

October 27, 2022



Alicia Lyford, Principal

2022-2023 EMES Family Newsletter

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.”



Dear EMES Families -

October seems to have flown right by at EMES. Beginning of year assessments have wrapped up and learning is well underway. Our first marking period ends today and teachers are preparing for upcoming conferences in just two weeks from now. If you haven't heard from your child's classroom teacher to schedule a conference yet, you will hear from them soon. As is our practice in the fall, our U-Arts teachers will be preparing narrative information on what your children have been learning in their classrooms to this point. Our interventionists and special educators are also wrapping up this first instructional period with progress reports, which are sent directly home to families.

I want to remind families about the importance of attendance at school. In recent years, we became more lenient about our truancy practices when students missed school. Like many other areas, we are following our WCUUSD Truancy protocol this year, which means that you will receive a letter in the mail from me if your child has missed 5 or more days in a 4-week period. I have included our truancy protocol in this newsletter, which is also outlined in our Student/Family handbook. It is also important to get your children to school by 9am as community-building and connections happen in the first half-hour of each school day. When students arrive late, they do not have the same opportunities to connect and it can be harder for them to start their day this way.

We are very excited to announce that we will be bringing back Gifts for Giving in mid-December this year. More information (as well as opportunities to donate materials and time!) will be coming soon. I have also shared the Harvest Feast schedule with you so you can begin to plan for this day. Please make sure to mark your calendar for our school music concert on December 2nd at 2:30pm as well!

We are excited to see you at the Monster Mash tomorrow evening! Please remember that this event must be attended by an adult as it is sponsored by the PTNO and not school staff.

Best,
Alicia

Upcoming Dates to Note:

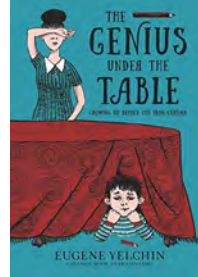
- ⇒ Fri, Oct 28: Monster Mash 6-8p
- ⇒ Wed, Nov 2: WCUUSD Community Forum at U-32 6pm
- ⇒ Fri, Nov 11: Parent/Teacher Conferences—no school
- ⇒ Wed, Nov 16: WCUUSD Board Meeting at U-32 6pm
- ⇒ Tue, Nov 22: PTNO Meeting at EMES 7pm
- ⇒ Wed, Nov 23—Fri, Nov 25: Thanksgiving break—no school
- ⇒ Fri, Dec 2: EMES Music concert for Grades K-6 2:30pm
- ⇒ Tue, Dec 6: WCUUSD Chorus/Band Concert at U-32
- ⇒ Wed, Dec 7: EMES Harvest Feast
- ⇒ Fri, Dec 9: Picture Retake Day



Upcoming Book Clubs

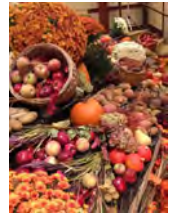
4th Grade Book Club
Tuesday Dec 6th 3:30 to 5 pm
Book: Willodeen by Katherine Applegate

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



Harvest Feast Times...mark your calendars!

Wednesday, December 7, 2022



We are looking forward to bringing our annual Harvest Feast back to EMES this fall! Due to large numbers, each student will be allowed to invite **one special guest** to attend the feast with them this year. Families with multiple children will want to start planning now! A full menu and sign-up form will be going home soon.

Group	Lunch	Recess
Pre-k - Grade 1	11:00 - 11:30	11:30 - 12:00
Grades 4-5	11:35 - 12:05	12:05 - 12:35
Grades 2-3	12:10 - 12:40	11:35 - 12:05
Grade 6	12:45 - 1:15	12:15 - 12:45

East Montpelier Recreation 2022-2023 Basketball Program

Registration open from October 17 to November 4

Register on the Recreation Department website www.eastmontpelierrecreation.org.

Payment can be mailed to 665 Vincent Flats Rd East Montpelier, VT 05651 or dropped off at East Montpelier Elementary School Office. Payment is due by the first practice. Late fee of \$10 will be charged if payment is not received by first practice.

