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From the Principal's Desk

Sometimes, the relationship between different things that we are observing are related to each other in interesting ways that make each more memorable. We are coming up on a two week span when we will be observing several things; the 90th Anniversary of the opening of the Edmunds Junior High School which is now Edmunds Elementary School, Indigenous Peoples Day and the "Way to Go Challenge".

On Monday, the "Way to Go Commuter Challenge" begins. It aims to get Vermonters to reduce carbon pollution by walking, carpooling, using public transportation and/or riding bikes, scooters or skate boards to school or work. This activity ties nicely to both the 90th anniversary of the opening of Edmunds and Indigenous People's day. Ninety years ago, and for many years after, students who attended Edmunds walked to school or road bikes. They even walked home for lunch! The Way to Go Challenge is a way to help students think about what it would have been like for students who first entered Edmunds 90 years ago. Coincidentally, some of our students are studying "then and now - what things were like between now and 100 years ago". Perhaps some will find that some things are the same!

Indigenous Peoples Day in the United States recognizes the contributions and heritage of the original people of this continent. Originating in the United States, the UN expanded the observation of Indigenous Peoples Day of the World in 1994. Indigenous peoples around the world are recognized as the original stewards of the earth. Whether Native Americans, First Nations Canadians, Tukano people of Brazil, or Yupik of the Arctic or thousands of other indigenous peoples, their ideals seek balance in the natural world, where no species has more than it needs, and all species can survive. Conservation, and the protection of the environment is a critical aspect of indigenous people. Taking time to consider our own impact on the earth is a way to participate in protection of the environment. We can actively reduce our carbon footprint in taking part in the Way to go Challenge.

This year's Way To Go Challenge offers EES the chance to reduce our carbon footprint even more. The Challenge part asks schools to count the number of participants on a daily basis and the school with the highest percentage of participants over the two week challenge will win an AllEarth Solar Tracker which uses GPS to follow the sun throughout the day. It has the capacity to generate an estimated \$85,000 worth of electricity in one year and provides us with the ability to use it every year to study solar energy in an authentic way. To see the AllEarth Solar Tracker in action, go to <https://www.allearthrenewables.com/product/all-earth-solar-products>

September 23, 2016

Up Coming Events:

Sept. 28 - EES Celebrates 90th Birthday

Sept. 28 - Way to go Challenge!

Sept. 29 - Open House 5:30-7:00

Oct. 1 - Navratri Begins

Oct. 2 - Dashain Begins

Oct. 2 - Hijri (Islamic New Year)

Oct. 2 - Picture Retake Day

Oct. 12 - Yom Kippur - (NO SCHOOL)

Whole School Assembly

September 28, 2016

EES 90th Birthday

Mr. Houchen's Class Presenting

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With the help of our PTO, we will be logging the number of students, faculty and staff who walk and roll to school for the next two weeks. So many of our students and families regularly walk, ride, take the bus or carpool every single day. I think that if we all chip in on this effort, we could help our environment for much longer by winning the Solar Tracker! The Way to Go Challenge runs from Sept. 26 to Oct. 7. Let's all make a conscious effort to reduce our own carbon footprint and become better stewards of the earth.

SIGN UP FOR INFOSNAP AT OPEN HOUSE!

Our Computer Lab will be open to parents who have not submitted their children's information or have not opened their InfoSnap account yet. **ALL FAMILIES MUST COMPLETE THIS REQUIRED INFORMATION;** when opening InfoSnap, select "Returning Student Submission" on the opening page. We will have people in the Computer Lab there to assist you from 5-7:00.

EARLY DISMISSAL:

School is dismissed at 2:50 p.m. every school day, except Wednesdays, when it is 1:50 p.m. Occasionally, parents/guardians need to arrive at school early to pick up their children for doctor appointments or other reasons. However, we have observed that some parents/guardians have routinely asked us to dismiss their children a few minutes early in order to avoid the rush of dismissal time. Whenever a student is dismissed early, the office contacts her/his classroom in order to have her/him notified of this. In so doing, the attention of a whole classroom of students is distracted from their learning and other end-of-day activities. Please limit requests to dismiss your children early to appointments as stated above. If early dismissals are done repeatedly, we will have to add the missed time to truancy minutes.

ASSEMBLIES:

We hold assemblies of our whole school community every Wednesday morning from 8:10-8:30 a.m. Usually, we begin with a song and end with a video presentation, and in between we include content related to a specific and timely theme. If you have an idea for an assembly--or would even like to be a part of leading one--please let us know. We'd love to work on this with you!

PTO LEADERS: Leigh Fisher, Hollie Follie & Rachel Shelley

PTO CONTACT: pto@eespto.org

OPEN HOUSE AND FREE SPAGHETTI DINNER

Join us on Thursday, September 29th, and hear from your kid's teachers, learn more about the coming year, meet other families in our EES community and enjoy a free spaghetti dinner! Dinner will be served in the cafeteria from 5:30-6:00, and afterwards, all classrooms will be open until 7:00.

FOUR WINDS REST STOP FUNDRAISER 9/24

Please let family and friends know to stop by I89 rest stop Northbound or Southbound on Saturday 9/24 to grab some great snacks and support a good cause! Please contact Gail Rose for more information at grosevt@gmail.com.

WAY TO GO CHALLENGE: WALK & ROLL TO SCHOOL - SEPT 26TH-OCT 7TH

Get Ready to Walk-n-Roll in the state-wide Way to Go! Challenge.

- * Let's cut our carbon and have fun getting to school on our own muscle power - walk, bike, scooter, skateboard, etc.
- * If your parents have to drive you, have them drop you off a couple of blocks from school and walk the rest of the way - every little bit counts!
- * We'll be competing with schools across the state for a Solar Tracker valued at \$32,000, permitting and installation included, and save \$85,000 in energy costs
- * Students and staff will track their modes of transportation to and from school each day during the challenge. Our coordinator will enter our data and we can track our progress.
- * Teachers and Staff Please Sign at up <http://waytogovt.org/awards/schools/>
- * Questions, please contact Rachel: rachskye@gmail.com

FROM THE COMMUNITY

BURLINGTON AREA HOCKEY ASSOCIATION (BAHA) OPEN HOUSE: September 24th, 10am-12pm at LEDDY ICE ARENA. Calling all ice hockey girls and boys! Come one, come all to enjoy a free morning of hockey at Leddy Park! Ever wanted to try ice hockey? This is your chance to play for your town's own hockey team. Coaches will be on hand for fun activities on the ice to get you started in learning about the game of ice hockey. Equipment will be on hand to use if you don't have it! Questions? Email Leigh Fisher at leigh.r.fisher@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!