November 12, 2021

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."

2021-2022 EMES Family Newsletter

Alicia Lyford, Principal

Dear EMES Families -

I hope you enjoyed some time with your children yesterday. In recognition of all of our Veterans, thank you for your service to our country!

We survived a rainy Friday with indoor lunch and recess today. Your kiddos might come home with a little extra energy this afternoon! Thank you to all families who participated in our parent/teacher conferences this week. I know several of our larger classrooms have conferences scheduled for the next several days as well. I am hopeful these conferences are helpful for you in gaining an understanding of where your children are at this point in the school year. I was able to participate in several conferences yesterday with my son at U-32 and found it so helpful to know how he's performing in each of his classes. I know this year especially, it must feel like you don't fully know all the great things that are happening within the walls of this building. I can only hope that the days of welcoming guests will return soon and you'll be able to walk the halls of our vibrant building again!

We continue to have internet issues with not all of our classrooms being able to be back online yet. Unfortunately, there appears to be no easy fix to this and our IT department is hoping to resolve this over the Thanksgiving break. Our teachers and students in these classrooms have been incredibly adaptable and flexible these last few weeks!

A huge celebration to share with you is a fundraising update. In only two short weeks, we have raised thousands of dollars for our school! We had no idea it would be so successful and are so thankful for all of your efforts!

We are in the process of identifying our Mascot Committee with our first meeting next Friday. We are excited to roll this out and will share the details of this very soon. I met with our fifth graders today, some of whom will be on the committee, and their level of excitement for this was contagious. Once the plans officially roll out next week, I am sure you'll be hearing from your children about this process.

Earlier this week we practiced both our bus evacuations and a fire drill. We are required to practice these drills on a regular basis and our students did a great job of taking them seriously with a zero voice and safe body. Our next practice will be in January.

I hope you have a great weekend and we look forward to seeing your kiddos back on Monday morning!

Best,
Alicia

Upcoming Dates to Note:

⇒ **Wednesday, November 17th:** Take Home Harvest Feast!
⇒ **Wednesday, November 17th:** 6:00 WCUUSD Board Meeting (virtual)
⇒ **November 22nd—November 26th**:Thanksgiving break. No school
⇒ **November 29—December 9:** EMES Mascot Submission window
⇒ **December 7:** Picture Retake Day
⇒ **December 22:** Unveiling of new EMES Mascot/ all school celebraiton
⇒ **December 23—January 2:** Holiday break—no school

2021-2022 Basketball Program
Registration Closes Sunday November 14!

Sign up here!

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeSHxyHRv9gWogSgxeiaNd0NZr1LRtYs5p4nd4LQjET2xfUoQ/viewform

Don't forget to send in your payment!

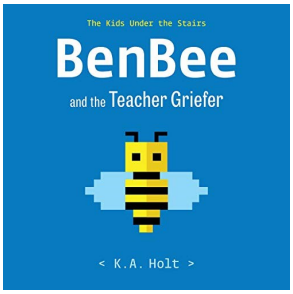
Registration payment can be mailed to 665 Vincent Flats Rd East Montpelier, VT 05651 or dropped off at East Montpelier Elementary School Office.

Information on the program, fees can be found here:
https://www.eastmontpelierrecreation.org/

Our Student Actors in Vermont Youth Theater are performing at Plainfield Opera House this week! Students and families are invited to attend. The opera house requires masks and social distancing, with plenty of space and ventilation. Doors open at 5:45.

(Grades 3-4) MERLYN & WART, Wednesday, Nov. 17, 6:00 pm, $10
(Grades 5-6) MERLYN'S WIZARD SCHOOL, Friday, Nov. 19, 6:00 pm, $10

EMES Nov Book Club Thank You and Postponed



Thank you EMES families for your generous donations to the US Committee on Refugees and Immigrants. We were able to create welcome packets for kids coming to VT that include items for personal care and sweet little stuffed animals. We also received many donations of other household goods that will support families moving here. Our book club kids also made beautiful Welcome posters too.

We have a long list of students in 4th - 6th grades on the waiting list for BenBee and the Teacher Griefer. by K.A. Holt This book club was planned to be held next week, but we would like to get the book to more students before we hold the book club. We will reschedule for December.

- Arlyn, Mrs. Giammusso, & Mrs. Shedd

On-Demand Virtual Screening of the Documentary 'LIKE'
Understanding and Creating Balance in Social Media

November 8-15, 2021
https://watch.eventive.org/indieflix/play/6154c2ae6671f80062ef90e2

WCUUSD will be hosting a facilitated community discussion with parents and caregivers to discuss the movie on Tuesday November 16th from 6:00-7:30pm on Zoom. Click here to register for this discussion.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

"LIKE tells the real story behind social media platforms: you, all of us are the product. It also tells the positive aspects of social media. Having a balanced perspective on how to navigate social media platforms is essential to all parents and educators raising and educating this generation."

Maria O Alvarez, VP Common Sense Latino