

May 30, 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 -

I hope you are all enjoying this Memorial Day weekend. Although a bit cooler than recent weekends, it's always nice to have a long weekend with family this time of year.

Despite not having some of our much-loved traditions with the broader East Montpelier community this year, EMES continues to be a BUSY place this spring! Students in Grades 3—6 spent much of May taking the SBAC and VT science assessments, and all students in K—6 are taking our end-of-year assessments in reading, writing, math, and spelling. Teachers have been so proud of the growth students have made this year and we are looking forward to taking one final look at our data wall on June 9th. Students are also wrapping up many units of study and are sharing their learning with others. We have had science and inquiry fairs, virtual celebrations of learning, and author's tea parties and reader's theaters.

Teachers have been working on class placement for next year and information on your child's classroom placement will be sent home this Friday, June 4th. We recognize that for many students, not knowing who their teacher will be next year can be stressful. Our hope again this year is to alleviate a bit of that stress by letting students and families know who their teacher will be prior to the last day of school. We have also been working on next year's master schedule, curriculum planning and mapping, and working together in grade level teams to start planning for next year. Our teachers in Grades K—3 have also been participating in a book study together on balanced literacy and the science of reading. Each week, we continue to learn and grow together!

Our staff recently participated in an activity together looking at all that this year has presented us with and reflecting on our many changes in practice. There are things we cannot wait to get back next year, such as having rugs and tables to gather at, and special events to invite the community to. We also recognize that there are many silver linings to this year that we want to hang on to rather than going right back to our old practices. This time of year, as busy as it is, is always a great time to reflect and think about how to continue to do better for the students we serve.

We have a very full calendar for the remaining weeks of school—please take a look on page 2! Although most of these activities cannot involve our greater community, we would love to invite you to join us in celebrating those retiring from EMES on June 9th (see invitation on page 2).

Enjoy the rest of this holiday weekend and we look forward to seeing your children back on Tuesday!

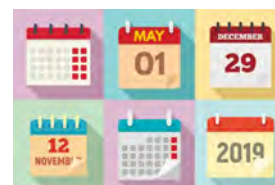
Best,
Alicia

Alicia Lyford, Principal

2020-2021 EMES Family Newsletter

Upcoming Dates To Note:

- ⇒ May 31st: Memorial Day—no school
- ⇒ June 2nd: WCUUSD Board Meeting—Curriculum Management Review 5 pm—7:30pm
- ⇒ June 5th: EMES Strong Girls Finale!
- ⇒ June 9th: EMES Retirement Celebration 4pm—6pm on the front lawn
- ⇒ June 11th: Last Day EMES Pre-K!
- ⇒ June 11th: EMES Field Day and end of year BBQ!
- ⇒ June 14th: 6th Grade Trip to Wrightsville
- ⇒ June 16th: 6th Grade Graduation 6pm
- ⇒ June 17th: Last Day of 2020-2021!! 12:30 dismissal
- ⇒ June 18th: In-service Day—final day for teachers/paras



Join Us In Celebrating Those Retiring From EMES!

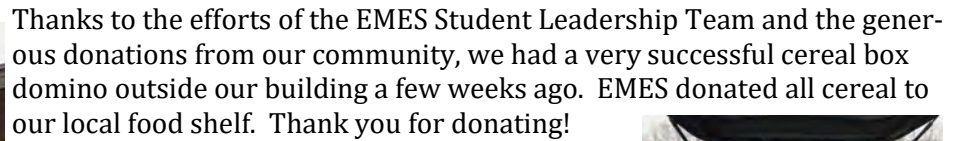
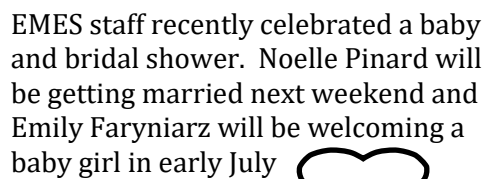
EMES has a crew of incredible women who will be retiring at the end of the year: Jane Badger, Kathy Christy, Jamie O'Hare, Kathe Stone, and Elizabeth Wirth. Collectively, these women have served well over 100 years in our school! Please join us on Wednesday, June 9th, between 4 pm - 6 pm to celebrate! We will be hosting this covid-friendly retirement celebration outside on the lawn (masks for all!) and would love to see our greater East Montpelier community there. If you cannot make it but would like to drop off a card, please stop by the front office any time between now and then.



Please join me in recognizing Arlyn Bruccoli, our librarian and tech integrationist! Arlyn was recognized as the Outstanding School Librarian for 2021 by the Vermont School Library Association. Congratulations, Arlyn!! This honor is so well-deserved!!



