

November 1, 2020

EMES Mission Statement

"The purpose of our school is to teach all children to become competent, caring



Alicia Lyford, Principal

2020-2021 EMES Family Newsletter

Dear EMES Families -

Welcome to November! I am so proud that we've successfully made it through 8 weeks of in-person learning together. We ended our week together with some Halloween festivities. A number of classes earned special celebrations that included adorable costumes. Our amazing 6th-grade student leadership team read Halloween poems and jokes to students via Zoom while they enjoyed popcorn from Annie and Jen in the kitchen. Our wonderful PTNO surprised students with goodie bags at the end of the day and parents surprised their children with festively decorated cars in the pick up line. If you didn't see yesterday's Times Argus, check out Pirate Sherwin talking to parents as they wait in line to pick up their children. Although different in so many ways this year, we were still able to celebrate together.

Please note the upcoming dates and events below. We have a remote day on Tuesday and students will be sent home on Monday with everything they need for a day of remote learning. Those who pre-ordered breakfast and lunch for Tuesday will be sent home with these as well. Students will be dismissed directly after lunch on Wednesday and if you pick your child up, dismissal will begin right at 12:30. Our teachers will spend the next few Wednesday afternoons mastering their skills on Canvas and working together to prepare for learning in the event that we ever have to go remote for a period of time this year. We have had such a successful fall due to the immense amount of planning and prep that went into re-opening school. We are hoping to spend these next few weeks doing the same for remote learning, just in case.

We will have parent/teacher conferences next Wednesday and Arlyn will be providing two Canvas trainings to parents during this time (details on page 3). If you haven't logged into Canvas yet, we suggest you take some time to do so over the next few weeks.

Upcoming Dates to Note at EMES:

- ⇒ Sunday, Nov 1—Daylight Savings; change clocks back!
- ⇒ Tuesday, Nov 3rd: Voting Day at EMES—This will be a REMOTE DAY for ALL STUDENTS
- ⇒ Wednesday, Nov 4th: 12:30 dismissal—lunch will be provided first
- ⇒ Wednesday, Nov 4th: 6:00 WCUUSD Board Meeting via Zoom
- ⇒ Tuesday, Nov 10th: 4:30—5:30 Parent Canvas Training via Zoom
- ⇒ Wednesday, Nov 11th: Virtual Parent/Teacher Conferences—no school
- ⇒ Wednesday, Nov 11th: 10:00—11:00am Parent Canvas Training via Zoom
- ⇒ Wednesday, Nov 18th: 12:30 dismissal—lunch will be provided first
- ⇒ Wednesday, Nov 18th: 6:00pm WCUUSD Board Meeting via Zoom
- ⇒ Wednesday, Nov 25—Friday, Nov 27: Thanksgiving break

Meals for Vermonters:

Do you know someone who is struggling to feed themselves or their family right now? [Vermont Everyone Eats](#) has meals from 100+ Vermont restaurants available at over [130 distribution sites](#) around Vermont PLUS anyone affected by the pandemic can use the [Localvore app](#) to order takeout meals paid for by Vermont Everyone Eats. Consumers that would like to use the app to access Everyone Eats meals can simply create a free account by filling out the form on <https://everyoneeatsvt.com/>. Then, using the same username and password, they can download the Localvore Passport app, log in with their credentials, and discover and redeem the meals via the app.

Free Meals for All Students:

On August 31, 2020, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced an extension of the summer meals program, under which all U.S. school children are eligible for free breakfast and lunch. The extension will run through the entire 2020/2021 school year.

This means that all families with children attending school in the Washington Central Unified Union School District, whether they are doing so in-person or remotely, are eligible to receive breakfast and lunch for free.

While we encourage all families to take advantage of this free program to ensure your children are receiving healthy and nutritious meals, students who so desire may still bring their lunch from home. Students bringing their lunch from home will continue to be able to purchase milk. (Milk is included in the free lunch program).

