

October 1, 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."



Dear EMES Families -

We have made it to the end of September! We've spent this month learning (or re-learning) classroom and school-wide expectations both behaviorally and academically. With lots of practice, we are successfully moving safely inside and outside our building, and our classroom practices are becoming routine. We had a perfect run-through of a school-wide fire drill last week. Given that we haven't practiced one of these as a school since the winter of 2020, I was so impressed with how smoothly this all went!

It has been wonderful to see all of the enriching opportunities your children are participating in this fall. Our fall rec soccer programs are going strong four days a week right after school, Grades 3/4 Lego Club is actively engaged on Wednesday afternoons, Theater is happening each Wednesday and Friday on the front lawn after school, and our first Book Club in a year in a half brought in thirty 5th and 6th graders earlier this week! In addition, we have over 40 5th and 6th grade students signed up for band and chorus this year. It has been so long since we've been able to safely participate in these activities and it's been such a joy to see the excitement in our students as they head off for an extra-curricular activity at the end of their school day.

Looking ahead to the coming weeks, we have a few events coming up to make note of. On Thursday, October 14th, Lifetouch will be here for our annual Picture Day (retake on October 27th). This will happen as it did last year in our gym. On October 21st we will have our School-wide Parent Informational Night, which will be virtual. We will send Zoom links out soon and the hope is that you will have time to meet with classroom teachers to learn about what this year will look like. In addition, the other professional staff (UArts teachers, Interventionists, Special Educators, School Counselors, etc.) will provide open Zoom sessions during that time to check in and meet with you. We were unable to pull this off last year but we've learned a lot about Zoom since then and are looking forward to connecting with you again this year, even if it cannot be in person.

Despite the ongoing stress in our world today, your children make coming to school each day such a pleasure for all of us. Enjoy the weekend!

Alicia

2021-2022 EMES Family Newsletter

Alicia Lyford, Principal

Upcoming Dates to Note:

- ⇒ **Friday, October 8th:** Inservice Day—no school for students
- ⇒ **Saturday, October 9th:** Covid vaccine clinic at U-32 2:00—8:00 pm
- ⇒ **Monday, October 11th:** 4th Grade Book Club *When Stars are Scattered*
- ⇒ **Thursday, October 14th:** Lifetouch Picture Day
- ⇒ **Thursday, October 21st:** Parent Information Night 5:00—6:30 (virtual)
- ⇒ **Wednesday, October 27th:** Lifetouch Picture Retake Day
- ⇒ **Wednesday, November 3rd:** 12:30 early release Wednesday
- ⇒ **Thursday, November 11th:** Parent/Teacher conferences—no school for students
- ⇒ **November 22nd—November 26th:** Thanksgiving break. No school

EMES Book Club is collecting items for US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants

Our first book for 4th-6th grade book club this year is *When Stars are Scattered* by Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed. This graphic novel tells the story of Omar and his brother Hassan and their experiences growing up in Dadaab, a large refugee camp in Kenya.

As part of our work around this book, students who attend book club will be helping to create welcome packets for children and families who are coming to VT with the help of the US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants. Our book club date is Oct 11th for 4th grade. Book Club meets immediately after school until 5 pm in the library.

Even if you aren't coming to book club, we would love your help in supporting families who are resettling in VT from the Democratic Republic of Congo and Afghanistan. If you are able to donate any of the following items, please bring them to the EMES library before October 21st.

