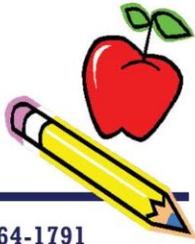


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From the Principal's Desk

When I was very young, there was a day every year when Pratt and Whitney Aircraft allowed all the children of their employees to come to work with their parents. I remember my dad taking me around the plant to see not only where he worked, but what he was working on. My dad was an engineer and he designed jet engines at the time. He took me to where his desk was, to the factory floor where the engines were actually built, the test rooms where they would run the engines and then finally out to where the jets were actually completed.

Going to work with my father helped me as a six year old to better understand the work he did with paper and pencil and how it connected all the way to the creation of a whole jet. I could see the writing, the use of the rulers, protractors and compass in the drawings, and the numbers in the calculations. I didn't know what an equation was - but I knew that they were numbers and that I was learning about numbers at school. I wasn't able to read everything he wrote, but I could read a little because of what I'd already learned as a first grader. He explained how what he wrote gave instructions to other people about how to build the engines.

"Take your child to work day" was not unusual when I was a child. Lots of companies participated in the effort. It was a very good idea. Several hundred years ago, children grew up alongside their parents as they worked. Children were better able to understand how the skills they were learning related to something they would need when as adults. The Industrial Revolution gradually separated parents and their work from children. Today so many of us are in knowledge industries where work is largely intellectual, and requires a great deal of skill in working with others. It has become increasingly difficult for children to connect their learning to the skills and knowledge they will need as adults.

It may not be possible to bring our children to work. It is possible to help them understand more about the skills we use in work and our lives. Whether we talk about it or even show them some of the things we do, we can help them make the link between the skills of reading, writing, math, and thinking critically that they are learning, to what they will need as adults

Upcoming Events:

Oct. 20-Nov 1 Winter Coat Swap

Oct. 24 Multicultural Night - Rock Around the World
6pm-8pm

Oct. 31 Halloween Parade 2:00pm

Nov. 3-7 Book Fair

Whole School Assembly, Halloween Song Fest
Wednesday, Oct 29
8:10 - 8:30

How are you using reading, writing, and math and the information you learned at school? If you're looking up a recipe, you use an index or table of contents to look it up and then you read and measure ingredients. We teach those skills. If you are pricing carpet, you need to measure it and figure out the square footage. If you are budgeting for your next grocery store trip, you are reading, writing lists and calculating. Actively talking about what you are doing, and the skills you are learning helps your children to connect what they are learning here in school to their lives. If you can say, "I remember learning multiplication in 3rd grade. I used it today to figure out how much it would cost to buy four tires for the car", you are connecting learning to the world.

We here at EES can (and do) tell them the same kinds of things every day, but the reality is that they look to you and what you do as their largest influence. You are more important and what you say and do will always have more impact on their understanding and belief in the value of learning.

HALLOWEEN PARADE

The annual Halloween Parade will take place Friday, October 31 at 2:00pm. The students will be on the athletic field for the start of the parade. Please join us as we walk around the block.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The annual Edmunds Elementary School Book Fair will be held this year on November 3 - 7 in the Edmunds Middle School Library. Scholastic will once again be providing the books for our sale.

Book Fair hours are:

Monday November 3rd - Thursday November 6th:

8:00 am - 3:30 pm

Friday November 7th: 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

***** Special Night Hours Thursday Nov. 6th 4:00 to 7:00 pm *****

We encourage parents, friends, and relatives to visit our book fair throughout the week. Funds raised through your purchases help us pay for author visits, videos, equipment, and activities enjoyed by all students. Thank you for your support of the school library!

FROM THE PTO

TONIGHT OCTOBER 24 FROM 6-8PM:

MULTICULTURAL "ROCK AROUND THE WORLD" NIGHT

This year's Multicultural Night is focused on our cultural origins of music and dance to celebrate the diversity at EES. Please join us and bring a traditional or favorite dish to share.

EES ANNUAL WINTER COAT SWAP OCTOBER 20-NOVEMBER 1

Collecting gently used coats, snowpants and winter boots. Rack will be set up in the front lobby of the school. Bring donations on hangers if possible, hang on the racks and place boots underneath. Take what you need. You don't need to give to get. Questions email Susie Moakley at smoakley@burlingtontelecom.net.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BOOK FAIR NOV 3-7

Time commitment is 1-2 hours. Location: EMS Library. Email Kathy Neil (kneil@bsdvt.org) if you can help.

PTO MEETING NOVEMBER 12

More information to come.