EMES Says Goodbye to Brenda!



Art Room News

Greetings EMES families!

As you know, the Unified Arts team has been working on a rotating schedule this year. Visual art classes have been taking place within the student classrooms, with limited time, art materials, and a revamped curriculum as a result of Covid protocols.

In spite of all this, your children have created some fantastic artwork that I am thrilled to share with you in an online art show. I will be sharing one piece of artwork from each student in a Google slideshow. The slideshow will be available closer to the end of the school year, and I will be sure to send a note in the newsletter when it's available for viewing. Students will bring home all of their artwork at the end of the school year.

I am looking forward to inviting all the students back into the art room next year, where students can have access to all the materials, and create art in their official school studio!

Thank you!

Jen Campbell, Art Teacher



Coder Camp for Boys: July 12-16, 2021, and Coder Camp for Girls: July 26-30, 2021, for rising 7-12 graders are designed to give students the opportunity to bring their creativity to an active software coding environment. Lots of hands-on activities and a chance to practice coding using SCRATCH, a friendly and robust programming language tool developed by MIT. Campers work with Vermont Technical College, Williston Campus faculty and student counselors. Camps include a strong education component with labs each day and physical activity that will reinforce the labs with logic, team building and some good old fashioned fun. Camps will comply with state, local, and VTC COVID-19 guidelines, and masks will be required. \$175 includes all activities, lunches and snacks. Partial scholarship assistance is available. Non-binary and gender non-conforming youth are encouraged to sign up with the camp they will feel most comfortable attending.

Visit the [VTC website](#) for more information and to register.

Contact: Bridgett Taylor at bridgett.taylor@vtc.edu or (802) 728-1246



For information on EarthWalk Vermont Camps this summer, look [here](#).



Barre Opera House

2021 Summer Camps

Here at the BOH, we care about the performance, but our camp motto is 'process over product.' Let's have a great theater experience this summer!

Musical Theater Workshop

(ages: 12-18)

July 12-16, 8:30-4:00

Fun week for teens and tweens to work on musical theater skills, with a low-key, no-stress performance at the end of the final camp day. Give your theater student the opportunity to experience all aspects of musical theater performance. Campers will explore musical theater presentation and vocal expression as they participate in one large group number and additional small group numbers. Fee: \$300.



"Matilda, Jr."

Two-week Production Camp

(ages: 12-18)

July 19-31, 8:30-4:00

Based on Roald Dahl's classic young adult novel. Rebellion is nigh in this gleefully witty ode to the anarchy of childhood and the power of imagination! This story of a girl who dreams of a better life and the children she inspires will have audiences rooting for the "revolting children" who are out to teach the grown-ups a lesson. First week of camp is at Contemporary Dance and Fitness in Montpelier, the second week and performances at the Barre Opera House. Performances Friday evening, July 30 and matinee on Saturday, July 31. Fee: \$600.

"Seussical Kids"

(ages 7-11)

August 2-6

8:30-4:00

"Oh, the things you can think" when Dr. Seuss' best-loved characters collide and cavort in an unforgettable musical caper! Young performers will be excited to portray the characters from the popular Dr. Seuss books. Horton the Elephant, the Cat in the Hat and all of your favorite Dr. Seuss characters spring to life onstage in Seussical KIDS, a fantastical musical extravaganza featuring the best-known songs from the Broadway play. Performance on Friday, August 6 at 4:30. Fee \$300.



CREATIVE TEAM

Rachel Sanguinetti Hayes, Director, earned her bachelor's degree at the Eastman School of Music in 2015 and a master's degree at Ithaca College in 2018 with a focus in secondary general education and popular music education. She is currently pursuing a PhD in Music Education at the Eastman School of Music. Rachael is a member of the music faculty and the Dean of Middle School Students at Allendale Columbia School in Pittsford, New York. She was recently named the David M. Pychon Chair for the Arts, an award recognizing top arts educators. She also maintains an active performance career as a soprano, performing across the northeast in musical theatre and opera productions.

Sarah Vespa, Music Director, is from Jericho, Vermont and graduated with high honors in Music from Smith College in 2020, where she was music director for several productions, including Anything Goes; Legally Blonde, the Musical; Suessical, the Musical; The Addams Family; Shrek, the Musical and Newsies. She was also Music Director for Vermont Children's Theater (Lyndonville) and its production of In the Heights in summer 2018. Sarah is currently enrolled in education classes at Champlain College and will receive VT Certification with a K-12 Music Endorsement this spring.