We would also like to remind parents and caregivers to continue filling out and submitting the Free and Reduced Lunch Application to ensure that free or affordable meals are available throughout the 2020-21 school year.

Canvas Information For Families:

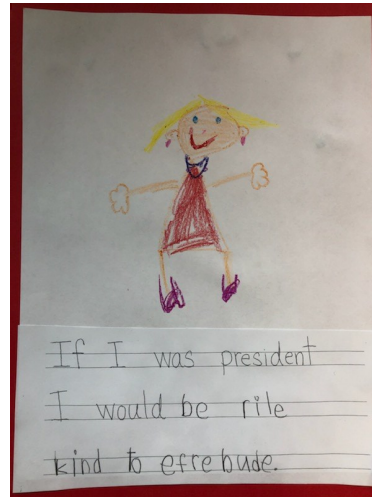
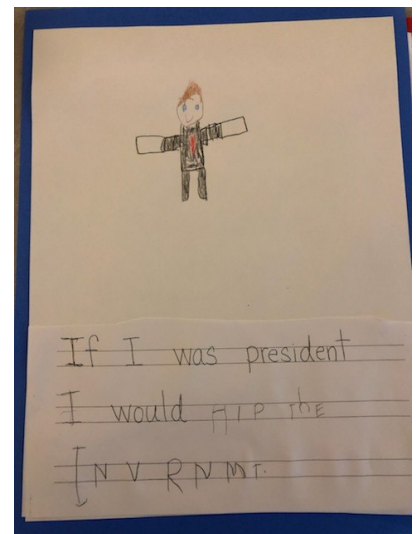
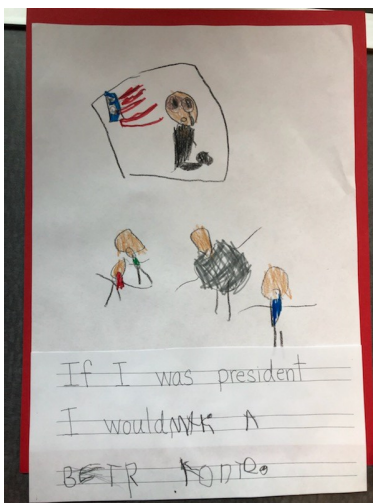
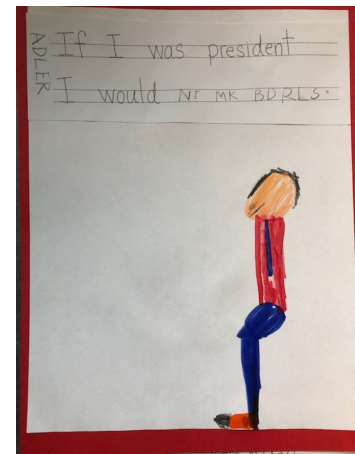
Ms. Arlyn will be providing a Canvas training for EMES parents on [November 10th from 4:30 - 5:30](#) and [November 11th from 10:00 - 12:00](#) via Zoom. [Here](#) is a resource for parents/caregivers in order to help access Canvas. We encourage all parents/caregivers to make sure that they have access to Canvas in order to keep up with student learning and announcements. It'll be helpful to have your account set up before attending the training. If you're not able to go to a training, you're welcome to watch [this video](#) to see how to update notifications. There will be follow-up recordings for parents to access after the trainings on the 10th and 11th as well. Stay tuned!





Community Connections Pre-K Halloween Celebration!

In light of the upcoming election, K/1 students write about what they would do if President.



Students create "All About Me" books in art class.



Take Home Harvest Feast

Friday November 13, 2020

East Montpelier Elementary School presents a Take Home Harvest Feast. Just like our harvest feast, only you pick up and take home, heat and enjoy.

