

March 15, 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've had some wild weather this month with spring-like temperatures last week and almost having to have indoor recess today because of the wind chill. You just never know what the month of March will bring! Please remember to continue sending your children to school with appropriate clothing no matter what the weather conditions may be. I also ask that you make sure your children have a change of shoes to wear indoors as mud season will soon be upon us. Because children are spending the vast majority of their school day in one room, it's important to have a change of shoes so the classrooms don't become a muddy mess!

Learning is going strong across the grades and staff recently spent time reviewing both math and reading data from our winter assessments. We have some exciting growth to report in both areas, which is a result of a lot of hard work on the part of your children! There is so much to be proud of this year as students are learning new ways of engaging with one another in their learning. We also recently spent time planning for upcoming student-led conferences which will take place on or around April 2nd. As is the practice at EMES, students will share their learning, goal setting, and work with their families at this time. Conferences will be virtual this year and your child's teacher will reach out to you with specifics of this in the coming days.

We have begun the work of identifying class configurations for next year and teachers will soon know which grade-level they will be teaching. Once this is done, we will reach out to families for input on your child's classroom placement for next year. Our goal is to have this wrapped up in the coming month so there are fewer unknowns going into next school year.

We've had a number of families register for Pre-K and K for next year. If you have a child who will be eligible, or know of a child who is, please let folks know! More details about the registration process can be found on page 3 of this newsletter.

Best,
Alicia

Upcoming Dates To Note:

March 24th: 12:30 dismissal

April 2nd: Student Led Conferences (via Zoom!) - No school for students

April 7th: 12:30 dismissal

April 19—23: April break

May 19th: 12:30 dismissal

May 31st: Memorial Day—no school



Alicia Lyford, Principal

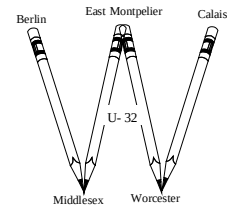
2020-2021 EMES Family Newsletter

Washington Central Unified Union School District

WCUUSD exists to nurture and inspire in all students the passion, creativity and power to contribute to their local and global communities.

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Bryan Olkowski
Superintendent



Dear parents and families –

East Montpelier Elementary School was identified by the Vermont Agency of Education as eligible for equity supports as stated in Vermont's Every Student Succeeds Act plan. Schools and SUs/SDs eligible for equity supports have a significant difference in student performance between at least one historically marginalized student groups and their historically privileged peers. Our school district was identified due to the gap in performance between all of our historically marginalized groups and privileges. These groups are made up of the following: Free and reduced lunches, African-American, American Indian/Alaska Natives, Asian, Hispanic, Native Hawaiian-Pacific Islander, students on IEP's , and English Learners.

The Washington Central Unified Union School District, along with guidance from the VT AOE, will be providing us technical assistance as we develop our Continuous Improvement Plan to address improving the outcomes for all students, including this specific group. We will continue to address student needs as determined by the analysis of the data we collect. As part of that data, we look at parent survey results and other information we've collected from parents and the community. We thank you all for your feedback.

If you would like to be further involved in the development and ongoing implementation of our Continuous Improvement Plan, please contact us. Additionally, there will be an Equity Supports presentation at the March 17, 2021 school board meeting if you are interested in learning more. Your support is instrumental in your child's school success.

Thank you.

Alicia Lyford



WCUUSD Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration



PRE-K AND KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION WEEK

March 8th-March 12th, 2021

The Washington Central Unified Union School District registration process is online for the 2021-2022 school year.

The Pre-K and K registration process must be completed for students who are attending our public school programs and students who are attending private, pre-qualified programs through Act 166 in 2021-2022.

Registration for Pre-K 3 is for students who are 3-years-old on or before September 1, 2021. Pre-K 4 is for students who are 4- or 5-years old (5-years old and not enrolled in Kindergarten) on or before September 1, 2021 from towns of Berlin, Calais, East Montpelier, Middlesex and Worcester.

Kindergarten is for children who turn age 5 on or before September 1, 2021. If your child already attends public Pre-K, they are already registered for Kindergarten.

Please go to the our website at www.wcsu32.org and follow the directions after clicking the icon titled "Online Registration" located on the upper right hand side of our website.

If registering for public Pre-K in your local elementary school, please complete the online registration process by 3/12/2021 if possible. We will begin offering placements to students shortly thereafter. Pre-K placements are first-come-first-served and space is limited. If necessary, we will create a waitlist and will offer spots in our public Pre-K programs on a first come, first served basis. All registration paperwork must be completed before a placement will be offered.

