

April 8, 2022



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 -

It was wonderful to see so many of you at EMES for Student Led Conferences a few weeks ago. Our students and staff were beyond excited and proud to show off our beautiful building and incredible student work again! We met to debrief conferences last week and all agreed that we need to start planning for an end-of-year Celebration of Learning event. Stay tuned for more information and details on what this will look like—we can't wait to have you back again!

Beginning in mid March, things always start to ramp up in a school. We recently wrapped up our hiring process for a Speech Language Pathologist and two classroom teachers and are excited to welcome Gwyn Gauthier, SLP, to EMES full time next year. Our two classroom teacher candidates will go before the Board on April 25th and I will publically welcome them after that date. We are also beginning to think about our schedules and supports for next year, and will begin the process of student placement in the coming weeks. For the first time in two years, we are also looking forward to having the opportunity to participate in end-of-year field trips again. Classroom teachers are busy making plans for culmination of learning and celebrations to take place in June.

Parents, we ask that you please take a moment to review the guidance for use of personal electronic devices at EMES on page 10 of the Family Handbook. We encourage students to leave personal electronic devices at home. If they need their device for something after school or part of their educational plan, this device should remain in the front office or in their backpack during the school day. Thank you for understanding!

Alicia

Alicia Lyford, Principal

2021-2022 EMES Family Newsletter

Upcoming Dates to Note:

- ⇒ April 15: Unveiling our Mascot Name
- ⇒ April 18—22, 2022: April Break
- ⇒ April 27, 2022: WCUUSD Board Meeting 6pm at U-32
- ⇒ May 2—6 Staff/Teacher Appreciation Week!
- ⇒ May 4: WCUUSD Community Forum—6pm at U-32
- ⇒ May 10—27: SBAC Window for Grades 3-6
- ⇒ May 16: Pre-K Screening Day
- ⇒ May 18: WCUUSD Board Meeting 6pm at U-32
- ⇒ May 23: Kindergarten Screening Day
- ⇒ May 25: 12:30 Dismissal
- ⇒ May 26: U-32 music students visit EMES
- ⇒ May 30: Memorial Day—no school
- ⇒ June 16: EMES Grade 6 graduation 6pm



Parent Input Forms for Thoughtful Placement for 2022-23 Coming Soon!

Classroom teachers will share thoughtful placement forms for parents of children in Grades 1, 3, 4, and 5 just after the April break. As is our practice each spring, placement of students is a lengthy and thoughtful process that begins with gathering input from families. Please look for these in your student's backpack on Friday, April 29th!

It's finally back: the 20th, 21st and 22nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt

For East Montpelier Residents and their extended families
Sponsored by East Montpelier Recreation

Save the date: When: Saturday, April 9th at **10:00 AM** sharp

Where: We will meet at the ball field again this year. The Easter Egg hunt will take place on the recreation field as well as in the back of the school. The fields could still be either snowy and or wet, please dress your children accordingly.

There will be age appropriate groups for children up through the 6th grade,

We will have a limited amount of Easter Baskets if your child doesn't have one.

We hope to see you there.

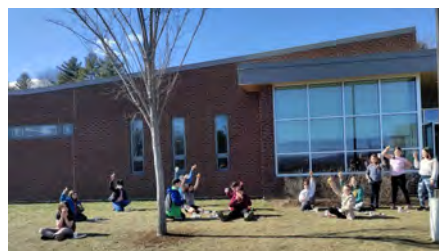
We are also looking for volunteers to help hide the eggs and set up for the event. If interested, please arrive at the school at 8:30 AM on the April 9th.



Would your child benefit from having a mentor?

Girls/Boyz First Mentoring provides adult mentors to children from age 8 to 18. Mentoring pairs have fun together indoors and outdoors, exploring hobbies and interests at home and in the community. Mentors serve as an additional caring adult in a child's life to give extra support and encourage healthy decision-making. In addition to having fun, children with mentors often show improved school attendance, academic performance and relationships with siblings and parents. For more information, call Kim at 802-552-0249 or email:

kim@girlsboyzfirst.org. We are also seeking volunteer mentors--it's a great way to give back and make a difference in the life of a child.