Adults \$6.50

Students \$4.00

Menu:

Roast Turkey Stew or Vegetarian Stew

Ambrosia Salad

Garden Salad

Manghi's Roll

Apple Crisp

All Meals must be paid for in advance, no lunch accounts will be charged. This is not a school luncheon, so no free or reduced meals.

Choose your pick up time.

5:30 _____

6:15 _____

Please return form by November 6, 2020

Please drive into the pick up and drop off circle, and your food will be delivered to your car.

Name _____

Number of meals: Adults _____ Student _____

Turkey Stew _____ Vegetarian Stew _____



NOVEMBER 2020

East Montpelier Elementary School

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

Monday

Chicken Patty Sandwich **2**
Fresh Fruit and Veggies
Milk
Sandwich of the day:
Turkey & Cheese

Grilled Cheese **9**
Fresh Fruit and Veggies
Milk
Sandwich of the day:
Turkey & Cheese

Turkey or Veg Stew **16**
Fresh Fruit and Veggies
Milk
Sandwich of the day:
Turkey & Cheese

Fried Rice w/ chicken **23**
Fresh Fruit and Veggies
Milk
Sandwich of the day:
Turkey & Cheese

Hot Dog **30**
Fresh Fruit and Veggies
Milk
Sandwich of the day:
Turkey & Cheese

Tuesday

3
Pre Ordered meals going
home on Monday

Ham & Cheese **10**
Croissant
Fresh Fruit and Veggies
Milk
Sandwich of the day:
Egg Salad

Soft Taco **17**
Beef, cheese, salsa, sour cream
Fresh Fruit and Veggies
Milk
Sandwich of the day:
Egg Salad

Turkey & cheese, **24**
Ham & Cheese
or
Egg Salad Sandwich
Fresh Fruit and Veggies
Milk

Wednesday

4
Corn Dogs
Fresh Fruit and Veggies
Milk
Sandwich of the day:
Ham & Cheese

11
No
School

French Toast Sticks **18**
Yogurt
Fresh Fruit
Milk
Sandwich of the day:
Ham & Cheese

25
No
School

Thursday

5
Pizza
Pepperoni or Cheese
Fresh Fruit and Veggies
Milk
Sandwich of the day:
Tuna Salad

12
Cheesy Nachos
Fresh Fruit and Veggies
Milk
Sandwich of the day:
Tuna Salad

Baked Ziti w/ Marinara **19**
Fresh Fruit and Veggies
Milk
Sandwich of the day:
Tuna Salad

26
No
School

Friday

6
Shepherd's Pie
Ground beef, Mashed Potato, corn
Fresh Fruit and Veggies
Milk
Sandwich of the day:
Chicken Salad

13
Turkey & Cheese or
Ham & Cheese Sandwich
Fresh Fruit and Veggies
Milk
Sandwich of the day:
none

Popcorn chicken **20**
Fresh Fruit and Veggies
Milk
Sandwich of the day:
Chicken Salad

27
No
School



All students eat free until June 30, 2020

We are an equal opportunity institution

Menu Subject to Change



**Community Connections
Early Release Days
Wednesday, November 4th &
18th
Grades K—6
Preschools**



Wednesday, November 4th & 18th

12:30 p.m.—5:30p.m.

Berlin, Calais, Doty, EMES, and Rumney

For questions call your local school to talk to the Site Coordinator or the program teacher.

Community Connections will be open on the early release days!

Outside we will play social distanced Games , such as shadow tag, along with free play and nature exploration depending on group size(s). So don't forget to bring your outdoor gear, we will play outside the majority of the time, if possible!

When inside we will offer board games and individual arts, craft and project based activities and some STEM explorations.

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!

CC Preschool will run its normal time at each school, where necessary it will welcome the students earlier—please see the back for details!

To register for camps:

1. Complete the sign up sheet on the other side of this form.
2. If your child has not attended a Community Connections activity this year we will also need a 2020 - 2021 Registration form. They are available from your school's Site Coordinator or at school.
3. Return the sign up, registration form, and payment to:
 - Your school's front desk or its Community Connections Site Coordinator via the front office or by scanning it to them.



