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From the Principal's Desk

Halloween Tradition at EES

Edmunds Elementary School has a long tradition of enjoying the whimsy and fun of Halloween. Make believe, or pretend is about as natural to children as you can get and imagining themselves as a real or imaginary heroes, or characters from books is a great way for students to be imaginative and creative. While I know that many already have costumes, we spent a little time at our Whole School Assembly looking at possible costumes that can be created from things around the house. A short amount of time looking in the backs of closets, drawers, attics and basements can yield a treasure trove of great costume materials.

This year we are lucky to have Halloween fall on a Wednesday which means that for the second year in a row, we will begin the day with a Whole School Assembly. Mrs. Norland will be leading the students in Halloween songs that they have been enjoying this month. The afternoon culminates with a costume parade, where the entire school parades outside, going up Main St. to S. Willard Street, past Champlain College to Maple St., down to South Union St., turning back on Main Street and ending back on the EES campus - a complete walk around the block. The children delight many with their colorful attire, whether passing motorists or students from Champlain and UVM. Parents are very welcome to join the parade, with or without costumes. We begin gathering on the field at 1:45 and will begin our parade after everyone has had an opportunity to see each other's costumes or a little before 2:00.

We want to insure that all students who want them, have costumes to wear. This is done with the help of our families who bring in costumes to share with our students who are new to this tradition or for whom accessing a costume is difficult. Please bring costumes to Misa Lindberg in room B109. We know that the generosity that has been shown in the past will continue again this year.

Upcoming Events

Oct. 26	Roctober Dance
Oct. 31	Halloween Parade
Nov. 6	Early Release - 11:30
Nov. 6	End of Marking Period
Nov. 8	Picture Re-Take Day
Nov. 12	Scholastic Book Fair In Edmunds Middle School Library
Nov. 16	Report Cards go home
Nov. 16	Multicultural Night
Nov. 21	No School - Thanksgiving Break
Nov. 26	Back from Vacation!

**Whole School Assembly
Halloween Sing-a-long! Come sing with us!**

Our faculty and staff want to thank our parents for the lovely and tasty treats that were brought in during conferences. They were much appreciated!!

Multicultural Night

Please come join us for our 2012 Multicultural night on Friday, November 16th from 6:00 - 8:00 PM. **Multicultural night is a dinner and party where we meet other families from our community, eat and share traditions from around the world, and dance!** You are invited to bring food for all to share. As the foods will introduce the flavor of your culture and traditions, we hope that you can bring enough for about 15 servings. You can also have a table where you can share information about your culture with kids. You can share a game, some art, a story, music, or anything else. If you do not want to share food or a table, do not worry. We want you to come and eat and meet other Edmunds families. Please tell Chase Rosenberg (crosenbe@bsdvt.org) or your multilingual liaison if you are planning on bringing food and/or want a table so that we can prepare it for you. Hope to see you on the 16th!

Answers to some frequently asked questions:

- The EES School Directory will be going home next Friday.
- The awards for Dan's Chocolate sales will be given out at the Whole School Assembly on November 7.

Parent Volunteers for a Student Book Club

Do you like reading? Are you looking for a way to volunteer? The Family School Partnership is looking for parents who would be interested in helping to facilitate a book club for interested students. Volunteers would need to be available at one of the following times each week: Mon., Tues., or Wednesday from 12:00-1:00.

If you would like to work with students in a book group setting and one of these times fits please contact Kathy Neil, our school librarian, for more information.

HALLOWEEN COSTUMES NEEDED FOR STUDENTS

Need to clean out the closet? We are seeking donations of Halloween costumes in good condition. Costumes are needed for boys and girls of all sizes. Please send items to school c/o Misa Lindberg, on the first floor in room B109. Thank you!!!!

EES HALLOWEEN PARADE - WEDNESDAY, 31 OCT AT 1:45 PM

We will hold our Annual EES Halloween Parade on Wednesday, 31 October from 1:45 - 2:15 pm. Weather permitting, we will parade around the block: starting in front of the school and heading up Main Street, along S. Willard Street to Maple, down Maple to S. Union and back up Main St. to Edmunds. Please join us along the route, and to cheer the children. Remember to **send in costumes, but no make up**. Students will change into their costumes at school just before the parade. Please refrain from bringing in Halloween or other candy to school.

Healthy Halloween Celebrations:

Kids will get plenty of candy trick-or-treating. Try to keep the focus on fun at school. Focus on the costumes! Instead of candy, try small toys like temporary tattoos, stickers, small plastic spiders or ghosts, spooky plastic rings or false teeth. Decorate bags for trick-or-treating.

