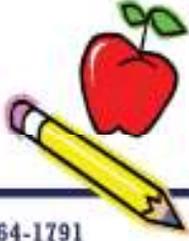


FRIDAY



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## Upcoming Events

- Oct. 9-16 Walk and Roll to school week
- Oct. 14-18 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Oct 17 Early Release---11:30am bag lunches
- Oct 18 No school Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Oct. 23 NECAP testing ends
- Oct. 31 Halloween Parade
- Nov. 8 UVM Women's Hockey game - watching our friends from UVM play Boston College, 7 pm

Whole School Assembly –  
Creativity and Costumes

**PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES****ELECTRONIC SCHEDULING**

Electronic scheduling for our October parent teacher conferences is now available. Please click or go to the following link to access the teachers' conference schedules (if you cannot access the link directly, please cut and paste the link into an Internet browser):

[http://ptcfast.com/schools/Edmunds\\_Elementary\\_School](http://ptcfast.com/schools/Edmunds_Elementary_School) For additional support related to scheduling your October EES conferences via PTC Fast: <http://tinyurl.com/helpforconferences>

**Join our "Walking School Bus"!**

Join us in reducing our carbon footprint! Even if you normally drop your child off in the horse shoe, you can help us win the Way to Go Challenge. We need everyone to hop out of a car and walk. Join our kids and families from around the block and around the globe as we walk and bicycle to school on October 16th. Meet at 444 South Union St (the old Adams School) or at the corner of N. Willard and Brookes Ave. and walk the rest of the way to school. For more information, see the Walk and Roll to School Week article on the back in the PTO section of this Friday Flash.



EES Students Took A Walking School Bus today!

**From the Principal's Desk**

Edmunds is a school with a lot of history and traditions. Of all of them, Halloween is probably one of the best liked as children, staff, principal (wouldn't miss it), and parents don costumes, gather together on the field, and then parade around the block. It is a time when children and adults can be creative and admire each other's imagination and sense of fun.

Halloween has become as much of a commercial holiday as all the others. Shaws was already putting out candy in August. Garment manufacturers have a huge assortment of costumes from which to choose that are relatively affordable. To be sure, there are times when purchasing a costume makes the most sense. There is a great deal to be said though for creating one's own costume.

As a child, my brothers, sister, and I would love putting together our costumes. We'd raid the closets and drawers, the basement, and kitchen, the sewing box, and make up containers, becoming ghouls, scarecrows, robots, princesses, insects, spiders, fairies, elves, pirates, and let's not forget witches! Lots of times we had no idea what we were going to be when we started the search, but we'd figure something out in time to march out to trick or treat. Whether scary, funny or peculiar, we were the product of our own imaginings and the materials came out of our house and yard. I've seen really creative costumes over the years; a tea bag, ketchup bottle, the sole of a hiking boot, taste buds (group costume), sports stars, and many characters from books. Actually, Ms. McMorris' class does a statue museum which demonstrates a great deal of creativity on the part of the students (Jaques Cousteau was one - using a soda bottle as an oxygen tank).

An old sheet, scissors, glue, glitter, cardboard, needle and thread, yarn, construction paper, kites, hay, leaves, paint, - all it takes is some imagination, and your children can make their own costumes. My mother had a box that we could raid to make costumes and play with that grew over time. It had old curtains (the sheer kind make great wedding veils and fairy costumes), worn out flannel shirts, old blazers, and nightgowns. I think it may have been her rag bag - who knows. Another really great (and affordable) source of cool stuff for costumes is Goodwill or the Salvation Army. (Professor McGonegal has done her shopping there for sure).

We have so many sources of entertainment that industry provides. I would ask that you think about when you have seen your children most engaged and happy. Was it when they were consuming someone else's creativity (watching a movie for example) or creating in their own play or make believe? I know my children were happiest when creating their own fun.

**From the PTO****WALK & ROLL TO SCHOOL WEEK CONTINUES THROUGH WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 16th**

Check out the daily participation, which is tallied and tracked on the PTO bulletin board. The classes with the most walk and roll participants will get bike-blended smoothies and a golden shoe for their classroom. There will be one prize for grades K-2 and one for 3-5.

