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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."



Alicia Lyford, Principal

2019-2020 EMES Family Newsletter

Dear EMES Families -

We have almost reached the finish line for the 2019-2020 school year! As with last week's newsletter, there is a lot of information in here—please read it through to the end!

We will have our Virtual Field Day Wednesday —please read the details below, which include links to videos made by EMES staff demonstrating some of the activities. We are hoping for full participation for this fun event and even staff and their families will be involved! If you need balloons for the water balloon toss, you can pick them up at EMES any time; they're outside the front doors at EMES in a box.

Our last day of school is on Thursday and we will celebrate our sixth graders with a "Drive Bye" graduation Thursday evening. If you would like to cheer the sixth-graders on from the safety of your vehicle, please join us on Vincent Flats or Cherry Tree Hill at 6pm that evening (details below).

On Friday, the EMES staff will drive through the town of East Montpelier on our final Staff Car Parade! The estimated times can be found below and we will have a special little treat for each EMES student. We hope to see you all in person on Friday!

The WCUUSD prepared a statement against racism that you can find below. Please take a few moments to read this. In it, you will find helpful information to share and read with your children.

Finally, there is an important survey for all WCUUSD caregivers to take regarding your personal experience during remote learning. We are in the beginning stages of planning for what the fall will look like and rely on your valuable feedback to help us in our planning. Please take a few moments to complete this survey—your opinion matters greatly to us!

I will send a final newsletter of the year out at some point next week, but I wish you all a wonderful final few days of learning with your children before your summer vacation officially begins! I hope to see you out on Friday!

Best,
Alicia

**DATES TO
REMEMBER**

June 10: Virtual Field Day
June 11th: Last Day for Students
June 11th: Sixth Grade Graduation 6pm
June 12th: Final Staff Car Parade 12:30—2:30
June 15—18: Chrome Book Return; Material,
Yearbook, Belonging Pick-Up

Rumney Art Teacher to Join EMES!

We are excited to announce that Jennifer Campbell, long time Rumney art teacher, will be joining EMES next year! Jen will continue to teach art to Rumney students as well—we are so excited to have her join our school community. Welcome, Jen!



EMES Library Books for Summer!



Who: All students returning to EMES next year. You must return your current library books first. You can request to renew 1 book you currently have.

How: [Click here to request books for summer.](#)

When: Families can pick up your Summer books when they come to school to collect your schoolwork &/or return your chromebook the week of June 15th.

Caregiver Survey on Remote Learning

We are gathering feedback from all WCSUUD caregivers on your personal experience with Remote Learning. Please take a few moments to fill [this survey out](#). We will use the information provided to us in the survey to help us better plan for the 2020-2021 school year.

Thank you!

Hello Washington Central UUSD Families,

Community Connections has reopened a limited number of programs due to space and available staff. We want to help families transition back to work and help with the Remote Learning requirements your children have until the middle of June, after which we may run limited programming, but we are still assessing the need and availability of staff and space. More information on July to August will come during the first weeks of June. To help us please access the following link to complete the CC Summer Survey https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSec5oYRnNXfDxyOZ3aHRKCROZqsIZEE-a58PAGrR_I6zc_Bhg/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1.

We are running a preschool/childcare for children ages 3-5 years old from June 1 to June 19 for the end of school at Berlin, if enough families contact us with a need. The program will be open from 8am to 4:30pm. Space is limited and will be based on when enrollment and deposits are received, once the spots are full we will put your name on a waiting list.

We have also opened a school-aged program (K-6 grade) for students located at Berlin. The number of students allowed based on staff to student ratio is Twenty (20). This program will be open from June 1 to the 19th from 8am to 4:30pm. Filling those spots will be based on when enrollment and deposits are received, once the spots are full we will put your name on a waiting list. Please contact Kimberly Bolduc at kbolduc@u32.org or 802/223-3456 to obtain a Parent Handbook/Contract and fee details.