Healthy Party Snacks: Apple Cider, Apples with caramel or yogurt dip, roasted pumpkin seeds, snack cups of canned peaches or mandarin oranges, oranges, cantaloupe, tangerines, mangos or dried peaches, carrots with low-fat ranch dressing. Use Halloween cookie cutters to make sandwiches or fruit look frightfully delicious!

TREATS FOR TEACHERS: THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION

Thank you to all who brought in goodies, treats and lunch items for our teachers during parent-teacher conferences last week! We all appreciate your help.

FROM THE PTOEES R'OCKTOBER FAMILY DANCE: TONIGHT, OCTOBER 26th EMS GYMNASIUM

5:30-6:45PM (Kindergarten, 1st Graders and 2nd Graders)
7-8:30PM (3rd Graders, 4th Graders and 5th Graders)

Free admission. Held in the Middle School Gymnasium. Suggested donation of \$2 per person to defray cost of sound equipment rental. Join the fun! Dance with your child and get down with EES families! The UVM DANCE team will attend both sessions to motivate the kids and help lead us all in some fun dances moves. A parent/guardian over 18yrs old must accompany every student. Everyone will get a wristband. There will be two colors (one for each session).

LOST AND FOUND

We have lots of clothing, boots, shoes lunch boxes and miscellaneous items in our lost and found in the entryway of the first floor. Please be sure to check it out if your child is missing something (and even if you think they are not, you might be surprised at what you find). Any unclaimed items will find a new owner.

PTO LUNCH: MONDAY, 5 NOV. 12:00 - 12:50 PM RESOURCE ROOM

Please join us at the PTO meeting on Monday, 5th November at 12:00 PM in the Library Resource Room. **Bring your own lunch.** **Henri Sparks, Burlington School District's new Director of Equity will talk to parents and teachers about his new role. He'll also hear from all of us about diversity at our school: Childcare for the preschool set will be provided.** For more information about PTO events contact Signe Daly (signe.daly@burlingtontelecom.net) or Peggy O'Neill (peggyov@burlingtontelecom.net) or visit: <http://eespto.org/> or <https://www.facebook.com/eespto>

DPW MEETING UPDATE

Thanks to Ann Kiley and Jesse Beck for sharing EES Main Street safety history and perspectives to the DPW Commission last week. We seem to be making progress on finally getting blinking school zone light on Main Street, a blinking light at the cross walk, and a bump out at the actual cross walk. DPW said that this should be complete by June of 2013, and they will share the designs with EES as it progresses. ***In the meantime, parents should use caution sending unaccompanied children to the crosswalk in front of EES. We also need to remind parents NOT to park on the street directly in front of the horseshoe - it is a no parking zone, and it makes it VERY dangerous for those of us who do use the cross walk to cross safely.***

FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED FOR FOUR WINDS FUNDRAISER: FRIDAY, 2 NOV

On Saturday November 3rd from 8am-4pm, Four Winds will hold its second annual I89 rest stop fundraiser. For one day, we staff a table at the northbound and southbound reststop in Williston on I89 and offer coffee and snacks to the traveling public by donation. All proceeds go to pay the \$3295 annual cost of the Four Winds program. Four Winds is a natural science program that promotes hands-on learning, environmental awareness and curiosity about the natural world. It is run entirely by parent volunteers and available to every classroom at Edmunds. We need YOUR help with donations of homemade baked goods, soup or anything else you think the traveling public might enjoy. ***Donations should be dropped off to the school on Friday, Nov 2.*** If you can pre-wrap items into individual serving sizes, that would be greatly appreciated! We will have volunteers available on the horseshoe out front at drop-off to collect donations, or you can drop it off to the donations table outside the office anytime that day. Don't bake? Cider, hotdog rolls, condiments are also needed, and if you can supply any of these items please contact Carolyn Hanson at carolyn@burlingtontelecom.net or 860-6638. Cash contributions are also welcome. Last year, we were able to raise \$1000 from this event due to the generosity of Edmunds families who donated homemade goods. Please help us to make this year's event just as successful! If you would like to volunteer to help staff our table at the rest stop, please visit www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E084CA8A822A64-rest

NEED A COAT? STOP BY THE EES COAT SWAP

Winter is coming! Have your kids grown out of last year's winter gear? Stop by the EES Coat Swap in the first floor lobby (Main St. entrance). ***Free coats for anyone who needs one.*** Now through 26th Oct.