*October 16th: Drop off your kids for a walking school bus! Meet Rachel Shelley at Adams school at 7:40 (Contact Rachel: rachskye@gmail.com, 802.864.4890) OR Meet Peggy at the corner of N. Willard and Brookes Ave at 7:45 (Contact Peggy: peggyov@burlingtontelecom.net, 802.999.4995) OR Meet Marni at the corner of East Ave and Bilodeau Ct at 7:30 (marnislavik@yahoo.com; 802.862.9964).*

**TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK: OCTOBER 14-17**

Show our teachers how much you and your kids appreciate them by making a yummy treat with your kids to bring in for the faculty lounge! Monday-Tuesday: Grades K-2 bring breakfast foods; Wednesday-Thursday: Grades 3-4 bring lunch foods and Grade 5 bring dessert. Contact: Jenny Sullivan ([wonderjennyvt@yahoo.com](mailto:wonderjennyvt@yahoo.com)).

**DAN'S CHOCOLATES DISTRIBUTION HELP: OCTOBER 14-15**

Help compile the bags of chocolates that will be delivered to every student who generously supported our school. Ideally a production line of 6 adults is key to get this done. Monday, October 14th after school 3-6PM (art room production line) or

Tuesday, October 15th 8-10AM: Deliver bags to classrooms to go home with students that day. Please offer your help-- Teamwork gets the job done! Contact: Clare Wool if you can help ([clarewool@mac.com](mailto:clarewool@mac.com))

**ROCKTOBER DANCE: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25 6:00-8:30 PM AT EMS GYM**

DJ and Dancing! Grades K-2: 6:00-7:15pm; grades 3-5: 7:15-8:30 pm. Looking for volunteers to help at the door and with refreshments for either time block. Please contact Marni Slavik ([marnislavik@yahoo.com](mailto:marnislavik@yahoo.com)).

**PTO EMAIL UPDATES**

The PTO sends out weekly email updates. If you would like to be added to the PTO email list, please email the EES PTO ([pto@eespto.org](mailto:pto@eespto.org)).

For more information about PTO events visit: <http://eespto.org/> or <https://www.facebook.com/eespto>.

**SIGN UP FOR EES FAMILY DIRECTORY**

Last chance to fill out the form to be part of the family directory! If you would like to fill out a hard copy form, please contact Monica Gragg in the office. Please fill out the form online. The link can be found at:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1fA1t6OgJyOG02rvnQpd2c5-EP91i52qRKdiIVGK4dtko/viewform>. If you would like to receive the online form via email, please email [pto@eespto.org](mailto:pto@eespto.org).

**From the Community****(not sponsored or sanctioned by Burlington School District)**

Parents & caretakers of young children can always use advice as we navigate new stages. Join us as clinical child psychologist [Dr. Rebecca Ruid](#) discusses some of the day-to-day issues many parents and care-givers face.

We'll talk about: Why children misbehave; how to establish consistency and routine; and encouraging positive behavior. This workshop is FREE, open to the WHOLE COMMUNITY and includes DINNER & CHILDCARE. Monday, October 14 from 5pm-7pm at King Street Center. Contact [gabriella@kingstreetcenter.org](mailto:gabriella@kingstreetcenter.org) to enroll.

**Basketball Players**

The UVM women's basketball team is hosting a FREE clinic on October 12th from 9:30am-12pm, for ages 7-12. It is for both boys and girls, and no previous experience is required! Event is at the Patrick Gym at UVM

**Sustainability Academy's Harvest Fun Run & Walk in the Intervale on Saturday, October 12th, 9am – 1:00pm.**

Please join the Sustainability Academy for the 2nd Annual Harvest Run on October 12 from 9AM-1PM in the Intervale. This is a super family-friendly event – fun for all ages! You can run one of the races, engage in some fun activities, buy food from local vendors and listen to some great music. You can also volunteer! AND– you CAN earn City Market member worker hours by volunteering to help with this event! Pre-and post-event hours are available.

**New additions this year:** Music with Mister Chris & delicious food will be available for sale by 5 local vendors who will give all proceeds to the Sustainability Academy. Let's get the word out and celebrate our community!

Register for the Run/Walk here:

<http://harvestfunrun2013.eventbrite.com/>

Sign up to Volunteer

here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0449A9AD2BA02-volunteer2>