EMES Book Club enjoying a special snack outdoors earlier this week!

Strong Girls is back for Spring of 2022!

With the success of the 2021 program we are offering this program again. We will provide this opportunity for girls (**grades 3-6**) in our community. The program would be a 6 week program culminating with a special event in June for the girls at [Green Mountain Community Fitness](#). **The program will be on Mondays and Thursdays from 3:45 - 5:00pm**

beginning April 25th. Registration closes on April 15th.

Strong Girls Registration Link

If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Zeilenga (izeilenga@u32.org)



The VT FIRST Tech Challenge Robotics State Championship was held on Saturday March 19, 2022. A team made up of six U32 High School students (5 are EMES alumni) along with the varsity CVU team won the VT State Championship. In addition to being on the winning alliance, the Bubbert Innovations U32 students also won the Motivate Award and came in 2nd or 3rd place for three other awards. The team wishes to thank U32 for its support over the years and especially to Dave Bazis for all his support this season. Dave made it possible for these students to get together during callback and afterschool to fine tune their robot design, code, and driving skills during the critical last month of the season. EMES graduate Henry Kasulka also won the Dean's List Award. An award that recognizes an individual student for their work in promoting the tenets of FIRST robotics in their state. Bubbert Innovations team members are: Jacob Bruccoli-Langlois, Ari Chapin, Henry Kasulka, Jaden Singer, Jack Thompson, and Logan Wood.



The Drowsy Chaperone Press Release

Stage 32, the award winning theater program at U-32 High School, is proud to present *The Drowsy Chaperone*, with book by Bob Martin and Don McKellar, and music and lyrics by Lisa Lambert and Greg Morrison. Referred to as "a musical within a comedy," *The Drowsy Chaperone* is a parody of American musical comedies of the 1920s. This musical has it all: splashy dance numbers, a dazzling set, 1920's costumes, Broadway starlets, a greedy producer, a romantic leading man, a drunken chaperone, a Latin lover, and even two gangsters posing as pastry chefs! Don't miss the return of live theater at U-32! Good for the whole family. April 8 at 7:00 and April 9 at 2:00 and 7:00 at U-32 Middle and High School. Tickets available at the door, by calling Sue Verchereau at 802-229-0321 extension 5561, or by email at sverchereau@u32.org. \$12.00 for adults, \$10.00 for students. Bring your friends and family and enjoy the group discount: 4 tickets for \$30.00. For more information, please contact Erin Galligan-Baldwin, egalliganbaldwin@u32.org.

News from the EMES PTNO

Happy Spring! We hope that you are all out enjoying this beautiful weather. It's nice to be outdoors and enjoy the sunshine. Our annual peep hunt is back! 24 peeps will be placed around east Montpelier starting Saturday morning, April 9th. Enjoy the egg hunt that the EMES recreation department is putting on at 10 am at the recreation field, then take a drive to see how many peeps you can find!



ZOOM EMES PTNO Agenda

ZOOM LINK

ptnoemes@gmail.com

April 19, 2022

7:00-8:00 PM

Guiding principle of the PTNO: Bringing the EMES community together

Time Keeper- Lauren Clemons

Minutes- Bonnie Pollard Allen

Meeting Norms

Presume Positive Intentions

Listen respectfully

Share the floor

7:00- Approve March Minutes

7:05 - Community Award

7:40- Treasury Report- If there is any new information from Emily Macetti

7:45- Meet and Greet at Fox Market

7:50- Staff Appreciation

7:55- Open Comment

8:00- Meeting Adjourn

Agenda Items for future date:

Community Award

Upcoming PTNO sponsored events

Having a meet and greet at Fox Market

Possible Residency

Student Leadership

VERMONT YOUTH THEATER



EMES/Vermont Youth Theater Classes & Camps:

April 18-22 Vacation Camp:

ENCANTO! Monday-Friday, 9:00-4:00, Montpelier

May 18-June 15 at EMES:

WIND IN THE WILLOWS *"The Wild Wood"*

Grades K-3 Wednesdays, 3:00-4:15, at EMES

Grades 4-6 Wednesdays 4:15-5:30, at EMES

May 14, 15:

NARNIA 2022, 43-member cast, featuring amazing EMES actors!

