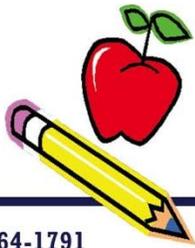
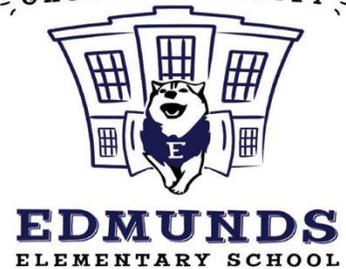


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## From the Principal's Desk

As our children grow up, we do everything we can to protect them. Even before they were born, we tried to do the best we could to insure that they had the best chance to arrive healthy. We'd watch what we ate and drank, we avoided medications that could be harmful, and even took the largest vitamins that resemble horse pills. We make sure that they get their vaccines, and their annual checkups. As they approach school age, we teach them about stranger danger.

As much as we want to make sure that we have done all we can to protect our children, we need to be sure that as they grow older and more able, they learn those things that they can do to help themselves. For example, how many have been taught how to call the fire department, an ambulance or the police by calling 911. Calls to 911 from a landline identify your address for the dispatcher, but cell phones don't. Does your child know their address? They would need to be able to clearly say the street, house number and town. Can your child do that? Does your child know how to use the cell phone, especially if you have a password?

Some might think, "my child is too young - they can't do that" but I would disagree. The vast majority of children should be able to learn these things. If they can sing Happy Birthday or Jingle Bells, or a song on the radio, they can learn their address. It's simply a question of taking the time to teach them and asking them to repeat the information on a regular basis. There have been news stories of children as young as 3 calling 911 for emergencies at home, such as a parent who was knocked out by a fall during a seizure. The parent later described how she had worked with her son to teach him how to call 911 in case of an emergency, practicing repeatedly using a toy phone.

Other information that your children need to know is your first and last name, and a phone number. I know that many families now have two to three phone numbers, so pick one phone number. It should be the one most likely to be answered; probably your cell phone. When you teach them, be sure to include the area code. Don't assume that they will always be in a place where the area code wouldn't be needed.

When a child is lost, and they can't answer any questions about where they live or who their parents are, the panic they experience is justified. Teaching your child these important pieces of information, and practicing how to use them helps to keep your child calmer and gives them a sense of control during a very frightening time. It is the first step in providing them the power to help themselves. The more we can do to insure that they have the ability to help themselves, the more we have done to protect them.

## Up Coming Events

- Oct. 23 Coat (Winter Clothing) Swap Opens
- Oct. 23 Multi-Cultural Night
- Oct. 30 Halloween Parade

**Whole School Assembly**  
**Wednesday, Oct. 28**  
**Ms. Fitzpatrick's Class is presenting!**

## HALLOWEEN PARADE

The annual Halloween Parade will take place Friday, October 30 at 1:45 pm. The students will gather on the athletic field for the start of the parade. This is a time to show their creativity. It's a time for creative fun. Please join us as we walk around the block.

## Outgrown Halloween Costumes?

We collect costumes for students who do not have them for our annual Halloween Parade. For many, the tradition of Halloween is new so being able to select their own costumes from those that are donated is a real treat. If you have some costumes that no longer fit your children, please consider bringing them to the EES office.

## Scholastic Book Fair Volunteers Needed!

The annual Edmunds Elementary School Book Fair will be held this year on **November 2 - 6 in the Edmunds Middle School Library**. In order to have a successful fair, we are looking for adult volunteers to help out during the day. Volunteers will run the cash register, restock the book carts and help students with selections. **Volunteers are needed throughout the day from 7:45 - 3:30 on Monday, Thursday, and Friday of that week.** If you are able to help us out for any amount of time during those days, please contact Kathy Neil, EES Librarian, at [kneil@bsdvt.org](mailto:kneil@bsdvt.org) Thank you!

## Picture Retake Day!

Picture retake day is scheduled for next Tuesday, October 27 at 8:30. If you were absent when the pictures were originally taken, or if you just want the picture taken again, Tuesday is the day!

