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EDMUNDS
 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Up Coming Events:

Nov. 6 - Daylight Savings Time Ends

Nov. 7 - Scholastic Book Fair Begins

Nov. 11 - Multicultural Night! 6 - 8 pm All Welcome!

Nov. 18 - Report Cards Go Home!

Nov. 21 & 22 - Parent/Teacher Conferences (No school for students)

Nov. 23-25 - Thanksgiving Recess (No school)

From the Principal's Desk

Every school has it's traditions and Edmunds Elementary has some really fun events every year that we look forward to. The Halloween Parade is one such tradition and it was fun to see so many of you joining in the tradition.

Next Friday, November 11, is Multi-Cultural Night and it is one of the highlights of the year. The thing that makes this night so much fun is that it is a sharing of many cultures, both from within our country and those that have come to our country. My ancestry is Scotch/Irish/English and Welsh and last year I shared my family tartan (plaid) and Scottish Oat Cakes which might not look great, but melt in your mouth. Branches of my family have lived in the country since before it was a country. I have a book from my family to share that includes an account of when my great (times 5) grandfather participated in the Boston Tea Party. The book includes a first hand account of the Tea Party. Want to learn how it actually happened? Come next Friday night and I'll share it with you! I will tell you now that it was not how Hollywood portrays it and it was far more deliberate and organized.

What are the special things that have been part of your family traditions? Has your family lived in Burlington for generations? What are your traditions? We have many French Canadians here in Burlington and much that can be shared from our neighbors up north. Perhaps your family migrated from down south or from out west. Or across the oceans. The sharing can come in many forms. We've shared music, art, dance, clothing and food from all over the world, and that includes favorites from the U.S., like PBJ, Macaroni and Cheese, and it's right alongside dishes from Somalia, Nepal, Egypt and the Phillipines.

Every year we try to find something to learn and share and this year we have some special guests who are expert Swing Dancers. They offered to come and teach us how to Swing Dance, which is a lot of fun. The origins of Swing and Swing Dance are from Jazz which came through Blues and Spirituals all originating from African Americans.

Not sure about sharing? Not to worry! Come and simply experience Multi-Cultural Night. Let the experience inspire you for next year. I've had conversations with families who were coming for the first time and got ideas of what they wanted to share in the following year..

The ability to share, including the ability to learn about each other, and what experiences each of us brings with us to our community is delightful. It makes each of us richer to learn about each other and taking time to talk to each other, to ask questions and to listen to stories, helps us form a richer community. We live in a time when there are many who want to divide us. This is a means to unite us.

Whole School Assembly
Kilburn's Counting Song
Introduce New Student Council
Miss McMorris' Class Presenting

CELL PHONE EXPECTATIONS:

Please review cell phone expectations. No cell phones should be in use while at school. The cell phones should be in backpacks or pockets. Cell phones that are being used will be confiscated and kept in the office until the end of the day. This is consistent with the expectations that are in the student handbook.

CHANGE IN BEFORE SCHOOL ROUTINES:

In an effort to create a more active and safer environment for students in the morning, all children may be on the field or the playground. For safety, running and tag games need to be played on the field. As students play together, all students will be reminded that they are responsible for watching out for each other. The field is large and older children can choose to play farther away from the playground where there will be fewer smaller children. Many of our children are siblings and play together all the time.

PTO Leaders: Leigh Fisher, Hollie Foley & Rachel Shelley

PTO Contact: pto@eespto.org

COMMUNITY FOOD PREP FOR MULTICULTURAL NIGHT:

Multicultural Night is a potluck event, but if you need help cooking, purchasing ingredients or want to prepare food with other families, join Emily Merrill, Peggy and other EES family members to cook together on Friday, 11 November from 12 - 2:30 pm at the VNA Family Room (20 Allen Street). The PTO has generously offered to purchase ingredients for this fun communal cooking event. Contact Peggy peggyov5@gmail.com (999.4995) or Maria Mutar miatar4@yahoo.com with ingredient list, if you want to join the fun cooking, and/or if you need transportation. All are welcome.

MULTICULTURAL NIGHT FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11th 6-8 PM IN THE EES CAFETERIA:

Join us on November 11th from 6-8 pm for the EES MultiCultural Night. We hope to see as many families as possible joining us to celebrate the journeys that we've all taken to arrive in one community.

---The EES Chorus will perform at 6:10 pm

---The UVM Ballroom Dance Team will perform and give us a tutorial on East Coast Swing

Contact us if you have an activity, music, cultural tradition, dance or food you want to share, or are interested in helping with the event. All EES community members are welcome to attend! There is no need to share anything to participate in the evening.

We are coordinating rides; please contact us if you need a ride or can offer one. Peggy O'Neill peggyov5@gmail.com (802.999.4995) or Maria Mutar miatar4@yahoo.com or sign-up through the link below:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1cfDQg5iHArjNliMUFvunysFbcj8A1xJipAXbnGs8r14/edit?usp=sharing>

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IS NEXT WEEK!!

Our annual book fair is once again being held in the Edmunds Middle School Library the week of November 7-11. To make sure our fair is a success we need YOUR help!! We are looking for volunteers to assist us with stocking the bookcases, keeping the displays neat and in order, running the cash register, and helping students with their purchases.

We need volunteers for the following days and times:

- **Tuesday, November 8th: 8:00 am to 3:30 pm (closed from 11:00 - 12:00 for lunch)**
- **Wednesday, November 9th: 8:00 am to 2:00 pm**
- **Friday, November 11: 8:00 am to 2:00 pm**

If you have some time to volunteer (we are asking for an hour or more if possible) please contact EES Librarian Kathy Neil: kneil@bsdvt.org Thank you in advance for your help. More information about the fair itself will be coming home with your children soon. Please be on the lookout for it!

WE NOW HAVE A AMAZON SMILE ACCOUNT:

Starting to think about Holiday shopping or do you love to get your bulk items from Amazon? Do your shopping and help support EES by shopping via your account at smile.amazon.com! Designate **Edmunds Elementary School PTO Inc.** as your charity of choice once - and we will receive .5% of your sale to help fund our field trips, teacher grants and events like Skate Night, Math Night and Multicultural Night!
<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/03-0368400>

EDMUNDS POM POM HATS!!!

Starting Monday look For PTO Leadership selling Edmunds Pom Pom Hats in the Horseshoe during Drop off and Pick up. \$10 a Hat!

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK:

Did you know the EES PTO is on Facebook? We can be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/eespto/?fref=ts>

PTO EMAIL UPDATES:

The PTO sends out weekly email updates. If you would like to be added to the PTO email list, please contact Rachel Shelley at EES PTO (pto@eespto.org).