

March 29, 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.”



Alicia Lyford, Principal

# 2018-2019 EMES Family Newsletter

Dear EMES Families,

Students are wrapping up many projects that will be shared with you at our Celebration of Learning on April 4th. We are hoping you'll be able to make it to both this event as well as our student led conferences the following day. There will be a difference in what you see at these—the Celebration of Learning will be an opportunity for you to engage with all the hands-on, integrated projects students have been working on, while the student led conferences will be an opportunity for you to sit with your child and review the learning that has been happening over the course of the year. Students will show work samples, share what they're proud of and what goals they've set for themselves, and engage you in the learning. On April 4th, it'll be a busy, fun and noisy place with lots of things to try and put your hands on; April 5th will be a quiet time for reflection and sharing of more specifics around learning. While you're here, please stop by our lost and found to retrieve any clothing that might belong to your family...we have an abundance and will be donating it after conferences if it is not claimed!

You'll notice there is also a Board Budget Forum scheduled for next Thursday, April 4th at the same time as the Celebration of Learning. Members of the EMES School Board will be in the gym between 5:30—7:00 to answer any questions about the budget vote on April 9th. They will also have a budget slide show that they will run for people to become more informed. Please take a few minutes to stop by the gym on Thursday night to learn out the proposed 2019-2020 school budget!

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and I look forward to seeing you here next week!

Best,  
Alicia

**Dates to Note:**

**April 4:** Celebration of Learning 5:30—7:00

**April 4:** EMES Board Informational Budget Presentation in Gym 5:30pm

**April 5:** Student Led Conferences—no school for students

**April 8:** District Organizational Meeting at U-32 6pm

**April 9:** Voting on U-32 and EMES School Budgets at EMES 7am-7pm

**April 15—19:** Spring Break!

**April 22:** EMES Board Meeting 5:30pm in the library

**April 30—May 10:** Grades 3—6 SBAC Testing

**May 23:** Spring Art Show, BBQ and Concert

**May 27:** Memorial Day—no school



# U-32 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE SPAGHETTI DINNER

**Friday, March 29, 2019**

**Seatings at 5:30 and 7:00 p.m.**

**Meat or Vegetarian Pasta • Tossed Salad  
Homemade Garlic Bread • Drinks & Dessert**

**~ Evening Includes ~**

**DC Raffle • Silent Auction • Live Music**

**Tickets available in advance from any 8th grader or at the door  
Adults \$12 - Families \$35 - Students/Seniors (62+) \$7 - Take-Out \$12**

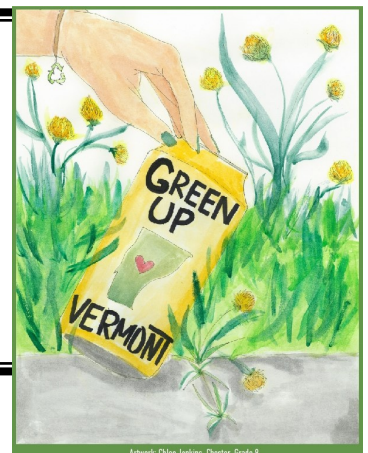
**Proceeds to benefit the U-32 Washington, DC Trip, 229-0321 x5561/sverchereau@u32.org**



If you have a child who will be 5 years old by September 1, 2019, and are not part of either the EMES Pre-K Program or Act 166 Universal Pre-K, please call EMES to register your child! We are beginning class configurations and student placement and would love to make sure your child is included in this process early on. You can reach us at 223-7936.

## Green UP!

GREEN UP DAY IS SATURDAY, MAY 4TH IN THE EMES PARKING LOT FROM 9-2. Pick up Green Up trash bags from the school, Dudley Store, Town Office, Plainfield Hardware, or bring your own. Be sure to separate recyclables from trash. After dropping off your bags, head over to the cafeteria between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. for an Appreciation Lunch of sandwiches and beverages. We look forward to you helping us keep Vermont clean. Questions, call Chris Racanelli 793-6687.



