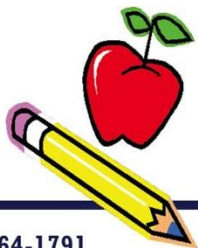


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From the Principal's Desk

"Sorry, wrong number"

"The number you dialed is no longer in service"

"There is no child here by that name and I keep getting called!"

I called 31 homes on Sunday and these are some of the kinds of answers I got on 10 out of the numbers I called.

I will admit that I get a little nuts about the need to be able to reach people by telephone or text. I can tell you from personal experience just how awful it feels when someone you love needed you and you were not there for them. It stays with you forever. My dad had a serious medical emergency and was taken by ambulance to the hospital at 3 on an October Saturday afternoon. He gave the hospital two phone numbers; my sister's and mine. The hospital called my sister immediately and left a message on her answering machine. As it turned out, she was in Syracuse for the weekend. I was home. The hospital called me at 9:00 am Sunday. My father had already been in surgery for 10 hours. I rushed down to Connecticut and was there with him until he passed away on Wednesday. He never regained consciousness.

Dad had been awake and aware until he went into surgery at 11 pm Saturday. I could have been there with him while he waited had they only called me too.

The difference between my experience with my dad and what I experienced on Sunday is that the hospital had the right number. They neglected to call it. In too many instances, we do not have a good number for students and cannot reach a parent or guardian. I would hate to be the parent who was not able to be with their child in an emergency because I didn't take the time to update my contact information with the school.

We STILL Have 150 students whose records have not been updated on the computer system. If you need any assistance to do this, we can help you. I cannot beg any more strongly than this to please, please, please, make sure your contact information is correct.

PLEASE

October 28, 2016

Up Coming Events:

Oct. 30 - Deepavali/Diwali/Tahir (Festival of Lights)

Oct. 31 - Halloween Parade! 1:45 pm

Nov. 6 - Daylight Savings Time Ends

Nov. 7 - Scholastic Book Fair Begins

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

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

Whole School Assembly

November 2, 2016

Helping Our School Community

PTO Dan's Chocolate Update

Miss Palmer's Class Leading

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IS COMING!!

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!

ADOLESCENT BRAIN COGNITIVE DEVELOPMENT STUDY

A research team from the University of Vermont is conducting a study of brain development. You may have spoken with members of this team when they visited our school during our recent Open House. The team is inviting families of students in Grades 3, 4, and 5 to participate in the study. Families will be compensated for their participation in the study. This project has been endorsed by both the Secretary of the Vermont Agency of Education and our Superintendent of Schools.

Informational packets were distributed to families during our Open House. Additional copies may be found on the rack outside the main office.

PTO Leaders: Leigh Fisher, Hollie Foley & Rachel Shelley

PTO Contact: pto@eespto.org

THANK YOU DAN'S CHOCOLATE HELPERS!!

To all the Families who pitched in to Pack and Sort Chocolates! Many hands really does make light work! Chocolate went home Thursday and rewards will be delivered to students next week.

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 following link:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1cfDQg5iHArjNliMU FvunysFbcj8A1xJipAXbnGs8r14/edit?usp=sharing>

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<https://www.facebook.com/eespto/?fref=ts>