Beginners Welcome! Some scholarships available! Find our registration form online at barreoperahouse.org or call 802 476 8188 for more information.



A Program of
Vermont Works for Women

For information on Rosie's Girls summer camp opportunities, please visit [here](https://www.rosiesgirls.org).



JUNE 2021

East Montpelier Elementary

Milk \$.50
Adult Breakfast \$4.00
Adult Lunch \$5.50

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Buttered Macaroni **1**
Cheese Stick
Fresh Fruit and Veggies
Milk
Sandwich of the day:
Egg Salad

Burgers on the Grill **2**
Fresh Fruit and Veggies
Milk
Sandwich of the day:
Ham & Cheese

Pasta Chicken Salad **3**
Fresh Fruit and Veggies
Milk
Sandwich of the day:
Tuna Salad

[Enter Cheesy Nachos **4**
Fresh Fruit and Veggies
Milk
Sandwich of the day:
Chicken Salad

Chicken Nuggets **7**
Fresh Fruit and Veggies
Milk
Sandwich of the day:
Turkey & Cheese

Macaroni & Cheese **8**
Fresh Fruit and Veggies
Milk
Sandwich of the day:
Egg Salad

Pasta Salad **9**
Fresh Fruit and Veggies
Milk
Sandwich of the day:
Ham & Cheese

Brunch for Lunch **10**
Fresh Fruit
Milk
Sandwich of the day:
Tuna Salad

Popcorn Chicken **11**
Fresh Fruit and Veggies
Milk
Sandwich of the day:
Chicken Salad

Hot Dog **14**
Fresh Fruit and Veggies
Milk
Sandwich of the day:
Turkey & Cheese

Chicken **15**
Mashed Potatoes
Fresh Fruit and Veggies
Milk
Sandwich of the day:
Egg Salad

Corn Dog **16**
Fresh Fruit and Veggies
Milk
Sandwich of the day:
Ham & Cheese

Last Day of School **17**
Sandwich Day
Fresh Fruit &
Veggies
Milk

Summer **18**
Break
Don't forget to be
awesome

Summer **21**
Break
Don't forget to be
awesome

Summer **22**
Break
Don't forget to be
awesome

Summer **23**
Break
Don't forget to be
awesome

Summer **24**
Break
Don't forget to be
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Summer **25**
Break
Don't forget to be
awesome

Summer **28**
Break
Don't forget to be
awesome

Summer **29**
Break
Don't forget to be
awesome

Summer **30**
Break
Don't forget to be
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All students eat free until June 30, 2022

This institution is an equal opportunity provider

Menu Subject to Change

2021 CALAIS SWIM PROGRAM AT CURTIS POND

Week Session I: July 5-9th; classes scheduled between 10:30 AM-3:00 PM

Week Session II: July 12-16th; classes scheduled between 10:30 AM-3:00 PM

Week Session III: July 19-23rd; classes scheduled between 10:30 AM-3:00 PM

Week Session IV: July 26-30th; classes scheduled between 10:30 AM-3:00 PM

Week Session V: Aug 2- 6th; classes scheduled between 10:30 AM-3:00 PM

Week Session VI: Aug. 9-13th; classes scheduled between 10:30 AM-3:00 PM

Contact People: Daniel Keeney, 223-1920, danielckeeney@gmail.com ; Jess Rich, calaisvtswimprogram@gmail.com

REGISTRATION DUE BY JUNE 18th

PLEASE RETURN TO:

CES Office (ATTN: SWIM) OR MAIL TO: Jessica Rich, 22 Blachly Road, Marshfield VT 05658

This summer we will have two Swim Instructors, both of whom will be American Red Cross certified lifeguards and ARC-certified Water Safety Instructors. Classes will be filled on a first come, first serve basis with priority given to Calais residents. Class size is limited to not more than 6 (down from 8 in previous years) for reasons of sufficient physical distance, general water safety and quality of instruction. Our Swim Instructors will also be available for private lessons upon request. **Parents MUST accompany their child(ren) during swim lessons for safety.**

Please fill out one registration/waiver (page 1 & page 3) form for each child and return along with \$20.00 per person, per session (\$25 non-residents) to the CES office or to Jessica Rich (see address above) by **FRIDAY, JUNE 18th**. Please make checks payable to "Calais Swim Program". **To register, payment MUST be included.** Scholarships are available upon request. Class schedules will be emailed to you by Wednesday, June 23rd.

If you have taken swim lessons with us before and don't remember your child's level, just indicate with a '?' on the registration form and we can consult our records from the previous season. If you have not taken swim lessons before and are unsure of the right level please consult the list of skills required by each level on the following page. If we have enough interest, we may offer an advanced skills class for people who have passed level 6.