June – August, **Summer Camps:**

Hogwarts, Harry Potter, Lord of the Rings, Princess & the Goblin,
Musical Theater Week, Overnight Camp 1 & 2 for Girls.

Information: fineartsbarn@gmail.com

Website: vermontyouththeater.com

East Montpelier Kindergarten Screening Day



We are inviting all students who will be entering EMES kindergarten for the 2022-23 school year to come spend a morning or afternoon with us. They will get a chance to spend time with the kindergarten team and meet some new friends.

When: Monday May 23, 2022

Morning session from 9-11

Afternoon session from 12-2

How to sign up

Please contact Jodi Parker at 223-7936 for assistance

We are looking forward to spending time with your child!

GMYS

Green Mountain Youth Symphony

Spring Concert

Sunday, April 10, 2022

2:00 pm

at the Barre Opera House



*Admission by donation at the door. Adults \$15, Seniors \$12,
Students (K-12) \$5, children under 5 are free.*

*All performers and audience members will be required to wear masks for
the entire concert.*

Visit GMYS-VT.org for more info





APRIL 2022

East Montpelier Elementary School

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

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

WG Spaghetti
Marinara

4

Sandwich of the day:
Turkey & Cheese

Mackenzie Hot Dog
WG Roll

11

Sandwich of the day:
Turkey & Cheese

Grilled Burgers
Grilled Veggie Burger

5

Sandwich of the day:
Tuna Salad

Taco Tuesday
Hard or soft shell
Seasoned ground beef,
cheddar

12

Sandwich of the day:
Tuna Salad

Fish Sticks
Potato pancake

6

Sandwich of the day:
Ham & Cheese

Pizza
Cheese, Pesto, or
Pepperoni

13

Sandwich of the day:
Ham & Cheese

Mini WG
Corn Dog

7

Sandwich of the day:
Egg Salad

Bacon, Lettuce Tomato
Pasta Salad

14

Sandwich of the day:
Egg Salad

Popcorn Chicken
Oven Fries

1

Sandwich of the day:
TBD

Sandwich Day
Chips

8

Anything
Goes!!

15

Spring Break
No School

18

Spring Break
No School

19

Spring Break
No School

20

Spring Break
No School

21

Spring Break
No School

22

WG Chicken Nuggets

25

Sandwich of the day:
Turkey & Cheese

Nacho Tuesday
Seasoned ground beef,
cheddar cheese sauce

26

Sandwich of the day:
Tuna Salad

Ramen with Chicken

27

Sandwich of the day:
Ham & Cheese

Shepherd's Pie
Ground beef, mashed
potatoes, corn

28

Sandwich of the day:
Egg Salad

Brunch For
Lunch

29

Sandwich of the day:
TBD

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



Community Connections April 2022 Spring Day Camp

Pre-K Hours: 8 AM—4 PM
K—Grade 6 Hours: 8 AM—5 PM

April Showers

Monday April 18

We will kick off April break by exploring some sensory activities. Join us for some spring planting, as well as playing in the sand and water. We will save some time for crafting and spend plenty of time outdoors enjoying the fresh air and sunshine.



Make it Messy

Tuesday April 19

Get ready to get messy! We will make oobleck, build a volcano, play with clay, and do projects with soap. We will also spend time outdoors investigating mud and other natural materials. Come dressed to make a mess!



Earth day

Friday April 22

Earth Day...Hooray!
We will take time to explore the world



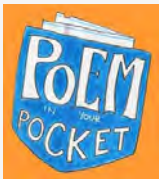
around us including some wildlife habitats on our school Nature Trail. We will do an Earth Day scavenger hunt, help our community by cleaning up winter debris from the playground and school grounds. We will learn ways we can reduce pollution and become environmentally aware citizens. Students will also have an opportunity to create their own projects using repurposed materials.