New items:

Toothbrushes

Toothpaste

Floss

Soap for African Skin

Shampoo for African hair

Shampoo for Afghan hair or Asian hair

Lotion for African skin

Hair pick for African hair

BandAids

New or Like new:

scissors

can openers

sheets

alarm clocks

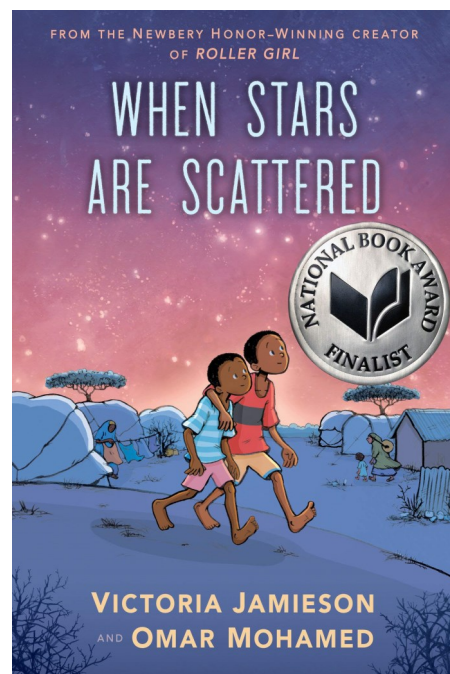
welcome mats

cutting boards

small stuffed animals (Beanie Baby size)

Thank you for your help

Arlyn, Mrs. Shedd, Ms. Gallagher, and Mrs. Giammusso



Dear EMES Families

If you have not had a chance to return all the forms from your first day of school packet, please do so as soon as possible. Please note that the form titled Chromebook Acceptable Use Contract is actually our school wide technology form and must be returned for all students (even those students who are not issued a Chromebook). We use technology in a variety of ways at EMES and are mindful of the appropriateness of that usage at different grade levels. Technology use looks very different in K than it does in Grade 6. If we have not received the Chromebook Acceptable Use form by October 1st, we will not be able to support your child's use of technology in the classroom. If you have questions about how technology is used by your student, please contact their teacher or Arlyn Bruccoli at abruccoli@u32.org

Thank you for your help in getting all first day of school forms returned to school.



**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.



OCTOBER 2021

East Montpelier Elementary School

All students eat free.
Adult Breakfast \$4.00
Adult lunch \$5.50
Milk and snacks \$.50

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday



Chicken Nuggets
Dipping Sauce

4

Sandwich of the day:
Turkey & Cheese

Tomato Soup
Grilled Cheese

11

Sandwich of the day:
Turkey & Cheese

Ham & Potato
Chowder
Crackers

18

Sandwich of the day:
Turkey & Cheese

Grilled Hot Dog
WG Roll

25

Sandwich of the day:
Turkey & Cheese

Taco Tuesday
Seasoned Ground Beef
Salsa, Sour Cream, Cheese
Hard or soft shell

5

Sandwich of the day:
Egg Salad

Corn Dogs
Tater Tots

12

Sandwich of the day:
Egg Salad

Burrito
Seasoned Ground Beef, Cheese,
Salsa, Sour Cream

19

Sandwich of the day:
Egg Salad

Nachos
Seasoned Ground Beef, Tortilla
Chips, Cheese Sauce
Salsa, Sour Cream

26

Sandwich of the day:
Egg Salad

Homemade Macaroni
& Cheese

6

Sandwich of the day:
Ham & Cheese

Brunch For Lunch
Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs,
Bacon

13

Sandwich of the day:
Ham & Cheese

Leftover Chowder
or Chili
Corn bread

20

Sandwich of the day:
Ham & Cheese

Homemade Pizza
Bread Sticks
Marinara Sauce

27

Sandwich of the day:
Ham & Cheese

Grilled Burgers
Oven Fries

7

Sandwich of the day:
Tuna Salad

Homemade Pizza.
Pepperoni, Meat lovers or
Cheese

14

Sandwich of the day:
Tuna Salad

Tater Tot Shepherd's Pie
Ground Beef, Corn, Gravy,
Tater Tots

21

Sandwich of the day:
Tuna Salad

Homemade Meatball
Sub
Marinara Sauce, Mozzarella

28

Sandwich of the day:
Tuna Salad

Homemade Chicken
Noodle Soup

1

Sandwich of the day:
Raspberry Cream Cheese

No
School

8

Chicken Patty
on a Roll

15

Sandwich of the day:
Raspberry Cream Cheese

Spaghetti
Marinara Sauce
Homemade Focaccia

22

Sandwich of the day:
Chicken Salad

Homemade Lasagna
Manghi's Rolls

29

Sandwich of the day:
Raspberry Cream 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

