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**EDMUNDS**  
 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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**Date and Volume Number**
**September 9, 2016**
**Up Coming Events:**

- Sept. 11** - Eid-al-Adha Begins
- Sept. 13** - School Picture Day!
- Sept. 14** - Eid-al-Adha Ends
- Sept. 16** - EES BBQ 5:30 - 7:00
- Sept. 28** - EES Celebrates 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday
- Sept. 29** - Open House 5:30 - 7:00

**From the Principal's Desk**

As a parent, one thing I remember about the start of school was the arrival of the packet of forms that I had to fill out. I have four kids so it was a tedious task. I know how frustrating it felt to complete the exact same information for each child. The only thing that was different from form to form was the child's name and birthdate and even that didn't change from year to year. I dreamt of a system that would keep all the family information so that we could just update any changes.

Burlington School District has a new system for registrations that does exactly what I dreamed of as I filled out form after form. **You should have received a letter concerning the new system called "Info Snap". It explained the system and provided you with a password to login.** It gives you the ability to update your students registration information on line and whenever information changes so that we are always able to reach you in case of an emergency. Even if it isn't an emergency, but your child is ill and needs to go home, we need accurate information to contact you. The system also gives you the ability to let us know what the best means to contact you for announcements like snow days. You can let us know if you'd prefer texting, email or a phone call. Pretty cool, right?

**To date, only 92 student's have had their information updated through Info Snap; that means over 230 students we have, need their information updated.** We appreciate those who've been able to successfully complete the process. We really need those of you who have yet to do it, to hop on line and update the information we have on file for you - whether or not anything has changed, we still need it verified. If you had difficulty the first time you tried to log in, try again. The system is up and running well.

If any of you have lost your password, you can get it again by calling or emailing us. Either myself, Trish Palmer or Thom Fleury will be able to help you with that information.

The **application for Free and Reduced Lunch** is being sent home next week under separate cover from the district office. **We get Federal dollars for more than our food program as well as money from Grants for our schools based upon the data we get from these forms.** We ask everyone to fill out regardless of your family's eligibility. If you look at the table and see that you are not eligible for the program, simply fill out your identifying information and write "ineligible" on the form. Everyone else needs to complete the form in order for your children to continue to receive their lunches for free. Please return the forms as soon as possible.

**Whole School Assembly**  
**September 14, 2016**  
**"Be Respectful/Be Responsible"**  
**Ms. Flynn's Class Leading**

**POWER SCHOOL HELP SESSIONS FOR NEW AMERICAN FAMILIES!**

The district office is holding walk-in help sessions on 3 successive Mondays to support families in completing the Returning Student information in PowerSchool. Please note that these events are for the families of RETURNING STUDENTS only. Please consider attending one of these sessions if you haven't completed the information.

**Monday, September 12 - Burlington High School 7-9 PM**

**Monday, September 19 - Sustainability Academy 7-9 PM**

**Monday, September 26 - Hunt Middle School 7-9 PM**

**All sessions will be held in the computer lab at each school**

Multilingual Liaisons and on-call Interpreters will be on hand to help families. Childcare and light refreshments will be provided

**EES 4/5 CHORUS:**

The 4th and 5th grade chorus will meet on Thursdays this year from 2:45-3:30. Parents can register their children [here](#) or by getting a paper registration form from the music room. Our first rehearsal will be **Thursday, September 22.**

**PTO Leaders:** Leigh Fisher, Hollie Foley & Rachel Shelley

**PTO Contact:** [pto@eespto.org](mailto:pto@eespto.org)

### **MORNING DROP OFF HORSESHOE VOLUNTEERS**

**NEEDED:** Become a volunteer for the drop off horseshoe to help other families with morning drop off. Choose one day a week that works for you. Email traffic circle coordinator Dave Jenemann ([david.jenemann@uvm.edu](mailto:david.jenemann@uvm.edu)) if you can help.

### **SEEKING ROOM PARENTS: NO EXPERIENCE**

**NECESSARY:** Being a room parent is a great way to get more connected to your child's classroom community and support his/her education! A room parent's basic responsibility is to assist her/his classroom teacher in promoting family involvement in the classroom and school wide activities, such as teacher appreciation and classroom party planning. Being available during school hours is helpful, but not necessary. We still need room parents for Kilburn, Weidman, Quinn, Fagan, McMorris, Ide, Fitzpatrick, Flaherty/Goldsmith and Houchens. If you are interested in being a room parent or have questions about what a room parent does, contact Hollie Foley ([holliesfoley@yahoo.com](mailto:holliesfoley@yahoo.com) or [802-318-2596](tel:802-318-2596)). Please include your name, classroom teacher, and the best way to contact you.

