

FRIDAY



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October 5, 2012

From the Principal's Desk

Time to smell the leaves...

As a child, fall was always a favorite time of year for me. I loved the smell of the leaves, raking them into large piles to jump into, creating houses with leaves as walls and beds, and the leaf fights with my friends, which ended with all of us having sticks and shredded leaves, our hair and clothes covered with fall confetti. Taking a walk in the fall is always a delight, with the bright colors against the crisp cool blue sky. I loved it when it was time to put on sweaters and plaid. And the abundance of apples led to gathering apples that had fallen from the trees from my friend's orchard to sell to the local cider mill. Of all the things that I remember as a child, the calm of a Sunday afternoon, rain or shine, and the peace of time with nothing to do, was absolutely blissful. A rainy day was no problem because there was always a football game to enjoy with dad, and a sunny day gave us time to play in the woods and fields.

Time is something that we have a tendency to fill and often times, it feels like it is stretched to the max with one thing on our schedule after the next. I remember when stores were not allowed to be open on Sunday, and there are times when I think it is sad that we don't have times when nothing is open so that everyone has some time to simply enjoy simple pleasures of smelling the leaves and taking a quiet walk.

I think that the amount of rushing around we all do leads many children to think more about what is next, than simply enjoying what they are doing in that instant. Being able to enjoy the minute we are in, and making it possible to slow things down a little and just lie in a pile of leaves, looking at cloud formations, sharing what we see with friends as we day dream is precious time spent. It is rejuvenating. As most of us are very busy, it stands to reason that there is more learning about constantly moving than there is how to sit and mindfully relax. By that I mean, simply enjoy the minute we are in consciously, with same way we enjoy the first delicious lick of a Ben and Jerry's ice cream cone.

Perhaps we need to block time in our calendars to smell the leaves, to take the walks through the leaves, or make a simple picnic so our children see us relaxing and enjoying the minute. Life is too short to spend it rushing around. Taking time to be in the moment with our families is the sweetest time we can have.

Upcoming Events

- Oct. 5 EES Family Skate Night 5:30 - 7:30
- Oct. 9-11 New England Common Assessments (NECAP)
- 15-17 NECAP make-up
- Oct. 8-26 Coat Swap
- Oct. 15-18 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Oct. 17 Early Release (11:30) for Conferences
- Oct. 18 No School - Conferences
- Oct. 19 No School
- Oct. 26 Roctober Dance
- Oct. 31 Halloween Parade

Whole School Assembly
Quinn's Kindergarten EES Expectations Video
A little Spanish to bright up your day!

Parent/Teacher Conference Scheduling

Electronic scheduling for our October parent/teacher conferences is now available. Please click on 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. If you need assistance, please contact Mrs. Monica Gragg at 864-1791.

http://ptcfast.com/schools/Edmunds_Elementary_School If needed, please see the web documentation related to scheduling your October EES conferences at PTC

Fast: <http://tinyurl.com/helpforconferences>

See page 3 to sign up for electronic Friday Flash!!

Join the EES Community and the UVM Women's Hockey Team at Skate Night Tonight

Come ice-skating with Edmunds Elementary, at the annual fall Skate Night, Fri., October 5th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. **There will be free pizza, drinks and skate rentals.** We are excited to share that our friends, the UVM Women's Hockey Team will be joining us from 6:30 to 7:30 at the annual Edmunds Elementary School Skate Night at Leddy Park, sponsored by the EES PTO. If you are able, please bring a beverage or fruit to share. Location is Leddy Arena, 216 Leddy Park Rd. The North Ave Bus travels to the Ethan Allen Shopping Center, which is next to Leddy (<http://www.cctanide.org/bus-information/routes-schedules.htm/>) UVM coach, Jim Plumer is bringing 300 tickets to give to the EES children for the game against Penn State at 2:00 on Saturday, Oct 6th!

Food donations needed for Four Winds fundraiser

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**. We would appreciate items pre-wrapped into individual serving sizes. 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!

FROM THE PTO**COAT, SNOW PANT AND WINTER BOOT SWAP: 8-26 OCT**

Edmunds Elementary School is sponsoring a coat, snow pant and boot swap for students K through 5th grade (other sizes welcome). Clean, gently-used coats, snow pants and winter boots will be collected at Edmunds from

From Monday, October 15th through Friday October 26th, Edmunds families may select coats, snow pants or boots from the rack and bins located in the first floor lobby.

Donations can be left in the boxes located in the first floor lobby. You do not have to donate a coat in order to choose one. If you have any questions, please contact the school counselor, Melissa Hathaway mhathawa@bsdvt.org or 802-540-0137 or EES school parent, Leslie Halperin at leslie.halperin@gmail.com or at 802-238-3675. Any leftover coats, along with anything left in the "Lost and Found" bin will find a new owner.