National Poetry Month

Wednesday April 20

In honor of National Poetry month, we will study the poem Bleezer's Ice Cream. We will also write our own poems, do rhyming activities, make ice cream, and draw pictures to go with our poetry. We will also have lots of outside time!



World Health Day

Thursday April 21

We will celebrate World Health Day CC style by taking a walk to the stone labyrinth at the Presbyterian church here Berlin. We will have a picnic lunch outside, then return to school to make our own healthy snacks, play group games and do other health themed activities. Please dress in layers and bring good walking shoes!





Community Connections April 2022 Spring Day Camp

Pre-K Hours: 8 AM—4 PM
K—Grade 6 Hours: 8 AM—5 PM

ALL THE BASICS

- CC is a local organization offering camps to Pre k-6th grade on school vacations. Camps cost \$45 - \$60 per day on a sliding scale
- Please pay what you can!
- Pre-K camp hours are 8-4
- K—grade 6 Camp hours are 8-5
- Pickups after 4:00/5:00pm will be charged a \$15 late fee!
- We need a current registration/medical form for your child.
- You provide lunch and we provide 2 healthy snacks.
- Please let us know how we may best help your child enjoy camp and discuss any special needs.

PACKING LIST

Send a healthy bag lunch with your child. **(please, no soda or candy)**
PLEASE, no lunches that need to be heated. We do not have the means to do this.

- Send a water bottle!
- Send appropriate clothing/items: sneakers, outdoor gear, dry socks, jackets, boots, hats, gloves, etc.

ONLINE REGISTRATION LINK:
<https://forms.gle/VPg1CGmdsrwAxmHN6>

Weather can change, we may change the theme for the day if weather warrants it! We will give you a heads up if possible.

Kids will be kids! But...

Community Connections staff are experienced and trained in working with kids of all ages. To protect the safety and well-being of all children, we have expectations and standards for behavior. If a child is unable to meet those standards, even with all the support we are able to provide, we may have to call the parent or guardian and ask that the child be removed from camp. **Please help us by telling us anything about your child that will help us meet his or her needs.**

Notes to Parents and Guardians: Vermont weather is unpredictable. We run our camps rain or shine, so please send your child dressed appropriately for outdoor play- layers, boots, warm clothes, extra clothes, indoor shoes, hats, and gloves.

Please label your child's belongings!

~ HOW TO REGISTER ~

Please return by **Friday April 15**

⇒ The bottom portion of this flier

⇒ Your payment for balance in full.

Cash or check payable to : WCUUSD— Community Connections

You will be contacted **ONLY** if the camp is full and there is not room for your child.

OR Sign up online (pay at drop-off) at:

Cancellation/Refund Policy:

Supplies, snacks, and staffing, are all based on accurate counts. Last minute cancellations and no-shows do not allow for accurate planning and use of our resources. This also does not allow us to accommodate kids on the waiting list. **Unless we receive notice the Friday before camp week, (Thursday for Monday's camp) that your child will not be attending, you will NOT receive a refund.**

Alternative Funding Options:

State subsidies for qualifying families, as well as reduced rates, scholarships, volunteer exchanges, etc. are available so that all interested students may participate in our programs. Please indicate on the registration form if you wish to explore these options., We will help you with the application process.

Space is limited to 25 kids/day We need a minimum of 10 children to run a camp!

~ Community Connections Response Form ~

My child(ren), _____ (grade/teacher _____),

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I would like (and I give permission) for my child/children) to attend the following camps at Berlin Elementary

_____ Monday, April 18 (April Showers)

_____ Wednesday, April 20 (National Poetry Month)

_____ Friday, April 22 (Earth Day)

_____ Tuesday, April 19 (Make it Messy)

_____ Thursday, April 21 (World Health Day)

_____ Please contact me to discuss alternative funding **OR** I will pay \$ _____ per day for _____ days for a total of \$ _____

parent signature _____ date _____

daytime phone(s) _____