October 18, 2019

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."

2019-2020 EMES Family Newsletter

Alicia Lyford, Principal

Dear EMES Families -

Learning continues to happen within and outside of our classrooms at EMES, and we had a particularly full week this past week! We started the week with an all-school celebration and fire drill on Tuesday, student presentations to the WCUUSD school board on Wednesday, our annual WCUUSD Music Day and the Integrated Field Review on Thursday, and School Store, Halloween fundraiser, and PBIS Morning lessons on Friday (pictures on pg. 3). One of my favorite things about working in a school is that no two days are the same and this week was a vivid example of that!

I want to thank all of the parents who came out to participate in these special events this week; it's so great to see you celebrating and encouraging your children in their learning! I am so proud of the incredible work they are doing, and am in awe when I see some of our young students eloquently and articulately sharing their learning experiences with complete strangers as was the case at the board meeting and IFR visits. Children as young as eight years old were interviewed by the Agency of Education and school district leaders from around the state. This is not something that happens just anywhere! I also want to recognize and thank the parents who willingly participated in the IFR visits on Thursday. While we will not receive commendations and recommendations about this visit for some time, our guests shared what we all know about EMES—it's an incredible place to be!

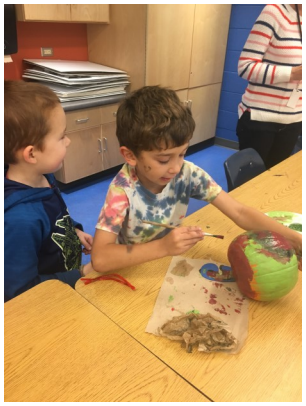
I am excited to announce that Ms. Mishkin and I recently wrapped up interviewing for her long-term sub position this winter, and look forward to having an artist-in-residence join us for her twelve-week leave. More details on this will be coming out soon!

Have a wonderful weekend!
Alicia

Dates to Note:
Open House: Wednesday, October 23rd 5:30—6:30
Monster Mash: Friday, October 25th
Picture Retake Day: Wednesday, October 30th
Special Election at EMES: Tuesday, November 5th
WCUUSD Board Meeting: Wed, November 6th 6:30 U-32
Parent/Teacher Conferences: Monday, November 11th
Holiday Feast: Thursday, November 14th 11:30—1:00
WCUUSD Board Meeting: Wed, November 20th 6:30 Rumney Memorial School
Band/Chorus Concert: Thursday, November 21st 6:00pm in the gym
Thanksgiving Break: Wed, November 27—Friday, November 29

EMES Makerspace!

Makerspace is not just a room in our school. A makerspace provides time and resources for students to work together to design and build projects, test their ideas, and refine their thinking. The projects students work on are driven by their own interests and not towards specific instructional content. The Unified Arts teachers are hosting makerspace sessions during lunch and recess on Wednesdays for students in grades 2-4 this year. A session will run for 5 weeks of Wednesdays. The multi-meeting structure encourages students to plan and problem solve work on a longer term (not something to complete quickly). Students may find that they are finished with their work after 3 or 4 meetings and opt not to come to the remaining meetings. Makerspace Wednesdays meets for the entire lunch/recess block. Students eat lunch at the beginning of this block.



Makerspace Wednesdays will focus on one or a few main project materials for each session. Students who are interested in Makerspace Wednesdays are asked to select their 1st and 2nd choice for the options available for their grade levels. This is an optional opportunity, it is not required for students to participate in Makerspace Wednesdays.

Family Use of Library Materials

The EMES library has a rich book collection. In an effort to support families accessing our books to explore with their students, we are setting aside open times when families can browse the collection and check out 2 books under their students' accounts.

Please note that students are allowed 1 - 3 books out at a time, depending on their grade level. Family members may check out 2 additional books under that student. Books are due back within 2 weeks.

Open Check Out Times
M, T, & Th 8:45- 9:05 am
T 3:30 - 3:45 pm

Please come browse our library!
Arlyn

TRICK-OR-TREAT FOR UNICEF

Sponsored by the 3rd Grade Classes

Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF is one way kids celebrate Halloween! Since 1950, kids have been going door-to door on Halloween with orange donation boxes. The money that is donated goes towards providing children around the world with clean water, nutrition, medicine, and educational resources. Around $177 million has been collected through Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF!