Best Regards,
Kim Bolduc



Chromebook Return and Belonging Pick Up

During this time of remote learning students will need to have continued access to their school issued computers/devices through the end of the school year. Our official last student day is Thursday, June 11th. In an effort to reduce breakage and help get devices back to school, we are asking families to return their student's school issued computer (or iPad in some circumstances) and power cord directly to the school. We ask that return your child's computer and power cord to EMES between 8:00am - 4:00pm on: Friday, June 12th—Wednesday, June 17th. **Sixth grade graduates will return their Chromebook and school materials on Thursday, June 18th and Friday, June 19th between 8:00am—4:00pm.**

Similar to the Chromebook pick-up in March, we ask that parents come to the front entrance of the building and we will exchange materials through the window in the main office. We also ask that you wear a mask or face covering. In addition to Chromebooks, iPads, and charge cords, we expect that students/families will also return the following items:

- * Library books and/or classroom books
- * School-owned instruments
- * Other classroom materials and anything else that has been borrowed or loaned during this time, including USB drives

We are in the process of bagging up your child's belongings and schoolwork that was completed prior to March 18th. We will have these ready to give to you along with your copy of the EMES year-book.

We recognize this may be difficult for some families and will make alternate arrangements for families who are not able to return the computer and power cord to the school building. If you anticipate that you will not be able to return your child's device during that time frame, [please com-](#)

Final EMES Staff Parade Friday, June 12, 2020!!

Dear Families, we have condensed our final parade route in order to drive by all areas of East Montpelier. Please note that we have eliminated a few back roads. We encourage families to come to an intersection that works for you to see the parade.

Leave U32 at 12:30

12:30 -U32 - Gallison Hill - right onto Town Hill
12:35 - Bliss Road- Turn left onto Center Road
12:45- Cummings-turn right onto North St.- turn left onto Sparrow Farm
12:50 Turn right onto Jacobs Road-Right on Horn of the Moon-
1:00 Left onto County Rd (from Horn of the Moon) -
1:05 Turn right onto Haggett road and right onto Center road
1:10 Turn left onto Sibley - Putnam
1:20 Turn right onto Lyle Young-Templeton
1:25-County Road
1:30 Turn left onto Barnes road and left onto Center road
1:35 Right onto Dodge then right onto Quaker Hill
1:40 Cherry Tree Hill then left onto Town Hill
1:45 left onto Rt 2 then Right onto Rt. 14S
1:55 Turn around at FW Webb back to 14S

2:00 Carleton Blvd- **Drive by the entrance to Sandy Pines and Pine Ridge but not go on those drives. Please walk down to the entrance to your road**

2:10 Right on Rt. 14S-right onto Route 2

2:20 Left onto Rt 214

2:30 Left onto Rt 2-Stay on Route 2 (If you live on Factory St, Guyette Rd etc, please come to the bottom of Factory St.)

2:35 Turn right onto Kelton Road - left onto Snow Hill-left onto Putnam (by 4 Corner's Schoolhouse) and back to EMES.



EMES VIRTUAL FIELD DAY

Dear families,

One of our favorite days late in the year is our whole school field day. We put together a virtual field day menu that you can choose from so you can still have some fun at home. Feel free to share your adventures on the EMES PTNO Facebook page.

We always have team colors so choose your family's favorite color and get suited up for a day of fun together.

Here is a menu of activities for you to choose from. You can click on some of the activities with directions from special guests.

Water Activities

Water Balloon Toss	Water Bottle Toss	Water Balloon Dodgeball
Pass the water	Water Balloon Pinata	

Individual Events

Bubble Blow Off!	Balloon Pop Home Version	Discuss- How far can you throw the frisbee/ ball
100 yard dash	Odd object basketball	AMRAP
Long jump	Bottle flipping	Blind fold drawing

Team/Partner events

Taps	Wheelbarrow Challenge	Hide and seek
Hot and cold objects find.	Clothes Relay	Towel flipping
Pillow Sac Races	Frozen T-shirt	Homemade obstacle course

Hot and cold- Classic game of hiding an object and then give clues if they are hot or cold in order to find it.

Hide and Seek-Another classic children's game. One person hides and the other person goes to find them.

100 Yard Dash- How fast can you run 100 yards in?

Long Jump- Jump from a given spot with two feet and measure how far you got.

Pillow Sac races- Grab a pillow case, hop in and race another family member to the finish line.