Basketball Program Fees:

Grade 5/6 Boys & Girls: **\$35**

Grade 3/4 Boys & Girls: **\$35**

K to 2 Coed: **\$15**

Please make checks payable to: Town of East Montpelier

Memo: Child's Name, Grade, Basketball



EXCITING NEWS!!

OPEN GYM

AT EAST MONTPELIER ELEMENTARY

5:30-7:30PM

NOV 9, 16, 18

DEC 2, 9, 16

JAN 6, 13, 20, 27

FEB 3, 10, 17, 24



EAST MONTPELIER RECREATION BOARD

IS OFFERING

OPEN GYM NIGHTS

WE HAVE STRICT RULES FOR ATTENDEES:

- EAST MONTPELIER RESIDENT KIDS & TEENS ONLY.
ATTENDEES MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY PARENT/GUARDIAN/GRANDPARENT (NO ADULT SIBLINGS) AND STAY AT ALL TIMES. **NOT A DROP OFF EVENT**
PARENTS MUST SIGN LIABILITY RELEASE AND WAIVERS FOR EACH SESSION.
ZERO TOLERANCE FOR INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR SUCH AS SWEARING, BULLYING, OUT OF CONTROL BODIES ETC.
PARENTS/GUARDIAN/GRANDPARENT ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ATTENDEES.
PARENT VOLUNTEERS REPRESENTING THE REC BOARD WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST WITH ISSUES. IF NECESSARY, THEY HAVE AUTHORITY TO ASK PARTICIPANTS TO LEAVE AND NOT RETURN.

Join us for
Peck Farm Orchard's

Trunk or Treat

When: Saturday, October 29th, 6-8pm

*Fireworks by Northstar when darkness falls

Where: 750 Sibley Road, East Montpelier

Wear: Your Halloween best

<https://gofund.me/c2d595d3>

****Please DO NOT share this invitation or the GoFundMe link. Thanks.****

Local author, Katherine Arden, visits the biggest-ever EMES Book Club



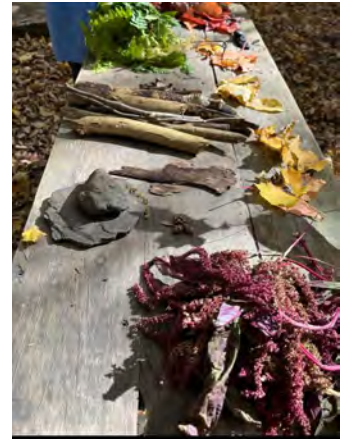
6th graders and their Kindergarten buddies put on performances of different versions of age-old classic, The Gingerbread Man



EMES soccer players make the Times Argus!



Kindergarteners make nature mandalas during ECO



Fifth-Graders learn about Abenaki language, song, and dance from a local Abenaki woman



Baking cookies with Annie





IN NEED OF JACK-O-LANTERNS WITH TEA LIGHTS!!!

WHEN: October 28th by 6:00 pm

WHERE: Drop of jack-o-lantern and a tea light or battery operated light at the front of the school before the Monster Mash. There will be someone out there to light all tea

lights or turn on battery lights when the Monster Mash starts.

WHY: We will set all jack-o-lanterns up along the sidewalk in front of our school. When families are at the Monster Mash, they can take a break outside to walk along the school sidewalk and observe the fun jack-o-lanterns on display. The more jack-o-lanterns, the more fun the walk will be!

WHO: Any one can bring in a Jack-o-lantern. Just make sure to drop off and and please pick up after the monster mash is over. If jack-o-lanterns are not picked up after the monster mash, there is no guarantee they will still be around for Halloween!

Rain Plans: If it is raining outside and we are unable to light the jack-o-lanterns, we can set them up along a hallway in school, however we will only be able to use battery operated lights for lighting. Thank you!