Orange Collection boxes will be sent home by classroom teachers on Friday, October 25th. Donations should be returned by Monday, November 4th.

EMES BASKETBALL SIGN UP IS NOW OPEN!
Sign up for EMES basketball is officially open online. If you have a student playing soccer this fall, all you'll have to do is log back into your account and sign up your child for basketball. If you haven't used the online registration yet, you'll need to create an account and sign your child up. The website is www.eastmontpelierrecreation.org.

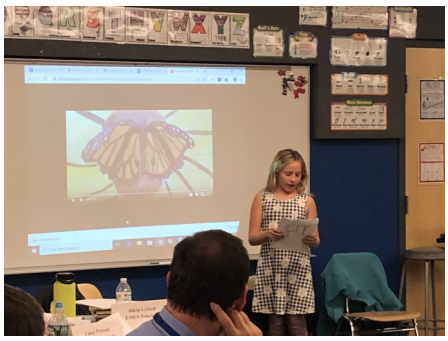
Registration will be open until Friday, October 25. Registration fee for 3-6 is $30. Registrations arriving after October 25 will have a $40 registration fee. The K-2 program runs for six Saturdays from early January into February. Registration fee is $10. Registration for K-2 will re-open again in December. There is no Pre-K basketball program.

The website is currently not able to accept online payments, so registration fees can be dropped off at the main office at EMES or mailed to Jack Zeilenga, 360 Lyle Young Road, East Montpelier, VT 05651. If paying by check (our preference), please make out to East Montpelier Recreation and write your child's name and grade in the memo section.

If you have any questions, please contact Jack Zeilenga at jack.zeilenga@vermont.gov.

Some highlights from our week at EMES…

Student Leadership's School Store, Fifth Grade presentations to the WCUUSD School Board, WCUUSD Music Day at U-32, Halloween fundraiser, and PBIS Morning Lessons!



News from the Art Room: October 2019

Hello Families!

It's been a great start to the school year! I've really enjoyed the first month of art classes, and look forward to a creative year! We are starting off the year talking about creativity. Students explored what it means to be a creative person, and have learned that creativity can look like many different things across many different disciplines. Students in 4-6th grade had an opportunity to answer the prompt: What inspires your creativity outside the art room? Students shared things they enjoy that make them feel creative such as playing soccer, making music, writing, cooking, skateboarding, and much more. It is my belief that all humans have the capability of creativity within them, it just can be hard to identify sometimes! I encourage you to ask your child about our creativity conversations from class, they have been sharing some wonderful insights that I know you would love to hear!

Call for Volunteers!! There are many opportunities to volunteer in the art program this year! Providing me your email does not commit you to anything, I will just include you when I put out a call for various happenings throughout the year. Please email me at almorse@u32.org with your email address & name if you would like to volunteer. Feel free to include specific things you might want to volunteer for. Opportunities include: the annual Gifts for Giving event (more info and dates to come), helping out during art class, helping put up/take down art displays around the school, setting up/breaking down the art show, and more! I would also like to invite you to check out the art blog: http://splatterk6.art.blog. It's a great way to check out what the students are learning and the process they go through to create their masterpieces!

Sincerely,

Alex Morse

Get your costumes ready because the

MONSTER MASH

IS FRIDAY OCTOBER 25!!!

6-8PM

Games from 6-7, Dance from 7-8

$10/family suggested donation

All Proceeds go to support the EMES PTNO

*** All students must be supervised by an adult and please no scary costumes/masks or weapon accessories.

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we are looking for volunteers for the evening. If you would like to help out please let me know. Return form to Mrs. Zeilenga

_____ I can provide something for the snack table.

_____I can volunteer at a game. You will have students to help you.

_____ I can help at the snack station.

Name: _____ Email: _____

Harvest Feast

Luncheon on Thursday November 14, 2019

East Montpelier Elementary School

Menu –Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Mashed Potato, Winter Squash, Garden Salad, Fruit Salad, Cranberry Sauce, Manghi Rolls, Assorted Pies, Milk, Cider & Coffee

