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From the Principal's Desk

Vermont Elementary PE Teacher of the Year
Mrs. Tyler Sessions

The Edmunds Elementary School Community want all to join us in congratulating Tyler Sessions, for being recognized as Elementary PE Teacher of the Year by the VT Association for Health, PE, Dance and Recreation. Mrs. Sessions was presented the award on November 9th at an Award Ceremony at the Association's Annual Conference in Stowe.

Mrs. Sessions has been teaching Physical Education for 14 years, and joined the EES faculty last year. Prior to joining EES, Mrs. Sessions taught at Lawrence Barnes Elementary and H.O. Wheeler Elementary. When H.O. Wheeler transformed to a magnet school, Tyler became the Movement Specialist at The Integrated Arts Academy. At IAA, Tyler became very active in the program Words Come Alive, which is affiliated through The Flynn Center for Performing Arts. She gained tremendous knowledge and experience in integrating movement and dance into the classroom curricula. As a member of the Edmunds Elementary faculty, Tyler participates on the PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Systems) Committee, which promotes a positive school climate. Tyler is an active member of The VT Association for Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance, and is on the 2012-13 Vice President Elect Board.

Happy Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday. I enjoy the warmth of home and hearth, the gathering of family and friends, and the traditional meal, filled with those recipes saved solely for that day. I enjoy watching the Macy's Day Parade while preparing the feast. Each year, I consider going to the Big Apple to witness the parade for myself. Then I consider how much warmer and comfortable I am at home. I enjoy the football games too, or perhaps it's the banter of the fans in my living room and the feeling of having loved ones content and relaxed. Late in the day, it's watching all the leftovers come back out for the sandwiches of turkey, stuffing and cranberry sauce. I know that each family celebrates in its own way. Never underestimate the power of your celebrations. They make an indelible mark in your child's memory. And don't be surprised if your children expect the same menu well into their adulthood. After all, tradition is tradition! I hope that all have a lovely Thanksgiving Holiday with your family and friends.

Upcoming Events

- Nov. 16 Report Cards go home
- Nov. 16 Multicultural Night
- Nov. 21 No School - Thanksgiving Break
- Nov. 26 Back from Vacation!
- Nov. 29 PTO Meeting , 5:30 - 7:30
- Dec. 7 Reading to End Racism

Whole School Assembly
Every Wednesday in the Cafeteria at 8:10am

MULTICULTURAL NIGHT: FRIDAY, 16th NOV. 6 - 8

Please join us for our 2012 Multicultural night on Friday, November 16th starting at 6. *Multicultural night is a potluck dinner and party where we get to meet other families, eat food from around the world, share traditions from other cultures, and dance!* You are invited to bring food for all to share (food for about 15 people). You can also host a table where you can share information about your culture with kids. You can share a game, some art, a story, music, or anything else. If you do not want to share food or a table, do not worry. We want you to come and eat and meet other Edmunds families.

Breakfast for Your Brain leaders Morgan Ford and Kaitly Barry with Champlain and UVM volunteers and students



FROM THE PTO

MULTICULTURAL NIGHT: from 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Please join us TONIGHT

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Multicultural night is a potluck dinner and party where we get to meet other families, eat food from around the world, share traditions from other cultures, and dance! Come participate and enjoy!!!

***Learn to dance Salsa with the UVM Salsa Club!!!!

***Wear international clothing!!!

***Bring an international food or drink to share!!!

***Around the world passports and activity booths!!!

If you want to volunteer, please contact Chase Rosenberg (crosenbe@bsdvt.org) or your multilingual liaison if you are planning on bringing food and/or want a table so that we can prepare it for you.

AO GLASS WORKS FUNDRAISE FOR EES

EES parents Rich Arentzen and Tove Ohlander of AO Glass Works in Burlington are offering a holiday fundraiser for EES. Their workshop in the South End Arts District creates handblown glass gifts and functional ware for individuals, non-profits, and corporate business. *For the holidays, they are offering 4 locally handcrafted, and signed items in stamped gift boxes for purchase. See attached flyer. They will donate \$10 from each item to the EES PTO.*

Orders are due: Tuesday, 27 Nov. AO Glass Items Delivered: 10 Dec.

For more information contact Tove Ohlander (info@aoglass.com).

TEACHER WISHLIST FOR MS. MACK, NEW 4TH GRADE TEACHER

As you may know, Edmund's added a new 4th grade classroom this year. Ms. Mack and the families in room 304 have been working hard to gather the resources needed to build a creative and functional space for learning. We are reaching out to the Edmunds community for help. The link posted below will take you directly to a web page showing room 304's current wish list. Many of the items on the list will benefit the students of room 304 for years to come. We will update the list weekly as donations are received and new needs emerge. Feel free to check the online list periodically using the link below. Gently used items are welcome, especially for items such as educational board games for indoor recess. You may drop off your donations in room 304. Contact Nicole Diebold with any questions at dieboldvt@gmail.com. We greatly appreciate your support.
 List URL: <http://www.teacherlists.com/lists/view/edmunds-elementary-school/4/ms.-macks-class/nicole-diebold/room-304-wish-list>

**COMMUNITY DINNER AND DISCUSSION: "How to Talk to Kids About Race"**

Join us for an EES community dinner with soup and bread at on Thursday, 29 Nov. at 5:45 pm in the EES cafeteria. Room Parents will coordinate families bringing supplemental items (salad, drinks and dessert). **Childcare will be provided after the meal.**

Our discussion will be lead by Denise Dunbar of UVM and Reading-to-End-Racism.

5:45 - 6:15 pm Soup and Salads (in the EES cafeteria)

6:15 - 7:30 pm Discussion: "How to Talk to Kids About Race" - Resource Room.

Childcare for EES students in the

Library.

RSVP to Peggy O'Neill (peggyov@burlingtontelecom.net) with the number of adults and children who will be joining us for dinner, so that we have enough food.

READING TO END RACISM: 7 DEC.

On Friday December 7, 2012 Edmunds Elementary School will join in a community initiative called Reading to End Racism supporting the District-wide goal of promoting and valuing diversity in the Burlington Public Schools. This project creates an opportunity for all students to listen to new literature, hear personal stories and join age-appropriate discussions to explore and explain racism. All classes at Edmunds Elementary will participate in this one-day presentation, with book readings, personal stories and discussions on ways students can help end racism.

After the Thanksgiving break, we will be posting more info about the event and a call out for reading volunteers.

EES PTO Facebook Page

Did you know that EES PTO is on Facebook? Go to the PTO page at ees.bsdvt.org and "Like" us on the Facebook link to get up to date reminders about PTO events.

