Ms. Margarett, Nancy Westbrook, Nicole Diebold, Nifer Hoehn, Nikki Fuller, Pam Shea, Paul Crainich, Paul Hobbs, Peg Emerson, Peggy O'Neil, Rachel Shelley, Raquel Tobias, Renee Yagoda, Rich Bassett, Rick Hecht, Rob Emerson, Robin Perlah, Sandy Flemer, Sandra Tan, Sarah Buchwald, Sarah Fitch, Sean Rousseau, Shannon Hamlin, Shannon Stewart, Sharon Panitch, Signe Daly, Stephanie Mueller, Sunny Leporotti, Susie Moakley, Svea Closser, Tabby Talcot, Terri Beaupre, Terry Bailey, Tisha Shull, Tony Bader, Tove Arentzen, Tri Widyawati, Trish Denton, Warren Cornwall, Yolanda Ngarambe, Yves Bradley.

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
Wednesday – June 5
Kindergarten goodbye to 5th Graders

Tradition at EES -

Kindergarten Goodbye To Fifth Grade

We want all, especially those new to the Edmunds community to know about our special assembly this Wednesday. At the beginning of the year, the fifth grade students all welcomed the new kindergarten students, calling each by name and giving them an Edmunds Elementary pencil. At the end of the year, our tradition is for the kindergarten students to say goodbye to the fifth grade students, calling each by name and giving them a flower. Many of our fifth grade students have been book buddies with our kindergarten students over the year and have established friendships with each other. It is a lovely tradition and we hope that the parents from both grades will be able to attend.

Classroom Placement and Step Up

The last day of school is Step Up Day for our students. Step Up Day provides the students with an opportunity to meet their new teacher and classmates for next year. Your child's classroom placement will also be included on their report card. The faculty and staff at EES spend a great deal of time working on creating classrooms that are balanced and provide as rich a level of diversity in all areas as possible. It is a very thoughtful process and includes as much information as we can gather for each student.

In the fall, each classroom will be creating their own community within the Edmunds Elementary Community. It is a process that is deliberate and intended to make each child feel a part of developing their classroom culture and climate. This is done through a process that is known as Responsive Classroom and if parents would like to know more about the philosophy and purpose, I would invite you to access the website where you can either watch the short video explanations, or read about it at: <https://www.responsiveclassroom.org/about-responsive-classroom>. Community building is an important part of our work at EES. It all starts with the first impression and our teachers will start on Step Up Day to make next year a successful year for your child.

Fifth Grade Student's Last Day is June 13th

Fifth graders will have a ceremony acknowledging their time at EES on Thursday evening, June 13th beginning at 6:30. Thursday will be their last day at EES! All other students have a half day on Friday, June 14th. School is out at 11:30 on the 14th.

VSO PETTING ZOO-THANKS TO VOLUNTEERS

On Friday, May 24th, all kindergarten and first grade classes got an overview of all the types of instruments in an orchestra, thanks to Rebecca Kopycinski from the VSO and funding from our PTO. Rebecca, the "zookeeper," gave demonstrations to show how the instruments evolved, and then turned the kids loose to try them for themselves. It was so much fun! We couldn't have done this without the parents that gave their morning to help: Dan Cunningham, Adam and Sarah Buchwald, Don Slis, Jordan Silverman, Marni Slavik, Kate Lestutis, Brandi and Brian Littlefield, Hollie Foley, Nancy Westbrook, Amy Lilly, Irina Tsvetkova, Erin Baker, and co-organizer Rachel Shelley. A big thank you to all!

**FIELD DAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: FRIDAY, 7 JUNE**

Tyler Sessions, EES P.E. teacher, is hosting a Field Day on Friday, June 7 in the athletic field. Students will stay with their classroom teachers as they move through 8-9 stations focusing on teamwork and cooperation. Each station will be about 10-12 minutes.

There will be two sessions; *K-2 will go from 8:30-11 am and 3-5 grades will go from 11:45-2:15 pm. We need a total of 16 volunteers in the morning and 14 in the afternoon (two for each station: obstacle course, ping pong spoon relay, ball activity, soak the sponge relay, parachute, capture the flag, water station, etc.), help set up and clean up.* Please contact Peggy O'Neill: peggyov@burlingtontelecom.net, if you can help during either session!

PARENT SURVEY: SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

Thanks to all of you, and through Safe Routes to School, EES has moved from Bronze Partner up to a Silver Partner School. The Edmunds community has made a commitment to walking and rolling to school, and the PTO has worked to identify safety issues, and conducted biking and walking safety presentations to achieve this new level. Edmunds is close to reaching Gold Status - we are going for it next year!

We need your help to move to Gold Status. Safe Routes to Schools has created a survey for our school to gauge issues/concerns about the walk/ride to school for our children. Please take a few minutes to complete this survey:

<http://www.saferoutesdata.org/surveyformparent.cfm?key=613210>

EES - VERMONT LAKE MONSTER GAME: JULY 8TH

The Vermont Lake Monsters sponsor games where an organization such as Center City Little League or a school such as ours is involved in pregame activities and promoted throughout the game. *Monday, July the 8th at 7 pm will be Edmunds Elementary first-ever game night!* There will be involvement from the students before the game and between innings. *Also, EES singers will sing the National Anthem at the start of the game!* See you at the game!