NOVEMBER 2022

East Montpelier Elementary School

All students eat free.
Adult Breakfast \$4.00
Adult lunch \$5.50

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Cheesy Ham & Potato Casserole **1**

Sandwich of the day:
Tuna Salad

Shepherd's Pie **2**

Ground beef, corn,
mashed potato
Sandwich of the day:
Ham & Cheese

Cheesy Breadsticks **3**
Marinara

Sandwich of the day:
Egg Salad

Buttered Noodles **4**
Broccoli

Sandwich of the day:
Bologna

Brunch For Lunch **7**

Sandwich of the day:
Turkey & Cheese

Cheese or Pepperoni Quesadilla **8**

Salsa, sour cream
Sandwich of the day:
Tuna Salad

WG Corndog **9**

Sandwich of the day:
Ham & Cheese

Lasagna **10**
Manghi's roll

Sandwich of the day:
Egg Salad

11
No School

Macaroni & Cheese **14**

Sandwich of the day:
Turkey & Cheese

Chicken Tacos **15**
Salsa, sour cream

Sandwich of the day:
Tuna Salad

Homemade Pizza Rolls **16**
Cheese or Pepperoni
Marinara
Sandwich of the day:
Ham & Cheese

Breakfast Casserole **17**
Roasted Potatoes
Mixed Fruit
Yogurt

Tomato Basil Flatbread **18**
Sandwich of the day:
Egg Salad

Mackenzie Hot Dogs **21**
WG Bun

Sandwich of the day:
Turkey & Cheese

Chicken Nuggets **22**
Oven Fries

Sandwich of the day:
Tuna Salad

23
No School

24
No School

25
No School

Grilled Ham & Cheese **28**

Sandwich of the day:
Turkey & Cheese

Spaghetti Pie **29**
marinara

Sandwich of the day:
Tuna Salad

Pizza **30**
Cheese, Pepperoni or
Meat Lovers
Sandwich of the day:
Ham & Cheese



This institution is an equal opportunity provider
Menu Subject to Change

Vegetarian option available daily, students and staff need to order vegetarian.

Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit and Milk offered Daily

Breakfast served daily: choice of Cereal, Bagel, Muffin, and Special Entree

The Friends of Calais invite you to join us for the

2022 Spooktacular Halloween

Sunday, October 30th from 3-5 p.m.

East Calais Recreational Field

4997 VT RT 14, East Calais, VT 05650

The event will include:

Games, Activities, Fortune Telling,
Face Painting, Treats and More

There will be a 50/50 Raffle to benefit future
Friends of Calais programs and events.



Show off your
Halloween Costume
and bring a friend to
the festivities!



*The Maple Corner Community Center Programs
Committee Presents No Strings Marionettes and*
Wasabi... A Dragon's Tale



A modern-minded fairy tale about the spunky Princess Aja who, with a little help from her wise fairy friends, outwits Wasabi to save the kingdom and the day.

Suggested donation at the door: Adults \$10-20 Kids \$5-10

4:00 p.m., Sunday, November 20

HALLOWEEN TALES & music



SAT • OCT 27 • 4 PM
Kellogg Hubbard Library
East Montpelier Room



Tim Jennings

this program is designed for
UPPER ELEMENTARY thru ADULT



BUDGET PLANNING 2023-24

To Our Students, Families and Community Members:

Budget season is here. Since the beginning of August, your Board and Leadership Team have been working to define its goals, approaches, and priorities for the upcoming budget planning process. With the pandemic largely behind us, we are grateful to be able to turn our full attention to meeting the needs of our students while increasing our engagement with the communities that support them.

To that end, we hope you will consider joining us at one or more of our community forums or budget planning and discussion meetings.

We want to hear your voice; your concerns; your hopes; and even your dreams for your children. We also value your knowledge, institutional memory, and expertise.

Working as united communities, we hope to prepare a budget that supports every student in their journey to graduation, college, a career, or any other future endeavor, while staying mindful of the financial and other pressures facing our parents, caregivers, and taxpayers. We are committed to representing you and your children; as well as our faculty, staff, and administration fairly, transparently, and honestly. To that end, we encourage your participation, seek your input, and value your contributions. You will find our budget timelines and important meeting dates below.