NOTE: Classes will not be cancelled unless there is a thunderstorm or heavy, continual rain. If classes are cancelled, you will receive an email 30 minutes prior to the lesson. We regret any inconvenience.

Calais Swimming Program Registration

Please check: Session I_____ Session II_____ Session III_____ Session IV_____ Session V_____ Session VI_____

Childs Name_____ Age_____ Grade_____

Parent Name(s)_____

Mailing Address_____ Town_____ Zip_____

Email Address_____ Phone(s)_____

Swimming classification (circle):

Level: 1 (w/parent) 2 3 4 5 6 >6

GUIDE TO SWIM LEVELS

Courtesy of the American Red Cross

(Note that swimmers can sometimes benefit from more than one year at the same level)

Level 1: Introduction to Water Skills (3 and up)

- For the beginner who is comfortable in the water.
- Swimmers learn basics of swimming: bobbing, going under water, supported front and back floating, supported rolling over from front to back and back to front, supported gliding, supported flutter kick, supported front crawl arms and jumping in.

Level 2: Fundamental Aquatic Skills (4 and up)

- Swimmers should already be able to float on front and back and put their head under water.
- Swimmers will work on: independent front and back floating, independent rolling over from front to back and back to front, independent front and back glides, front crawl arms and kicks, back crawl arms and kicks, retrieving underwater objects, and jumping into water over their head.

Level 3: Stroke Development (5-6 and up)

- Swimmers should already be comfortable swimming front stroke and swimming on their back.
- Swimmers will work on: gliding, freestyle with side breathing, backstroke, breast stroke and dolphin kicks, retrieving objects in deeper water, treading water, jumping into deep water and compact dives.

Level 4: Stroke Improvement (7-8 and up)

- Swimmers should already be able to: swim front and back crawl 25 yards.
- Swimmers will work on: rotary breathing, freestyle, backstroke, elementary backstroke, scissors kick and sidestroke, whip kick and breaststroke, intro to turning at wall, treading water with modified scissors, and diving in kneeling position.

Level 5: Stroke Refinement (9-10 and up)

- Swimmers should already be able to: swim freestyle, breaststroke and backstroke 25 yards, scissors kick, whip kick, treading water, and dive.
- Swimmers will work on: alternate breathing, stride jump, refinement of: freestyle, backstroke, elementary backstroke, sidestroke, breaststroke, dolphin kick and butterfly, open turn on front and back, feet-first surface dive, and treading water.

Level 6: Swimming & Skill Proficiency (11+)

- Swimmers should already be able to: swim front and back crawl 50 yds, elementary backstroke 25 yards, breaststroke 25 yards, butterfly 25 yards, sidestroke 10 yards, tread water for 3 minutes, and dive.
- Swimmers will work on: All six strokes, front and back crawl flip turn, breaststroke turn, breaststroke speed turn and pullout, butterfly turn, sidestroke turn, pike and tuck surface dive, pike and tuck dive from board, tread water for five minutes, and basic water rescue. Please note: Not all pools are deep enough to teach all of the diving segments of all levels – program modifications may be required to meet safety guidelines.

CALAIS SWIM PROGRAM - Summer 2021

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK, WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

As parent/legal guardian of _____(child's full name), I hereby consent to the above-named person participating in the programs offered by the Calais Swim Program, Summer '21.

I am aware that swimming is an activity with inherent risk of physical injury including death. While the risks can be reduced, they can never be totally eliminated. I understand and accept that risk.

I hereby forever release the Calais Swim Program, its board, teachers, assistants, the Town of Calais, Calais School District and the Vermont Land Trust from all liability for any and all damage including property damage, personal injuries or death suffered by my child while under instruction, supervision or control of any Calais Swim Program affiliate.

As parent/legal guardian, I take financial responsibility for possible future medical expenses, which may be incurred by my child as a result of any injury sustained while participating in activities under the direction of the Calais Swim Program. I further agree to indemnify the Calais Swim Program and its affiliates for any and all claims arising from my child's participation.

This acknowledgement of risk, waiver of liability and indemnity agreement, having been read thoroughly and understood completely, is signed voluntarily as to content and intent. By signing this document, I am giving up legal rights and remedies, which may be available to my child or me.

