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EMES Mission Statement

"The purpose of our school is to teach all children to become competent, caring citizens and life-long learners through a challenging and relevant curriculum."





2022-2023 EMES Family Newsletter

Alicia Lyford, Principal

Dear EMES Families -

Phew! It has been a BUSY few weeks since the Thanksgiving break here at EMES! It seems as though nearly every few days we have something special going on around here and the time has flown right by! There's a large photo dump on the following pages for you to check out...a visit from a local author, naming our Snow Plow, two music concerts, and a Harvest Feast. We also had our first all-school picture in the gym last Thursday (photos to come). It was a special moment for all of us, especially those students who haven't been here in the last few years to experience an all-school photo. Later this week, we will enjoy our annual Gifts for Giving extravaganza in the gym and a special performance of Elves and the Shoemaker in our music room. A great big thank you to our U-Arts teachers for making Gifts for Giving happen this year, and to Julie and Rob Brown for bringing the performance to our students!

Our district is in the midst of budget season and with costs rising all around us, this year is a particularly challenging one for the leadership team as we strive to balance being sensitive to the needs of our communities while providing equitable opportunities for our students across our six schools. We will be presenting Draft 2 of the budget to the WCUUSD School Board virtually next Wednesday evening at 6pm.

After the holiday break, our staff will look ahead to the second half of the school year in order to begin planning for what is to come. Opening up our building to the events we all love has been such a gift for all of us this fall and we are eager to start thinking about what will come next...Celebrations of Learning, I Love East Montpelier Days, Talent Shows, etc. In January, I will share with you the next series of events to mark your calendars for!

I want to close by thanking you for your incredible support to our school and our students. Your children bring us such joy each and every day they are with us, and it has been wonderful to see so many of you in our building recently. We are also thankful for your generosity as we have received incredible financial support from you during this holiday season. We were able to support 11 families during Thanksgiving and 12 families for the holidays this year.

Enjoy the rest of your Monday,

Alicia

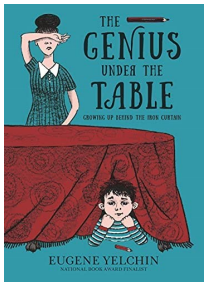
Upcoming Dates to Note:

⇒ Fri, Dec 16: Gifts for Giving in the gym (Tue, Dec 20 snow date)
⇒ Fri, Dec 16: Elves and the Shoemaker performance in the music room
⇒ Wed, Dec 21: All School Celebration 2pm
⇒ Fri, Dec 23—Mon, Dec 2: Holiday break—no school
⇒ Mon and Tue, Jan 16-17: MLK day and Inservice—no school



Upcoming Book Club

5th and 6th Grade Book Club
Tuesday Dec 13th 3:30 to 5 pm
Book: The Genius Under the Table by Eugene Yelchin









EMES named an AOT Snow Plow this year. The EMES Snow Fox came to visit for an all school picture







East Montpelier resident, Linda Urban, visited EMES recently. Fourth-grade students, Dean and Parker, read one of her books, *Mouse Was Mad,* at an all-school assembly and then Linda spent the day visiting classrooms and teaching students about the writing process.







Fifth and sixth grade band and chorus students preformed for families last Tuesday evening at U-32. This was our first district-wide evening performance and it was a hit!



We had a packed house at our K-6 music concert! A big thank-you to Ms. Mishkin for pulling this off just before her baby comes!









About 300 people enjoyed a delicious Harvest Feast last Wednesday afternoon. Thank you, Annie, Jen, and Monique, and our amazing SLT helpers!





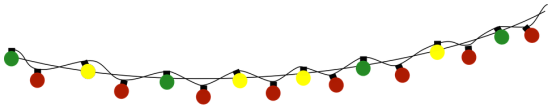








String Lights and Battery Recycling at EMES



EMES Community,

We know that this is the time of year where many of us find strings of holiday lights that aren't working and suddenly have many extra dead household batteries. We would like to help everyone in our community help our Earth and get those items recycled!

If you have holiday lights that aren't working, you can bring them to the EMES Library on school days now until January 18, 2023. You are welcome to drop them off yourself or send them in with your student.

We will also collect household batteries for recycling, but ask that adults bring those to school. Please do NOT send batteries with your EMES student. Although it is a small risk, there is a risk of fire with batteries and we ask that adults bring them to school on school days. We have a special bin in the library for collecting batteries.

You are also welcome to take these items directly to the ARCC (Additional Recycling Collections Center in Barre). There is a small per household fee, but they take so many hard to recycle items. If you bring your holiday lights or batteries to EMES before January 18, there is no fee. We are grateful to the ARCC for helping us recycle so many items from EMES and allowing us to be a collection point for batteries and string lights this season.

Please contact Arlyn if you have any questions
abruccoli@u32.org

Invites you to attend the 7th Grade Transition Information Session on January 23rd from 6:30pm-8pm in the U-32 Auditorium: *Parents/Guardians Only*

This is an evening for 6th grade parents to learn about middle school, sports, student services and the transition to U-32. Tours will be provided. (*Registration packets available for out of district families*)

Come and meet

- Steven Dellinger-Pate, U-32 Principal
- Amy Molina & Jes Wills, Assistant Principals
- Lisa LaPlante, Director of Student Services
- Julia Pritchard, Director of Special Services
- Jake Ploof, Middle Level School Counselor
- Amber Larabee, School Nurse

Mark your calendars for upcoming important dates:

- Feb 1st - U-32 Course Selection survey via email send to students living in district
- Feb 20th - Course Selection survey completion deadline
- *Non district families Only- Register by Feb 24th*
- June 1st - U-32 Director of Student Services visits all elementary schools to brief students about the next day's visit. Students learn their core placement
- June 2nd - Move Up & Unity Day - Grade 6 students will field trip to U-32. At U-32 6th graders will follow their next year schedule, participate in Unity Day activities and lunch will be provided
- July- Summer mailing with TA information
- August TBD - Meet Your TA night

FOOD DRIVE

BRING A DONATION OF CANNED FOOD AND RECEIVE A FREE BAG OF POPCORN FROM THE U32 BOOSTERS

VARSITY BOY'S BASKEBALL
DECEMBER 16th and 19th

VARSITY GIRL'S BASKETBALL
DECEMBER 14th and 22nd



donations to be delivered to the local food shelf

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