## **Are you Crafty?**

The positive reinforcement committee would like help making a whole school 100's chart. We are thinking this could be made from old Bridges calendars (we need 4 total that we can tape together to create a 10x10 grid. An email has been sent to teachers to track them down) overlapped and stapled together. Every time a class gets 100 bees they will get a "100 bee golden ticket" to add to the whole school chart. This should be put in the cafeteria. We are hoping that there may be someone in the PTO who would help make a huge bee hive or decorative boarder around the large 100's chart in order to make it attractive and to have it stand out to students. Also if they could help make the "100 bee golden ticket" we would really appreciate it. If someone is willing to do this, they can talk to me, Lindsey Z, or Meghan F for more details. Thanks, Amanda Bonanni

## **PTO News for the Friday Flash**

**PTO Leaders:** Marni Slavik, Hollie Foley, and Clare Wool  
**PTO Contact:** pto@eespto.org

## **DAN'S CHOCOLATES FUNDRAISER**

Please make certain you're children's envelope has been returned!

## **MULTICULTURAL NIGHT FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23 FROM 6-8PM**

Multicultural Night is a fun family night focused on cultural origins to celebrate all families at EES. Families are invited to share music, a song, a dance, or a craft, as well as a traditional (or favorite) dish for the potluck dinner. Location: EES Gym. Contact Melanie Needle ([mneedle@gmail.com](mailto:mneedle@gmail.com) or 578-3509) or Lisa Cannon ([lcannon2010@gmail.com](mailto:lcannon2010@gmail.com) or 377-9260) with questions.

## **EES ANNUAL WINTER COAT SWAP FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23-NOVEMBER 6**

Collecting gently used coats, snow pants and winter boots over the next two weeks; swap ends on November 6<sup>th</sup>. Please hang your coats on the coat racks in the front building lobby anytime between these two dates. We would appreciate any hangers too. Any family that chooses a coat(s), please leave the hangers on the rack. All leftover items will be donated to the Salvation Army on 11/6. A special thank you to Outdoor Gear Exchange for letting us borrow their racks. Questions email Susie Moakley at [smoakley@burlingtontelecom.net](mailto:smoakley@burlingtontelecom.net).

## **PTO MEETING TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10**

More details to come.

## **Burlington School District Community Forums:**

Superintendent Yaw Obeng invites all to attend one of three upcoming Community Forums, to gather information on Burlington School District needs, wants, aspirations and ideas. This information will assist in the development of strategic alignment and also support a multi-year planning process that will guide us to the type of educational system we can all be proud of.

Tuesday, October 27, 6:30PM, Champlain Elementary School  
Wednesday, October 28, 6:30PM, Burlington High School  
Thursday, October 29, 6:30PM, Hunt Middle School  
Please RSVP, with any childcare or translation needs, to [mkalman@bsdvt.org](mailto:mkalman@bsdvt.org) or 864-8474. Visit [www.bsdvt.org](http://www.bsdvt.org) for upcoming details.

## **FROM THE COMMUNITY:**

### **Shared Streets Not Scared Streets**

Join City leaders and hundreds of riders this Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, for a rolling Halloween costume party! The police-escorted parade begins at City Hall Park at 2PM. Bike decorating and other activities begin at 1:30. Join the fun at: [facebook/btvhalloweenride](https://www.facebook.com/btvhalloweenride). Costume contest with great prizes, free stickers and spoke cards! Let us know you are coming:  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/593112297478686/>

The easy 4 mile ride ends at Oakledge Park at the Halloween Howl, a fun and free event for kids! Enjoy hayrides, take a brave adventure on the haunted walk, trick-or-treat, decorate a mini gourd, get your face painted, or get your fortune told! The haunted walk is wheelchair-accessible. Fantastic fall comfort food available for purchase courtesy of Southern Smoke food truck. Let us know you are coming:  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1469843399986519/>

### **Any Carpenters in the House?**

The space behind the elevator on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors will provided us with much needed storage space on both floors. The spaces are wonderful, however they lack shelves. I do not have the budget to pay to build shelves, but I do have enough to purchase the materials, if there were some people with the skills to build the shelves. If anyone is willing and able to consider helping with this, please call Shelley Mathias or Trish Palmer at 802-864-1791.

