

# FRIDAY



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## From the Principal's Desk

Edmunds Elementary is gearing up for some exciting construction this summer. The changes are due to federal and state regulations, and long overdue maintenance. The changes present many opportunities for us as a school community and will help us address issues and improve service delivery to students that we have sought over the years.

Edmunds Elementary will be getting an elevator. This is very exciting as our school will finally be accessible. The elevator will make our school safer - for students, faculty, custodial and food service staff. Those on crutches or recovering from an injury will be able to safely access each floor. Our custodial staff will be able to move heavy furniture and equipment without risk of injury. The food service personnel will not have to lug heavy bins of food up the many flights of stairs to bring the snacks to the classrooms on all three floors. A welcome surprise is the addition of additional storage space created by the elevator. The faculty has sought storage space for curriculum materials for years.

I know that everyone will be delighted to learn that all restrooms are going to be renovated, especially the restroom on the first floor. A second restroom will be constructed on the first floor, providing separation between genders, with a boy's room and a girl's room. The balance of the restrooms, including the staff restrooms will be updated.

We will be gaining the space currently used by the Middle School for our first grade. A double classroom will be converted to two elementary classrooms. Our first grade classrooms will join the kindergarten on the first floor.

The two additional classrooms provides us with significant relief in terms of much needed space. Our English Language Learners (ELL) population has grown, increasing the need for space and the ELL teachers will now have a classroom on the second floor, central to the entire school. The third floor will have classrooms for small group instruction and a math coach.

We will gain a conference room in the office on the second floor. The faculty is frequently looking for space for meetings and this will be a great help.

The additional space is allowing the reorganization of classrooms. Kindergarten and First Grade will be on the first floor, 2nd and 3rd grade on the second floor and 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade on the third floor. We will no longer have the 3/4 classes because of scheduling constraints. Ten classrooms are slated to change. Teachers will need to be out of the building by 5 pm on Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. The tight time frame means we will need help. We will be working with the PTO to coordinate volunteers willing to help out on the 15<sup>th</sup> or the last week of school. This is a big project, but in the end, it will be well worth it!

## Up Coming Events

- May 12-14 NECAP testing
- May 13 Kindergarten Get Acquainted Day
- May 15 Mayfair
- May 21 VSO Petting Zoo
- Jun 5 Field Day
- Jun 10 EES Chorus performs at Jazz Fest 2pm
- Jun 11 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Appreciation 6:30pm
- Jun 12 Last Day of School 11:30am dismissal (bag lunch)

**Whole School Assembly  
Wednesday, May 13  
Thank you to the Crossing Guards!**

## MAYFAIR IS FRIDAY - MAY 15

We hope that all are planning to join us for Mayfair on Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>! It's a great time that all our students look forward to. Parents have a good time too - whether volunteering for a short shift, visiting with friends, new and old, and joining in the fun.

There will be an all community game at 6:30! Be sure to be here and join in. You are all needed!

## KINDERGARTEN GET ACQUAINTED DAY MAY 13

If you have a child entering kindergarten, please plan to attend one of the three sessions. Contact Monica Gragg at 864-1791 to sign up.

## REGISTRATION FOR BURLINGTON KIDS

Burlington Kids is accepting registration for 2015-2016 school year! Registration packets and financial support paperwork can be found in the information rack on the 2nd floor, near the main office. Contact Priscilla with any questions, [praba@bsdvt.org](mailto:praba@bsdvt.org), [802\) 316-0195](tel:8023160195). Sign up today!

## From the PTO

### MAYFAIR AUCTION IS LIVE!

Visit the 2015 Mayfair Silent Auction at:  
[www.32auctions.com/eesmayfair2015](http://www.32auctions.com/eesmayfair2015).

The Mayfair Silent Auction has just added new items! Find new gift certificates to local boutiques, bars, massage, sewing classes and more. This is a great way to donate to our school, support local businesses and receive something in return. There are still amazing deals on ski passes, salons and more, and there is something for everyone. All bidding must end by May 14 at 8:00 pm. Go to <http://www.32auctions.com/eesmayfair2015> and bid generously! Items can be picked up at Mayfair on May 15th or we can make other arrangements if necessary. Please contact Stacey Kelleher at [staceyhk1568@yahoo.com](mailto:staceyhk1568@yahoo.com) with questions.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MAYFAIR FRIDAY MAY 15 FROM 4-7 PM

Come one, Come all! Mayfair is almost here! Please join us for our annual fundraising event next Friday, May 15th from 4pm-7pm on the EES Field. We need lots of volunteers and help to put on such an amazing event. Please consider donating your time and food items found here: [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0844ADAA2AA02-mayfair](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0844ADAA2AA02-mayfair)

### THANK YOU: GREEN UP VOLUNTEERS!

Thank you for coming out last Friday afternoon to help Green Up our school grounds! With all of us working together, we filled over 20 leaf bags and 5 large trash bags. Lots of flowers were planted, along with two more blue berry bushes and two forsythia bushes.



### WEEKS OF MAY 4 - 15: "WAY TO GO CHALLENGE"

#### WALK & ROLL TO SCHOOL

Get Ready to Walk-n-Roll in the state-wide Way to Go! Challenge. Let's cut our carbon and have fun getting to school on our own muscle power - walk, bike, scooter, skateboard, etc. If your parents have to drive you, have them drop you off a couple of blocks from school and walk the rest of the way - every little bit counts! **OR** Join an adult leader for laps around the EES field to earn your walk n roll points! We'll be competing with schools across the state for the coveted Carbon Cup Award. Let's bring it to Edmunds! Students and staff will track their modes of transportation to and from school each day during the challenge. Our coordinator will enter our data and we can track our progress. Questions, please contact Peggy: [peggyov5@gmail.com](mailto:peggyov5@gmail.com) or Rachel: [rachskye@gmail.com](mailto:rachskye@gmail.com). For those parents and caregivers who carpool, walk or bike, *please join the Edmunds Elementary team*: <https://www.waytogovt.org/Users/Account/Register> *Once you register it will direct you to a page where you can "join a team". Choose: school: Edmunds Elementary.* Then follow the directions on adding your miles during the Way to Go Challenge from 4 - 15 May.

### VSO MUSICAL PETTING ZOO

#### THURSDAY, MAY 21

#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Attention music lovers- we need your help!**

The musical petting zoo is a hands-on experience for kids in kindergarten and first grade to learn about the instruments that are part of an orchestra and get a chance to try to play them.

We need parent volunteers to help hold the instruments and sanitize them between students. You don't need any musical background to volunteer. The schedule is as follows:

8:20-9:10 Weidman/Paige  
9:20-10:10 Quinn/Nutting-Goldsmith  
10:20-11:00 Ziegfinger/O'Brien

We need 8 volunteers for each workshop. You can volunteer for just your child's class at the above time slot. Or if possible, it is really helpful to have volunteers who are able to stay for more than one.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Kimberly Price at [mrskimberlyprice@gmail.com](mailto:mrskimberlyprice@gmail.com) with your child's name and class, and what time slot(s) you are available to help. This is a great opportunity for grandparents as well. Thank you!

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