WCUUSD offers childcare options through Community Connections in order to increase access to public pre-K programs.

Please contact Kim Bolduc, Coordinator of Early Education and Expanded Learning Opportunities at Kbolduc@u32.org or 223-7936 ext 305 if you have any questions regarding pre-kindergarten , Act 166, or Community Connections before or after care options.

We will be offering developmental screening opportunities later in the spring. Additional information will be forthcoming. Should you have any concerns about your child's development, please contact our Director of Special Services, Kelly Bushey at Kbushey@u32.org or 229-0553 ext 1308

Session #4, March 15th - May 7th, 2021



East Montpelier/Calais Community Connections

~ *Bringing School and Community Together* ~

Phone: 223-7936 x305 ~ kboulduc@u32.org

Starting at \$7* a day for our morning program, you can drop-off your child on a school day beginning at 7:30 am.

Please make sure we have a registration form.

We play with STEM toys, create Origami designs and social distant games in the gym or cafeteria until school starts.

Please contact Kim for more information!

Schedule of Events

Kindergarten through 6th Grade

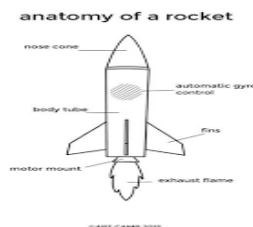
April 2nd	In-service Day	CC Day Camp – Flier out by 3/19
April 19 – 23	Spring Break	CC Day Camps
May 3	Last Session Sign-ups	May 10 – End of school

If your child is on free or reduced lunch you would likely qualify for state childcare subsidies & may be able to send your child to Community Connections at no cost to you!

Monday – Friday Afternoons:

We will be outside on the playground daily, weather permitting. Please send appropriate gear to keep your child dry and warm.

We will offer social distanced activities along with free play and nature exploration depending on group size(s); animals and aerodynamics will be a common focus.



When inside we will offer board games and individual arts, craft and project based around upcoming events and holiday themes. Homework help and STEM explorations are always available.

***Note to families:* In all of our before and after school activities, we follow COVID practices such as social distancing and sanitization safety protocols. Board games will be played with masks on and clean hands, which includes the use of hand sanitizer and/or wearing gloves to protect ourselves and others. We also use a rotation of the games available to reduce the possibility of exposure!**



East Montpelier/Calais

Community Connections

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Kindergarten through 6th Grade

Kimberly Bolduc: Site Coordinator
802-223-7936 x305 ~ kbolduc@u32.org

Dear Families,

Here is the registration packet for **East Montpelier/Calais Community Connections Before and After School Programs - Session #5**. Please look over the enclosed materials and **return the registration and planned attendance calendar to school by March 15th.**

JUST A FEW THINGS:

- Our fee structure is a sliding scale of **\$12-18/day for afternoons 3:35 to 5:30 P.M. (Wednesday s 3:00-5:30p.m.)** and **\$7-12/day for Morning care 7:30 to 8:30 A.M.** A Family Income Guideline has been included below to help you determine the amount to pay. It is a suggested guideline, and we ask you to indicate on the sign-up form the highest amount you can afford to help support the program and promote its sustainability.
- As always, **alternative funding** (state subsidies, reduced fees, volunteering in exchange for participation, etc.) is available if cost is a concern (please talk to Kimberly Bolduc).
- Space is limited based on staff to child ratios, so your child *may not* be able to participate in all days they sign up for if the number of kids already registered fill all slots, so sign up soon.
- Drop-in space is not guaranteed, families must have prior approval please let the site know as soon as you are aware of the need, **during COVID-19 times this is even more important**. The drop-in rate is \$12 for the morning and \$18 for the afterschool for the same day.
- **Payment is due at the beginning of the session unless payment arrangements are made**, in which case full/final payment would be due no later than April 16th. There is an extra \$10 charge for invoice billing (if payments are not made at the beginning of each session or payments are not made per the agreed upon arrangement).
- There is no refund for days that are missed due to sickness or absence. If family schedules change a credit is possible with 72 hour to a weeks notice, in the first 6 sessions.
- Every afternoon starts with a healthy snack provided by us, fruits, veggies and a grain/starch!
- Please make sure your child comes to school **dressed appropriately for outdoor recess** (jackets, boots, hats, etc.) **All** kids will go out daily for a recess break before any special programs or activities start. Sunscreen and bug spray are needed as well.
- Before care runs from 7:30am to 8:30am. After school programs run from 3:35-5:30pm. A late fee will be charged if you are later than 5:30pm to pick-up your child. The fee is \$20 for every 15 minutes that you are late.