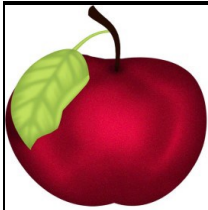


Community Connections In-service Day Camp

Grades K through 6

Friday, October 8, 2021

East Montpelier Elementary School
665 Vincent Flat Rd., E. Montpelier, VT 05651



Monday, October 8th 8 AM—5 PM

Fall Fun Day



Join us for a fun day as we celebrate fall and the harvest. We will enjoy an adventure to the local Peck Apple Orchard, just down the road. We will also focus on apple themed snacks and craft projects, and activities surrounding leaves, corn, pumpkins and more. ...what more could you ask for on a day celebrating this beautiful time of year. We may also explore our nature trail for another outdoor adventure. All activities are weather permitting!

To register for camps:

1. Complete the sign up sheet on the other side of this form or you can sign-up online at this link:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1uKfC1uKptml2Pzjvvy5a5g5yvJRdYLeAxnjWWIACAaw/edit?usp=sharing>
 2. If your child has not attended a Community Connections activity this year we will also need a 2021-2022 Registration form. They are available from your school's Site Coordinator or at camp.
 3. Return the sign up, registration form, and payment to:
- Your school's front desk or its Community Connections Site Coordinator OR
 - Scan and send it to kbolduc@u32.org and mail payment separately OR
 - Mail them by October 4 to:

Community Connections

c/o EMES

665 Vincent Flats Road

East Montpelier, VT 05651



Community Connections In-Service Day Camp

ALL THE BASICS

CC is one of the only local organizations offering camps on school vacations. Please let us know how we may best help your child enjoy camp and discuss any special needs.

- Camp is for grades K through 6
- Camp hours are **8:00 AM—5:00 PM**
- Camps cost \$45 - \$60 per day on a sliding scale please pay what you can!
- Pickups after **5:00 will be charged a \$15 late fee!**
- We need a current registration/medical form for your child. If you have not filled out a 2021-22 form, we must have one before your child can attend.

Space is limited for this camps.

Register as soon as possible!

We need a **minimum of 15 students to run camp** and have space for a **maximum of 30 students**. Sorry—no refunds for cancellations after October 6th as we have hired staff and held a place for your child based on your registration. Payment must be received for your child to attend and their spot to be held!

Community Connections sites are licensed childcare programs. We accept childcare subsidies- ask us about it!

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.

PACKING LIST

- Send a healthy bag lunch with your child. (no soda or candy)
- Send appropriate clothing/items: sneakers, outdoor gear, dry socks, jackets, boots, hats, gloves, etc.
- Send a water bottle.
- **Please label your child's belongings!**

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

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1uKfC1uKptml2PzjvvySa5g5yvjRdYLeAxnjWWIACAAw/edit?usp=sharing>

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

My child _____ Gender _____ Grade _____ School _____

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will attend (and I give permission to attend and be transported by bus/van when needed) the following programs:

Date	Event	Cost	Indicate <u>Your</u> Rate.	Pick-up/Drop-off
Friday October 8, 2021 8 AM -5 PM	Fall Fun Day	\$45-\$60	\$_____/ day	East Montpelier Elementary School 665 Vincent Flat Rd E Montpelier, VT 05651

Parent name _____ Email _____

Daytime #(s) _____ Parent Signature _____

____ I have enclosed \$_____ to cover my child's enrollment (cash or check to WCSU / Community Connections).

____ I am eligible for state childcare subsidies at _____% per week.

(If your subsidy does not cover the full cost of camp you may need to pay a co-pay in order to have your child attend.)