PTO FALL FUNDRAISER: DAN'S CHOCOLATES

Please help support our school by selling Dan's Chocolates! Dan Cunningham is the father of THREE students and Edmunds Elementary. The Cunningham family has been VERY generous by giving our school the opportunity to make a large profit from the chocolate that is sold. We make more than half our PTO budget from this fundraiser! **The money we raise pays for: School Activities such as our Welcome BBQ, Skate Night, Math Night, MayFair, Field Trips, Classroom Supplies, Art Class Trips, Author Visits + More.**

Orders are Due Back: Tuesday, Oct. 16th. Chocolate Delivered: Monday, Oct. 29th. For more information contact Clare Wool, PTO Treasurer (802.657.3211).

EES ROCKTOBER DANCE: FRIDAY, 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. Suggested donation of \$2 per person to defray cost of sound equipment rental. Dance will be held in the Middle School Gymnasium.

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. If you have a child in both sessions you can stay the whole time or allow for a bit of overlap between the two. A parent/guardian over 18yrs old must accompany every student. Everyone will get a wristband. There will be two colors (one for each session).

SEND IN YOUR BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Edmunds is participating in General Mills' "Box Tops for Education" program again this year. **Please clip the "Box Top" logo from participating products and send in to school with your child.** There is a collection bin outside of the main office.

Each box top is worth 10 cents and earnings grow quickly when many families participate. The tops are submitted twice per year (October and April) and a check is mailed directly to the school. Since 1996, over \$475M has been distributed nationwide. For additional ways to earn money for Edmunds, coupons, and general information, please see the web site: <http://www.boxtops4education.com> Any questions please call or e-mail Cliff Morgan (cmorgan@us.ibm.com)

PRICE CHOPPER TOOLS FOR SCHOOLS: HELP EDMUNDS FREE EQUIPMENT!

Sign up with your AdvantEdge Card to support Edmunds Elementary. The EES School Code is: 15169. Enrollment for the 2012-2013 school year is underway! Just complete the form online (<http://www.pricechopper.com/savings/tools-for-schools>); and from July 29, 2012 through March 30, 2013, every dollar you spend at Price Chopper will earn your school points toward new equipment. You'll earn Tools for Schools points at ALL Price Chopper stores in six states.

Or email Peggy (info@eespto.org) with your name, email, and AdvantEdge Number she will enroll you on-line. Your registration is carried forward year-to-year, but to make sure you're still registered.

EVENT NOTICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

SUSTAINABILITY ACADEMY HARVEST RUN: THE INTERVALE ON 14 OCT. AT 9 AM

Join fellow Burlington families on Sunday, October 14th in the Intervale at 9 am for the First Annual Harvest Fun Run/Walk for Sustainability as part of City Market's Eat Local Week 2012. The event is sponsored by the Sustainability Academy and City Market. There will be a 1K Kids Race and a 5K Walk/Run. The Walk/Run will begin at the Intervale Community Farm, travel along Intervale Road and farm fields, and finish at the Intervale Center. After the race, visit with the local food vendors and take part in family activities! **Pre-Register by Monday, October 8 to secure yourself a t-shirt at: <http://www.eatlocalvt.com/harvestfunrun>** For more information, contact Sustainability Academy PTO: <http://sa-pto.com/>

Conversation On Race Now (CORN)

October 11th, 7:15-9:00pm
at Ohavi Zedek Synagogue

Conversation On Race Now (CORN) Invites you to an evening of conversation: Listen to the Voices of Youth (In a restorative circle)

Facilitated by: Dr. Stacey Miller
Managing partner @ CIE, LLC, The Consortium for Inclusion and Equity

Students from area high schools/colleges will engage in facilitated dialogue addressing their experiences in relationship to race in their lives and our community

ECHO EXHIBIT OPENING DAY - RACE: ARE WE SO DIFFERENT? 6 OCT

Saturday, October 6, 2012, from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. \$2 admission all day.

Community Conversation Series -*Let's Talk About Race!*
The exhibit will be open to the public for the first time at 10 a.m. with films, performances and workshops related to race and identity in Vermont. For more information visit: <http://www.echovermont.org/events/viewevent.html?event=564> or call 877.324-6386

SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY

- 11:00 Workshop: Reading to End Racism with Denise Dunbar
- 12:30 Spoken word musical collaboration: Rajnii Eddins (local poet and hip hop artist)
- 2:00 Panel Discussion: Let's Talk About Race! moderated by Dr. Emily Bernard
- 4:00 Movie Short: Who Sits Where and Why? (a local student documentary about segregation in the cafeteria.)

ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY FRIDAY FLASH

If you would like to help us reduce paper waste, and reduce the amount of recycling needed in your home, and you have the ability to receive the Friday Flash through email, we will be happy to send it to you that way. Any other materials that would be sent home would continue to be sent home on hard copy. We do post the Friday Flash on line as well. **If you would prefer an electronic copy, please indicate below and return to school:**

I prefer my copy via email I prefer to go to the Web Site (ees.bsdt.org)

Parent Names: _____

Email Address: _____

Students: _____ Teacher _____
 _____ Teacher _____
 _____ Teacher _____