Signature Parent/legal guardian _____ Date _____

Instructor use:

Class: _____ Date passed: _____

Classification for next year: _____

☐ Waiver of liability



LOCATION

665 Vincent Flats Rd, East Montpelier, VT

DATE _____

Monday, July 12 – Friday, July 16

TIME

9am - 4pm

COST

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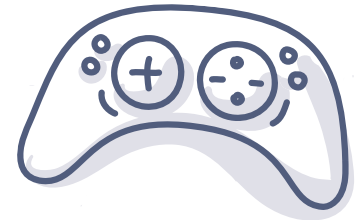


- Explore the U.N. Global Goals for Sustainable Development
- Introduce the core concepts of computer programming and video game design
- Develop strategies for efficient collaboration, critical thinking and problem-solving
- Learn best practices for public speaking—ability to pitch and present work

■ Register at futuregenius.org. Scholarships are available.

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East Montpelier Strong Girls working together to make their community stronger!!!

The East Montpelier Strong Girls club is working on a community service project and would like your help. This is the 4th year the girls at East Montpelier have teamed up with the Green Mountain United Way to support Tatum Totes. This year instead of keeping it within our group we would like to make it a community effort. We hope you will join us if you can.

What is Tatum's Totes?

[Tatum's Totes](#) is an independent nonprofit organization started in Rutland by foster parents Liz and Alex Grimes in honor of their son Tatum who died at the age of 5 months old of SIDS. After becoming foster parents, they found that many children entered the foster care system with little more than a plastic bag and the clothes they were wearing. Liz and Alex started Tatum's Totes to ensure that each child entering emergency foster care had a backpack of their own filled with comforting items that could stay with them throughout their transition into foster care. Green Mountain United Way employee Pam Bailey saw the program on Facebook and immediately recognized the value for the Central and Northern Vermont regions that Green Mountain United Way serves and offered to establish a Tatum's Totes program for both Newport and Barre DCF Districts in February 2016. Green Mountain United Way has helped to establish programs that serve all of the towns in our five-county service area.

How can we help?

Your family can purchase items to be placed in a backpack for a child who is in need of some extra love and support from their community.

Donations can be sent in with your child or dropped off in the box at EMES. Please only drop items off during school hours.

We will be accepting donations until **Friday June 4th**.

What can we donate?

The strong girls compiled a list of things we could donate. Their guiding questions: What makes you feel safe? What do you like to do when you are nervous that is comforting? Tatum totes takes new donations, so you can leave it in the package with the tags on. All items should be able to fit in a backpack, so keep that in mind when purchasing. We provided a list of some ideas but please feel free to come up with some of your own. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Zeilenga (jzeilenga@u32.org).

Thank you all so much!

EM Strong Girls

Donation ideas

Comfort items:

- Small blanket
- Small pillow
- Nightlight
- Flashlight
- Stuffed toy

- Tissues
- Wash cloths
- socks

Activities/fun

- Books
- Journal/diary
- Notebooks
- fidget/stress ball
- Jump rope
- Chalk
- Playdough
- Nailpolish
- markers/crayons
- Art supplies
- Travel games
- Coloring books
- Action figures/little legos
- Stickers
- Mad lib books
- Rubik's cube
- Flower seeds

Necessities/hygiene

- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Floss
- Headbands
- Masks
- Hair Ties
- Barrettes
- comb/brush
- Scrunchies
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Deodorant
- Hand sanitizer
- Feminine hygiene products
- Body wash
- Soap
- Lotion

Misc items

- Inspirational quotes
- Positive messages

Baby items:

- Receiving Blankets
- Baby Bottles and Nipples
- Pacifiers
- Bathing Items (tear-free soap, baby wash, towels, etc.)
- Teethers
- Diaper Rash Cream
- Plush stuffed toys
- Nasal aspirators
- Something plush that crinkles, rattles, and squeaks or teething rattles
- Thermometers

Last Day of Pre-Kindergarten Notice

Last Day: Friday, June 11th

Hello WCUUSD Pre-K Families,

Often in the past Pre-K has closed before the end of the normal K-12 school year to complete requirements for Licensing and STARS. It is our plan to do so again this year, June 11th will be the last school-based Pre-K day. This will complete the 35-weeks of 10-hour pre-k that is required under Act 46. By doing this it will allow the teachers and staff to focus their energy on the important STARS renewal required by the State that is due before they leave for the summer.

Community Connections has followed the practice some years and stayed open a few days longer other years. This year due to staffing shortage, I am planning for the majority of the sites to finish on June 11th, two of the sites (Berlin & East Montpelier) would remain open until Tuesday, June 15th. This would allow families to access service if needed and still allow CC staff to prep for the opening of summer camps.

Please let me know if you have any questions!

Sincerely,

Kimberly J. L. Bolduc
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Expanded Learning Opportunities
Community Connections, Director
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