ALL THE BASICS

- CC Early Release day cost \$20 - \$30 for the per day on a sliding scale please pay what you can!
- Extended hours are **12:30 PM—5:30 PM**
- Pickups after **5:30 will be charged a \$15 late fee!**
- We need a current 20-21 registration/medical form for your child. If you have not filled one out this year, we must have one before your child can attend.
- We will provide a healthy snack.
- Please let us know how we may best help your child enjoy time with us and discuss any special needs.

Personal audio, phones, and video games are highly discouraged, if sent it is at your own risk.

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



PRESCHOOLS - Each school's CC classroom will be open during the early release time. If your child will be attending CC longer or during a time they normal don't, there will be a fee to cover the added time. This amount will range from \$5-\$25 depending on the extra time.

Space is limited for these days!

Register as soon as possible!

6 child minimum and **25 child maximum!**

Sorry—no refunds for cancellations 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!

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 a 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.



Sign up online (drop-off payment off at school) at:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/>

Note to Parents and Guardians: Vermont weather is unpredictable. We run our programs cold, rain or sunshine, so please send your child dressed appropriately - layers, winter boots, warm clothes, extra clothes, indoor shoes, hats, and gloves.

My child _____ Gender _____ Grade _____ School _____

My child _____ Gender _____ Grade _____ School _____

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

Date	Event	Cost	Indicate Rate.	Pick-up/Drop- off
____Wed., Nov. 4th 2020	Early Release day	____\$20-\$30/	\$_____/ per day	Your local school
____Wed., Nov. 18th 2020	For Grades K-6	per child K-6		
		— \$5-20 Pre-K		

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.

Questions: kbolduc@u32.org or 223-7936 x305



**Community Connections
November Parent/Teacher
Conference Day Camp**

Wednesday, November 11th

Grades K—6

Located at East Montpelier Elementary



Wednesday, November 11th 8:00a.m.—5:30p.m.

Berlin, Calais, Doty, EMES, and Rumney

Kind and Thankful acts of Giving

November is a great time to consider the things we are most thankful for. Join us for some fun, giving crafts and activities based on the things we have to be thankful for and kind acts we can do for others.

We will also be making items to recognize our Veterans & our local First Responders to thank them for their service.

Don't forget to bring your outdoor gear as we will play outside!

To register for camps:

1. Complete the sign up sheet on the other side of this form.
2. If your child has not attended a Community Connections activity this year we will also need a 2020 - 2021 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
 - Scan and send it to kbolduc@u32.org and mail payment separately OR
 - Mail them by November 4 to:

**Community Connections
c/o EMES
665 Vincent Flats Road
East Montpelier, VT 05651**



ALL THE BASICS

- CC is one of the only local organizations offering camps on school vacations. Camps cost \$45 - \$60 per day on a sliding scale please pay what you can!
- Camp hours are **8:00 AM—5:30 PM**
- Pickups after **5:30 will be charged a \$15 late fee!**
- We need a current 20-21 registration/medical form for your child. If you have not filled one out this year, we must have one before your child can attend.
- You provide lunch and we provide 2 healthy snacks.
- Please let us know how we may best help your child enjoy camp and discuss any special needs.
- Personal audio, phones, and video games are highly discouraged, if sent it is at your own risk.

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



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!

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

My child _____ Gender _____ Grade _____ School _____

My child _____ Gender _____ Grade _____ School _____

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
Wednesday Nov. 11, 2020	Thankful/Kindness Camp For Grades K-6	\$45-\$60	\$_____/ day	E. Montpelier Elem.entary School 665 Vincent Flats Rd., E. Montpelier, VT

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.

Space is limited for these camps.

Register as soon as possible!

10 child minimum and **25 child maximum!**

Sorry—no refunds for cancellations 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!

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.



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

<https://docs.google.com/forms/>