### **WELCOME BBQ SEPTEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>: 5:30-7PM**

Join us for a BBQ on the field at Edmunds. The event is free and open to all Edmunds families. If you can, please bring a side dish to share (K-2 families bring a side dish, 3-5 bring a dessert). If you have multiple kids at school, you can pick one! If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Westbrook at [nswestbrook@yahoo.com](mailto:nswestbrook@yahoo.com). See you there!

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE UPCOMING BBQ!**

Your help is needed for the Back to School BBQ. Please see link to the sign up genius below:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b4caaaf28a57-your/> If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Westbrook at [nswestbrook@yahoo.com](mailto:nswestbrook@yahoo.com).

### **AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM YOUR MORNING**

**DROP-OFF VOLUNTEERS:** We are lucky to have a lot of amazing resources at Edmunds, but one thing we're not blessed with is an abundance of parking for visitors and for drop-off and pick-up time. We're the group of parent volunteers you see wearing brightly colored vests in the morning if you drop your child off on the horseshoe in front of the school. We're out every morning from now through the winter and into the warming days of spring to help make the morning drop-off go smoothly. We love being out there, seeing your kids, and saying hello to you, and we see ourselves as trying to achieve two primary goals: 1) To keep your child--and all Edmunds children safe and 2) To keep traffic flowing in an orderly fashion.

### ***When you pull into the horseshoe:***

--Please pull up to the parent volunteer (in the brightly colored vest), watching for children in the crosswalk and surrounding area. --Let the volunteer open your doors to let your child out. Please stay in your vehicle. --Once your child is safely out of your vehicle, please exit the horseshoe by taking a right turn onto Main Street.

### ***DO NOT PASS VEHICLES (INCLUDING BUSES) WAITING TO DISCHARGE CHILDREN!***

***If you need to park:*** There are two visitor's parking spot and one handicapped spot on the inside of the horseshoe. DO NOT park in the handicapped spot unless you have an approved license plate or tag. --If the visitor spots are full, you may park for free for 15 minutes on the south side of Main St. There are long-term meters on the north side of Main St.

***If your child is meeting an Education Specialist:*** Please pull all the way over in the fire lane toward the fence out of the flow of traffic. --Wait with your vehicle. Do not enter the school. --Once the Education Specialist has greeted your child, carefully merge into the flow of traffic and exit the horseshoe by turning right onto Main Street.

***Maple St. Entrance:*** It is best to drop students off along Maple St. above the Edmunds Driveway. Entering the driveway can create safety issues for students. The sidewalk has a fence along side to keep students safe. Walkers from the neighborhood use this route on a daily basis and drop offs can as well. Please identify a safe spot for students to wait for you at.

### ***DO NOT PARK YOUR CAR ADJACENT TO THE SOUTH END OF THE SCHOOL. IT CREATES A SAFETY HAZARD.***

If we all follow these simple rules, drop-off should be a smooth and pleasant transition for your child. Thank you for helping us keep your kids safe and sending them off on a positive note.

Many Thanks! *The Horseshoe Team*

### **FOUR WINDS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Consider volunteering for the Four Winds program! Parents/Guardians/Grandparents are needed to help lead fun, interactive workshops for all interested EES classrooms K-5th grade. Four Winds is a hands-on natural science program that promotes children's curiosity about the world just outside their door. It is an extra program funded by our PTO to enhance learning and get parents involved in the process of learning with their children. Every classroom needs at least two parent volunteers in order to participate in the program. NO science background is needed to volunteer, just your own willingness to learn and to help kids explore and interact with the natural world. Volunteers attend instructional (and fun!) workshops led by a trained naturalist on seven Friday mornings throughout the year from 8:30-10am. The first training will be held on September 16 at Mater Christi school (50 Mansfield Ave). Curious to learn more? Check out the Four Winds website, [www.fwni.org](http://www.fwni.org), or contact parent coordinator Carolyn Hanson at [carolynhanson21@gmail.com](mailto:carolynhanson21@gmail.com).