TURKEY TROT (AND ROLL) AND FOOD DRIVE ON NOVEMBER 12

Walk, roll, bus or carpool. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Chittenden County Food Shelf. A box for donations will be in the front entryway. Please contact Rachel (rachskye@gmail.com) or Peggy (peggyov5@gmail.com) with questions.

PTO EMAIL UPDATES

The PTO sends out weekly email updates. If you would like to be added to the PTO email list, please contact Marni Slavik at EES PTO (pto@eespto.org). For more information about PTO events visit: <http://eespto.org/> or <https://www.facebook.com/eespto>

REV TEAMS WITH EES FOR A FOUR WINDS**FUNDRAISER NOVEMBER 2**

Come get a great workout and support Four Winds at Edmunds by participating in the REV Spin-a-thon and raffle on Sunday, November 2nd! Four 45-minute rides will be offered one at 8:00, 9:00, 10:00 & 11:00 at the REV spin at Fitness studio located at 208 Flynn Ave. The cost is \$20 per ride and 100% of the money raised will go to support Four Winds at Edmunds. That's right, REV is donating the space & instructors! No experience is necessary, just wear exercise apparel and shoes, bring a water bottle and be prepared to have fun. We will have food and drinks and also be raffling off some great prizes such as a month's family membership to the Edge, classes at South End Studio and Body Resolutions a Fit Bit and more. Space is limited so email REV at info@revindoor.com to sign-up today! To pay please click the link below and type Four Winds "add special instructions to the seller" link that appears on the review payment page or use the link in the confirmation e-mail from REV. <http://eespto.org/> Questions or want more info? Contact Laura Fetters 802-734-3958 or fettersl68@gmail.com.

RESULTS OF EDMUNDS "WALKS AND ROLLS" TO SCHOOL OCTOBER EVENT

Thank you to all who participated in our Walk and Roll to School week. Every morning, we had over 200 students report that they had either walked or rolled to Edmunds.

That is 60% of our student population! Way to go parents and students.

The winning classrooms are:

By a landslide, Mr. Gillard's 5th grade with 90% of students walking/rolling/carpooling.

Ms Paige's (Ms Spinner) 1st grade with 76% of students walking/rolling/carpooling.

Finally, a special thank you goes out to Sprocket Man who visited us on International Walk and Roll Day, and who will be returning to make some smoothies!

SUPPORT FUND FOR SHELLEY SPINNER

Many people have asked how they can support Shelley Spinner and her family. In response, we have set up a support fund website. From the website: "We have struggled to find a way to show our love, support and dedication to her recovery. Donating to Shelley's fund is just one more way we can do this. Let's all inspire HER to recover, to heal and to beat this! Contributing to this fund will provide Shelley and her family with a bit of financial peace and will allow them to focus on what is most important: Shelley's recovery and family quality time."

If you would like to donate, please go to the link below.

<http://www.youcaring.com/medical-fundraiser/support-fund-for-shelley-spinner/247918>

FROM THE DISTRICT:

The Burlington School District and the Superintendent Search Advisory Committee (SSAC) of the Burlington School Board are convening 3 public forums as part of a collaborative effort to recruit and hire a new Superintendent by the end of the current school year.

The public forums will engage school faculty and citizens in a process known as “position analysis,” whereby community stakeholders come together to look at a set of documents that describe the array of skills needed in a 21st Century school leader, and prioritize what they think are the most important for Burlington’s success.

The first forum was held on Saturday morning, September 27th, at the Sustainability Academy. Approximately 45 people attended the forum.

Upcoming forums include the following: • October 30th, Burlington High School Cafeteria, 3:30-5:30PM (For BSD Faculty and Staff)

• October 30th, Sustainability Academy, 6:30-8:30PM (Open to the public, child care and interpreters for the following languages will be provided: Maay Maay, Somali, French, Nepali, Burmese and Karen)

• October 30th, J.J. Flynn Elementary School, 6:30-8:30PM (Open to the public, child care and interpreters for the following languages will be provided: Maay Maay, Somali, French, Nepali, Burmese and Karen)

Feedback from all of the forums will be incorporated into the final job description that will be given to the School Board. A survey has also been created to gather community input about the qualities desired in the new Superintendent. The Board welcomes your input. The link to the online survey is:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/8NMRW9Z>.

FROM THE COMMUNITY:

The Smarter Schools has two goals - find those school board candidates we so desperately need as all 12 school board seats are up for election on Town Meeting Day and to go to school board and committee meetings and use social media to keep the community informed, especially about the 'level services' budget. Contact Kathy Chasan (kathychasan53@gmail.com) if you would like to learn more.