**Please plan on attending the WCUUSD Organizational meeting on April 8th, 2019 at 6pm at U-32.**

The new meeting is April 8th at 6pm at U-32. At the first meeting, there was an election of a temporary moderator and the adoption of Roberts Rules of Order for District meetings before the adjournment of the meeting.

We need to continue with items from the initial meeting that were not acted upon:

- To determine a date and location for the first annual meeting of the New Union District.
- To determine whether to vote on the New Union District's budget and all other public questions by Australian ballot.
- To determine whether to elect members of the New Union District Board by Australian ballot.
- To determine and approve compensation if any to be paid to officers and New Union District Board.
- To establish provisions for the payment of any expenses incurred by the New Union district before it becomes fully operational maybe on July 1,2019. (Law suit still pending)

The moderator will address any other business determined to be necessary and advisable.

The Transition Board of Directors of the Washington Central Unified Union School District Board will meet immediately following the organizational meeting.

Thank you for making an effort to participate in the process regardless of how each of us individually feels about Act46, this is a very important meeting. Lets continue to work together to build and understand our interdependence with each other and between our towns.

Child care will be provided for the duration of the meeting. Please email any of your school board members if you have any questions.

Darci, Lindy, Rubin, Stephen and Flor



We would like to share an update from our school wide "Giving Back" PBIS unit, where several groups joined together to help out our local humane society. One of the activities students participated in was holding a bake sale in which all proceeds went directly to CVHS in East Montpelier. This bake sale raised \$153.66!!! Thank you so much families for making this such a success!

Dear Families,

We were recently notified by the Washington County Deputy State's Attorney and the Department of Children and Families (DCF) of changes in the Truancy process. This requires us to change our protocols as well.

As of now, we are required by Vermont Department for Children and Families (DCF) Policy 60, to report students to DCF when they have 10 days of unexcused absences from school and again when they have 20 days of unexcused absences from school. In the past, that report may not have been made until truancy was filed. Unexcused absences are anything that are either not medically excused (Dr's note must be provided) and/or a documented learning plan (i.e., EST/504/IEP). Extended vacations that occur during the school year cannot be excused. When we make the report we will provide any additional information available including documentation of medical appointments and/or procedures, participation in flexible pathways, planned absences, etc.



In addition, with the new regulations/protocol, we must attempt to hold a coordinated service plan (CSP) meeting and/or formal restorative conference prior to filing truancy. The CSP is an attempt to determine the root cause of the absences and provide the proper outside partnerships and services to support the family to improve student attendance. In the past we have held small meetings to create an attendance contract, those types of meetings no longer fulfill our requirements.

The updated Affidavit for Truancy requires the school to report any and all communication with the family and any interventions attempted prior to filing. The goal of this new process is to provide adequate supports along the way so that kids are able to attend school rather than forced into a court process. If your child has already exceeded 15 days and a CSP meeting is warranted, we will be reaching out to you in the next couple of weeks to schedule that meeting.

Thank you for your understanding,  
Alicia

Book Club News from Arlyn and Mrs. Shedd:

We will have 2 more meetings of the EMES Book Club this year. Please note the date changes.

Voting Celebration and Party!

Tuesday April 2nd from 4 pm to 5:15 pm.

All students 4th through 6th grade who have read 5 of this year's Dorothy Canfield Fisher nominees are welcome to attend.

We have moved our meetings to a 4 pm start as it appears to work better for more families. Families can make arrangements with Arlyn for their students to stay after school.

Our final meeting will be "Meet the New Books," and will be announced at a later date. This meeting will be open to all 3rd through 6th graders who would like to come learn about next year's Dorothy Canfield Fisher List.