Adults $6.50 Student $4.00

We hope you can join us – please RSVP by November 7th. Send in the form below in order to reserve a space as no lunches will be sold at the door. You may also RSVP by email to afinegan@u32.org. Thank you Annie Finegan and Jen Wiater

1. Pre-K, Kindergarten: 11:15 – 11:50
2. Grades 1-3 11:55 - 12:30
3. Grades 4-6 12:35 – 1:10

PLEASE TEAR OFF THE BOTTOM PORTION AND RETURN IT TO THE EMES CAFETERIA WITH YOUR PAYMENT AS NO CASH OR CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE DOOR THANK YOU.

Harvest Feast November 14, 2019

STUDENT NAME_____

NUMBER OF GUESTS _____

SEATING TIME_____ AMOUNT PAID_____

PLEASE HAVE YOUR CHILD SIGN UP AT SCHOOL THAT DAY AS WELL IF THEY WILL BE HAVING SCHOOL LUNCH

Adult $6.50 Student $4.00

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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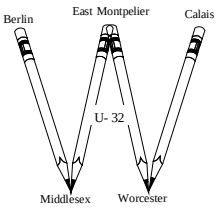

PRESS RELEASE
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION CONCERNING A VOTE ON NOVEMBER 5, 2019
WCUUSD Board Will Ask Voters to Amend Articles of Agreement

Board members are recommending three technical changes to allow for smoother operation of the newly created Unified Union School District

Voters in the 5-town Washington Central Unified Union School District will be asked on Tuesday, November 5th, to approve three technical amendments to the Articles of Agreement that currently govern the newly created Unified Union School District imposed by the State under Act 46.

The amendments, all of which were approved by the Board at their September 18th meeting, reflect an effort to simplify and streamline school governance as both residents and board members from Berlin, Calais, East Montpelier, Middlesex, and Worcester begin the work of operating a single, unified school district.

The first agreement change will ask voters to amend the date of the 2020 Annual School District meeting – and each annual meeting thereafter – to the Monday prior to the first Tuesday in March – Town Meeting Day. The purpose of the Monday meeting will be to transact business that does not involve voting by Australian ballot. Once completed, the Monday meeting will be adjourned, then reconvened in each town's respective polling places on Town Meeting Day, where voting on school directors and other business will be done by Australian ballot.

The second agreement change will ask voters to approve electing the District's moderator, clerk and treasurer by Australian ballot.

The third agreement change will ask voters to approve an amendment requiring that ballots from the five towns be co-mingled for all school board elections and public questions pertaining to the operation of the school district that are conducted by Australian ballot. The purpose of this third amendment is to allow the district to function as the unified board it now is.

The polls will open beginning at 8:00 AM in Berlin; 7:00 AM in Calais; 7:00 AM in East Montpelier; 8:00 AM in Middlesex; and 10:00 AM in Worcester. The polls will close in all towns at 7:00 PM.

Debra Taylor, Ph.D.
Interim Superintendent

CAN YOU HELP US CREATE A

happy THANKSGIVING

FOR YOUR NEIGHBORS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY?

The Washington County Youth Service Bureau, with the support of area merchants, organizations and community members is seeking **turkey cookers** (we provide the turkey, roasting pan and oven bag; you provide the oven) and **pie bakers** for the **47th Annual FREE Community Thanksgiving Dinner**!

CAN YOU HELP? E-mail Thanksgiving@wcysb.org or call 229-9151 to volunteer or get more information.

The Washington County Youth Service Bureau/Boys & Girls Club

In Conjunction with Area Merchants
and Community Volunteers, invites you to:

The 47th ANNUAL FREE COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

Thursday, November 28th, 2019

From **11:30am to 2:00pm**
at Bethany Church, 115 Main St., Montpelier

All are welcome!

Delivery Service is available for those unable to attend.
Please call 802-229-9151 to request delivery.

If you would like to volunteer at the dinner, or contribute in any way, please call 802-229-9151.

The Bethany Church is fully wheelchair accessible.