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Up Coming Events:**May 6 & 7 - Wizard of Oz Performance EMS - 7 PM****May 11 - EMS Parent Night - EMS Library****May 20 - Mayfair Carnival****May 27 - 5th Grade Step Up Day****May 30th (Memorial Day) - No School****May 31 - VSO Musical Petting Zoo****June 2 - Field Days****June 4 - EES Parent & Staff Night****June 8 - EES 5th Grade Celebration 6-7 PM****June 9 - Last Day of School****From the Principal's Desk**

I know that most have heard the news about the changes that Superintendent Obeng has made throughout the district with administrators. For those who have not heard, I will be the Principal for the Edmunds Campus, encompassing both Edmunds Elementary School and Edmunds Middle School. I will have two Interim Assistant Principals working with me; Katherine Grykien who is currently the Interim Assistant Principal at EMS, and Thom Fleury, formerly the Principal at C.P. Smith.

Parents, students and faculty will not see any change in the delivery of education next year. Both schools will operate as they currently do, as separate schools. There are exciting things happening on both campuses and a real commitment to our students. The faculty will have time to work together over the course of the year to learn more about what is happening in both schools, how we may be able to better align what we do to improve learning, what opportunities for collaboration may exist, and how resources might be better utilized to enhance the experiences of all students.

On a personal level, I am excited about the opportunity this change presents. We have families that already recognize this as a campus, enrolling their children at EES because their older siblings are at EMS. A unified leadership team facilitates considering Edmunds as a campus, as there will be greater understanding of the strengths and needs between the two schools. It opens doors to new thinking about how our students can have authentic experiences between the two schools, as each school retains its distinct role. For example, we have seen the impact of older students influence on younger students. Older students grow in confidence when taking on leadership roles with younger students. How can we capitalize on that knowledge to the benefit of both groups?

I know that there are many unanswered questions about the changes. Having just learned this myself on Monday, I don't have all the answers. What I do have is confidence that we will continue to serve all students well. Change can be difficult, but change can also mean growth. If you think about it, our students demonstrate remarkable resilience in adapting to the changes they experience every year as they encounter new classrooms, new teachers, and new schools. Just as they grow with their experiences, I expect

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that the capacity and experiences at both schools will grow and improve with these changes. I hope that I can count on your support.

ATTENTION RISING 6TH GRADERS!

The Burlington-Winooski Middle School Summer Program will begin on June 20 and run through July 22. Join other 6th-9th graders in fun and exciting activities such as sports, theater, arts, science and technology, and outdoor adventures! The program is FREE to students! Information and registration forms can be found on the BSD website under "Afterschool/Summer Programs". Questions? Contact Director Rebecca Reese: [\(802\) 316-1454](tel:8023161454), rreese@bsdvt.org

EMS 5TH GRADE PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Join us and meet teachers, administrators, counselors, and other parents. Get answers to your questions about 6th Grade. **Wednesday, May 11, 2016 6:00PM - 7:00PM - EMS Library**

EES 5TH GRADE CELEBRATION

Please send in a photo of your 5th grader to Mr. Styles or email to peggyov5@gmail.com. Join us Wednesday June 8th 6-7 PM in the EES cafeteria for a wonderful celebration of learning.

PTO LEADERS: Marni Slavik, Hollie Foley & Clare Wool

PTO CONTACT: pto@eespto.org

MAYFAIR SILENT AUCTION IS LIVE STARTING FRIDAY MAY 6

Win ski tickets to Mad River Glenn, four brand new Nokia tires, a hair cut at O'M Salon, or a gift certificate to your favorite restaurant, all while supporting Edmunds Elementary School. There are many amazing items at the Mayfair Silent Auction, online at www.32auctions.com/EESMayfair2016. There are more than 60 items, with more added every day, including things from the Montshire Museum, Boloco, Queen City Bikram Yoga, Pete's Greens, Ben and Jerry's and many others. *Bidding will begin on May 6th at 8:00 am, and the auction ends on May 19 at 6 p.m.* Remember - the silent auction is only online. There will be no chance to bid at the Mayfair event. So sign up to bid soon, and bid generously! All the proceeds go to directly to support our kids. And spread the word about the auction with friends, family and co-workers. Anyone can bid. Pick up your winnings at Mayfair on May 20 or we can schedule another pick up at a later date.

SAVE THE DATE: EES PARENT AND STAFF NIGHT SATURDAY JUNE 4

You won't want to miss it, so put it on the calendar and line up your babysitters! Event will take at Champlain College and will have food and music. Advance tickets will go on sale soon. Keep an eye out for the invitation.

PTO LEADERSHIP TRANSITION

The current PTO leaders, Marni Slavik, Hollie Foley, and Clare Wool, will be stepping down at the end of this school year and are looking to help transition new leaders. If you are interested in learning more about the roles of PTO leadership, please contact Marni at pto@eespto.org.

VOLUNTEERS/SUPPLIES NEEDED TO HELP ART TEACHER

Please send in any empty paper towel tubes to the art teacher. Help is needed to take down the grades 3-5 Art Night projects from the hallways of the first floor. Also, in May help will be needed to collate and bind the new Kindergarten Art books. Each child will receive their artwork back at the end of the year bound into a keepsake collection of projects laid out chronologically. It is a big undertaking, and however much time you have to offer is welcome! No prior experience is needed, Mrs. Elliott will show you what to do! Please contact Joanna Elliott (jelliott@bsdvt.org).

WIZARD OF OZI! PERFORMANCES BY EMS AND VERY MERRY THEATER

Performances are Friday, May 6, at 7 p.m., and Saturday, May 7, at 7:00 p.m., on the EMS Stage.