East Montpelier Elementary School will honor the Sixth Grade Class of 2020

Thursday, June 11, 2020 at 6:00pm

This in-person event will take place on Vincent Flats Road in front of EMES

Sixth Grade Celebration Details

- Due to current public health guidance that restricts in-person gatherings, EMES will host an out-door celebration for our graduating class on the evening of June 11th at 6pm.
- Students and their immediate families will line up in their vehicles beyond EMES on Vincent Flats and Dodge Road just before 6pm. At 6pm, when flagged, vehicles will proceed through the bus lane one by one, in order for students to receive their certificates IN PERSON from Mrs. Lyford in front of the EMES entrance in a “Drive-Thru” style (only one car per family please).
- In order for this in-person component to occur, students and families will be required to follow public health and Vermont Agency of Education guidelines:
 - Only the sixth grade student will be able to exit the vehicle, wearing a mask and maintaining 6 feet distance to pick up their certificate from Mrs. Lyford.
 - Family members will be required to remain in vehicles but can take photos from cars and a staff member will also be taking photos to share with you.
 - Once students obtain their certificates, they will get back into their vehicle and proceed down Vincent Flats Road where they will be greeted by EMES staff in decorated vehicles honoring the graduates.
 - Students and families will not be able to gather in-person at EMES. Your understanding and cooperation are essential in order for this special event to safely occur.
- Extended family members can park along Vincent Flats Road and Cherry Tree Hill Road with EMES staff members to honk at and celebrate students as they drive by after receiving their certificates. Extended family members must remain in their cars for everyone’s safety.

Formal Ceremony Details

- As is tradition at EMES, we will be putting together a slideshow for our graduates. Parents, please email three pictures of your children, clearly labeled with their name, to Arlyn Bruccoli @ abruccoli@u32.org by Friday, June 5th in order to have them included in the slideshow. Traditionally, these are a baby photo, an earlier photo and a current photo.
- Mrs. Shedd, Mr. Willard, and other EMES staff will be presenting pre-recorded speeches for our graduating class. An electronic copy of this ceremony, along with the slideshow, will be available for each graduating sixth-grader when they return their chromebooks and pick up their materials on June 18th or 19th at EMES. Given the amount of time it takes to put this video together, it will not be available until the week after the graduation ceremony. Thank you for understanding!

We know that this ceremony will not be the same as we originally planned.

*We also know that this ceremony **WILL** be special and we can't wait to honor our students!*

Students, Families, and Community Members of WCUUSD,

We, the elementary leadership of Washington Central Schools, acknowledge the experiences and condemn all forms of racism. We stand with Black, Indigenous, and People of Color and are committed to providing both physical and emotional safety for all members of our learning communities and communities at large. We see you, we hear you, and we are here with and for you.

We are committed to ensuring that our schools are places where Black, Indigenous, and People of Color are safe, respected, celebrated, and represented in our instructional materials. We both reflect and act upon these components of our district values and will continue to strive to make improvements.

You know your children best and what they need to understand the world around them and our nation. Below are some resources curated by our librarians, though there are many more available, to support families and students in fostering conversations about racism, violence, and protests.

Current Events for Kids:

Read aloud: Something Happened in Our Town (K-3):

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lcOhOFGcWm8&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR1BhfgAmY4A3gNqt160FdvKMCNk_mr1hnVwoypa1BmXuszj10bHveRcQOI

Time for Kids article on current protests with history:

<https://www.timeforkids.com/g56/protesters-call-for-justice/>

Sesame Street Town Hall this Saturday morning:

<https://www.cnn.com/2020/06/02/us/cnn-sesame-street-standing-up-to-racism/index.html>

For Parents:

How to talk with kids about racism and violence:

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/blog/how-to-talk-with-kids-about-racism-and-racial-violence>

WCUUSD Board Resolution on Hate Symbols

<https://www.wcsu32.org/cms/lib/VT02224924/Centricity/Domain/148/Hate%20Symbols%20Resolution%20WCUUSD%201.15.20.pdf>

WCUUSD Board Policy on Student Freedom of Expression

[https://www.wcsu32.org/cms/lib/VT02224924/Centricity/domain/291/policies/C11%20Student Freedom Expression%20WCUUSD.pdf](https://www.wcsu32.org/cms/lib/VT02224924/Centricity/domain/291/policies/C11%20Student%20Freedom%20Expression%20WCUUSD.pdf)

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