Thank you,

Kimberly Bolduc
Community Connections Director

Suggested Family Income Guideline for Sliding Scale Placement

	Over \$90,000	\$70-\$90,000	\$50-\$70,000	Below \$50,000*
PM	\$18 per day/per child	\$15 per day/per child	\$13 per day/per child	\$12 per day/per child
AM	\$12 per day/per child	\$10 per day/per child	\$8 per day/per child	\$7 per day/per child

**Families at this level should explore whether they qualify for assistance through the Vermont Child Care Subsidy Program.*



East Montpelier & Calais Community Connections

Kindergarten through 6th Grade

Sign Up Form - Session 5, 2020-2021

Child's Name _____ Grade _____ Teacher _____

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Please circle the dates and AM/PM sessions your child will be attending.

AND return by March 15th

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
March 15 AM PM	16 AM PM	17 AM PM	18 AM PM	19 AM PM
22 AM PM	23 AM PM	24 AM PM	25 AM PM	26 AM PM
29 AM PM	30 AM PM	31 AM PM	April 1 AM PM	2 Camp
5 AM PM	6 AM PM	7 AM PM	8 AM PM	9 AM PM
12 AM PM	13 AM PM	14 AM PM	15 AM PM	16 AM PM
	Vacation	Week,	Enjoy!!!	
26 AM PM	27 AM PM	28 AM PM	29 AM PM	30 AM PM
May 3 AM PM	4 AM PM	5 AM PM	6 AM PM	7 AM PM

Kindergarten through 6th Grade

Please calculate your payment using the chart below

AM Care	# of AM days	X	\$7-12/day Sliding Scale Fee	=	Total Cost of AM Care
PM Care	# of PM days	X	\$12-18/day Sliding Scale Fee	=	Total Cost of PM Care
<u>TOTAL</u>	Total Cost of AM Care	+	Total Cost of PM Care	=	<u>TOTAL DUE:</u>

Parent Signature _____

Phone(s) _____ Email(s) _____



REGISTER FOR LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL SOFTBALL WWW.CVTLL.ORG

Registration is now Open!

Central Vermont Little League is happy to announce registration has started. Please log on to our website WWW.CVTLL.ORG and register for the upcoming baseball/softball season. All kids ages 4-12 are eligible to participate. We look forward to a great season!



Tee Ball

Ages 4-6

Farm/Coach Pitch

Ages 6-8

**Player Pitch
Minors**

Ages 8-10

**Player Pitch
Majors**

Ages 10-12

Girls Softball

Ages 8-12

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Berlin, Cabot, Calais,
East Montpelier, Marshfield,
Middlesex, Montpelier,
Plainfield, Worcester

Central Vermont Raiders Youth Lacrosse



We're back! Registration is now open for the 2021 spring lacrosse season.
You can register at

<https://www.eastmontpelierrecreation.org/lacrosse/registration>

Schedule

All practices will be held at the East Montpelier Recreation fields next to the East Montpelier Elementary School. The preliminary schedule is as follows, but may be subject to change depending on the availability of students and their families:

3rd-6th boys: Tuesday & Thursday, 5:30-7:00

3rd-6th girls: Wednesday & Friday, 5:30-7:00

K-2: Saturday mornings, time TBD

All practices will be held outdoors, so the first practice will occur when the fields are ready to be used.

Equipment

Girls only require a stick, goggles, and cleats, while boys are required to have a stick, helmet, chest protector, elbow pads, gloves, protective cup, and cleats. **Equipment rentals are available on a first come, first serve basis and have a fee of \$15.**

Registration & Contact Information

Registration can be completed at <https://www.eastmontpelierrecreation.org/lacrosse/registration> and answers to any questions can be obtained by contacting the Program Director, Bob Fitch, at bobfitch.vt@gmail.com or 802-279-1560.

Coaches and volunteers are always needed, so please notify Bob of any interest in helping! To learn more about the sport of lacrosse, go to www.uslacrosse.org/about-the-sport or contact Bob.

Watching Lacrosse

The college lacrosse season is underway, so if you're interested in watching men's and women's college lacrosse you can find webstream links here for women's games:

<https://www.insidelacrosse.com/league/wdi/calendar/2021>

And here for men's games: <https://www.insidelacrosse.com/league/di/calendar/2021>

Go Raiders!