Meagan Roy, Ed.D., SUPERINTENDENT

Flor Diaz Smith, WCUUSD SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR

UPCOMING BUDGET PLANNING MEETINGS

November

During the month of November, the Board and Finance Committee will review a “level-service” draft of the FY 24 budget (draft #1) before providing feedback to the Leadership Team and school administrators. The goal of this presentation is to help the Board understand what it would look like to support the current programs and services that are happening in our schools, and understand some of the budget realities that exist prior to any proposed additions.

NOV 2 » The Board will hold a community forum based on the theme: “Building a Vision Before Building a Budget.” The focus of this forum will be to review the district’s priorities for students, and to gather community input about what aspects of our district are most meaningful to you and what you believe the Board should support in its budget. This information will inform the Leadership Team as they continue working on any budget proposals for the next round of the budget.

We hope to see many of you there.

December

In December, the Board will focus on refining and finalizing draft #2 of the FY 24 budget. This draft would include any proposed program changes that have come out of the budget discussions to date.

DEC 21 » The Board will hold a second community forum to present the second draft budget, which includes any proposals the Board is considering with regard to program changes. Community members are encouraged to attend and share their thoughts about this draft.

Following this meeting, the Board will further discuss draft #2 of the FY 24 budget, and provide feedback to school administrators.

January

January’s work focuses on Board approval of a final draft of the budget (draft #3) in preparation for the annual meeting. This is when the Board begins to zero in on the version of the budget that will be presented to the community for a vote.

JAN 18 » The Board will hold a third community forum to present the finalized budget (draft #3), answer questions, and address community concerns. Following this meeting, the Board hopes to approve the finalized budget and prepare for town meeting.

February

In February, district support staff focuses on ensuring the budget is ready for the ballot.

March

MAR 6 » The annual meeting of the WCUUSD will be held at U-32.

MAR 7 » Town Meeting Day. Voters will be asked to approve the budget via Australian ballot.

MAR 15 » The Board will meet to debrief and reflect on the FY24 budget development process and outcome. Community members are invited to attend and share their thoughts, observations, and suggestions.



EMES Concert
December 2nd, 2022
2:30 pm
EMES Gym

Performances by:
Pre-K through 4th Grade Students

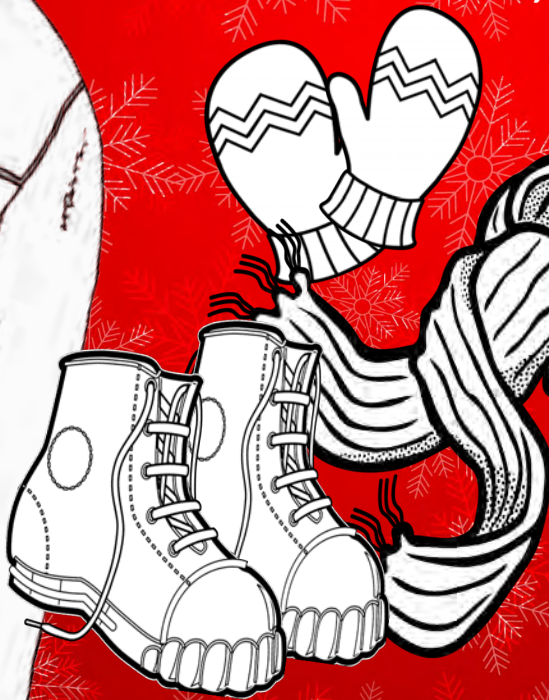
Friends and family welcome!

Connecting Hope **WINTER WARM UP**

November 12th, 9am—12pm

Barre Elks Lodge

10 Jefferson Street, Barre



Donations accepted
November 10-11th
10am—4pm
Barre Elks Lodge

Connecting Hope
802 622-4244
connectinghopevt@gmail.com

WCUUSD Truancy Procedure

Positive attendance is the first step in learning and growing in school. Students benefit from accessing their education on a consistent basis. Absences from school for any reason (illness, vacation, religious holidays, family deaths, and others) affect a student's ability to successfully access their education.

