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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."

2021-2022 EMES Family Newsletter

Alicia Lyford, Principal

Dear EMES Families -

It's been an absolutely gorgeous week and we've taken full advantage of being outside as much as we can! October is always so beautiful in Vermont and this year is no exception. We will take each and every beautiful day that comes our way!

One of our first-grade classrooms is currently learning from home as we learned of a positive case through Monday's surveillance testing. We are thankful that the case was confined to just our first grade and didn't disrupt any other classrooms. I want to personally thank the families of the children impacted by this—I know it is not easy to drop everything and have your six-year-old home with you for a week unexpectedly. Given this, **we will be changing our surveillance testing to Tuesday of next week** so our first-grade friends can participate in the testing (from the safety of their vehicles). We have found that school surveillance testing results are coming back much quicker than other locations and we want to get our learners back in the building as soon as possible. **We will return to Monday surveillance testing the week of October 25th.**

We had a very successful Picture Day yesterday, with students filing in the gym by class throughout the day. We don't yet know when our retake day will be—I will let you know as soon as we have a date. It'll be on a Tuesday or Wednesday so our T/W Pre-K friends can get their pictures taken as well.

Our teachers spent last Friday learning together with district-wide colleagues. Teachers were given a variety of options to choose from for three 90-minute-sessions, including looking at math and literacy data, participating in coaching conversations, developing curriculum, talking about equity and intersectionality, and becoming more proficient with tech. We began and ended the day as a whole district on Zoom and were able to celebrate some "Sparkly" moments from this year together. Our day ended with self-care as individuals spent the last 45 minutes of the day doing something to take care of themselves. The feedback from this day was very positive and from the sessions I participated in, the learning and conversations were both rich and productive.

As a reminder, we will have our Virtual Parent Informational Night next Thursday, October 21st (details on page 2). I will send an official schedule with Zoom links next week in a separate email.

Have a wonderful fall weekend and we look forward to seeing your children back at school on Monday!

Alicia

Upcoming Dates to Note:

⇒ **Wednesday, October 20th:** 6:00 WCUUSD Board Meeting (virtual)
⇒ **Thursday, October 21st:** Parent Information Night 5:00—6:10 (virtual)
⇒ **Thursday, October 21st:** Restorative Practice for Parents 6:00—7:30 (virtual)
⇒ **Wednesday, November 3rd:** 12:30 early release Wednesday
⇒ **Thursday, November 11th:** Parent/Teacher conferences—no school for students
⇒ **Wednesday, November 17th:** 6:00 WCUUSD Board Meeting (virtual)
⇒ **November 22nd—November 26th**:Thanksgiving break. No school

EMES Virtual Parent Informational Night 2021

Thursday, October 21st from 5:00—6:10pm

Teachers will be available to parents for a 20-minute session in a virtual "open house" format. Parents and families will learn about the structure and schedule of the school day, as well as important information to know about your child's classroom, routine, and expectations (virtual tours of the classroom may be included!). In addition, U-Arts teachers, special educators and interventionists, our school counselor, behavior coach, school nurse, and principal will be available for Zoom drop ins. Please remember that this is not a parent-teacher conference and is not intended to be a 1:1 time for you and the classroom teacher. Teachers are available at other times for these types of conversations and will be happy to schedule a time to meet with you outside of this time. We have scheduled three sessions so that families with multiple children won't miss out on anything!

Session times are 5:00—5:20; 5:25—5:45; 5:50—6:10 and the Zoom links will work for each of the three sessions. Next week, a separate email will go out that'll include all Zoom links.

Join us for

Peck Farm Orchard's

Trunk or Treat?

When: Saturday, October 30th, 5-7pm

Where: 750 Sibley Road, East Montpelier

Wear: Your Halloween best

Sign up for Trunk or Treat here!

Restorative Practices for Conflict Resolution
PARENT WORKSHOP
10/21/21
6:00-7:30 PM
Facilitators: Nate Lovitz and Ellen Cooke
RP Trainers and School Counselors
U32

If you are interested in learning more about Restorative Practices and how the U32 community implements these practices, we invite you to join us for this workshop. The focus of RP is to increase social capital and connection to and with each other. In addition, these practices are used to repair harm when it occurs. The process allows for individuals to own their part when things go wrong as well as how to move forward. The goal of RP is to build connection and to reduce incidence of harm. It is all about relationships! Please register for this workshop to receive the Zoom link the week of the workshop.

Connecting Hope

Annual Event

Winter Warm Up

Saturday, October 30th

9am – Noon

Old Labor Hall

46 Granite Street, Barre

Free Winter Coats, Clothing, Bedding, Boots
Free Groceries & Community Resources

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