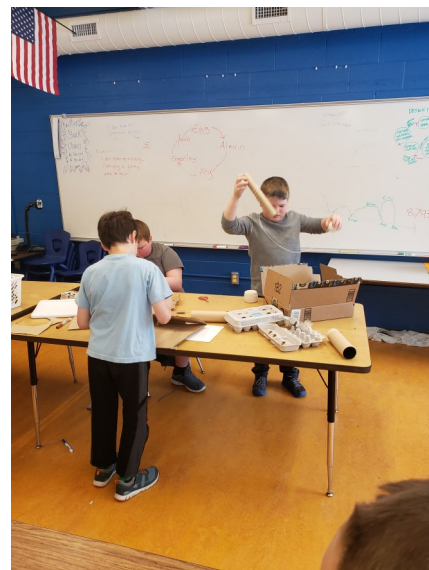
## 92nd All State Music Festival Comes to Central Vermont - Host Families Needed

The Vermont All State Music Festival is an annual event supported by the Vermont Music Educators Association (VMEA) and operated by the Vermont All State Committee. The Festival offers musicians from Vermont's high schools the opportunity to perform in a band, orchestra, chorus or jazz ensemble under the direction of some of our nation's finest conductors. Three days of intensive rehearsals lead up to a series of performances involving all four groups. U-32 & Montpelier High School are co-hosting this year's festival and need host families for approximately 380 student participants from May 8th-11th.

To host, families would provide a bed for 2 or more students, prepare breakfast and snacks (lunch and dinner provided by U-32), transport students to and from U-32 by a driver 25 years or older, and complete the attached background check form and return to either Michele Tofel Murray, [mtofelmurray@u32.org](mailto:mtofelmurray@u32.org) or Molly Clark, [mollyclark@mpsvt.org](mailto:mollyclark@mpsvt.org).



Mrs. Parker's 2nd and 3rd Graders create models for the trout life cycle in the Makerspace



### Monday

Chicken Nuggets **1**  
Oven Fries

Fresh Fruit and Veggie Bar  
Choice of Milk

Hot Dogs **8**  
Tater Tots

Fresh Fruit and Veggie Bar  
Choice of Milk

**NO**  
**SCHOOL** **15**

Chicken Patty **22**  
WG Roll  
Roasted Potato  
Fresh Fruit and Veggie Bar  
Choice of Milk

Omelete **29**  
Home Fries

Fresh Fruit and Veggie Bar  
Choice of Milk

### Tuesday

Nachos **2**  
Rice

Fresh Fruit and Veggie Bar  
Choice of Milk

Baked Potato Bar **9**  
All the fixin's

Fresh Fruit and Veggie Bar  
Choice of Milk

**NO**  
**SCHOOL** **16**

Brunch For Lunch **23**

Fresh Fruit Bar  
Choice of Milk

Taco Tuesday **30**  
Rice

Fresh Fruit and Veggie Bar  
Choice of Milk

### Wednesday

Cheesy Breadsticks **3**  
Marinara

Fresh Fruit and Veggie Bar  
Choice of Milk

WG Homemade Goulash **10**  
Garlic Bread

Fresh Fruit and Veggie Bar  
Choice of Milk

**NO**  
**SCHOOL** **17**

Macaroni & Cheese **24**  
Manghi's Rolls

Fresh Fruit and Veggie Bar  
Choice of Milk

### Thursday

Macaroni & Cheese **4**

Fresh Fruit and Veggie Bar  
Choice of Milk

WG Homemade Pizza **11**

Fresh Fruit and Veggie Bar  
Choice of Milk

**NO**  
**SCHOOL** **18**

Corn Dog **25**  
Oven Fries

Fresh Fruit and Veggie Bar  
Choice of Milk

### Friday

**NO**  
**SCHOOL** **5**

Anything **12**  
Goes!!

**NO**  
**SCHOOL** **19**

Ham & Cheese Sandwich **26**  
Pasta Salad

Fresh Fruit and Veggie Bar  
Choice of Milk

All meals must have 3 items: one must be a fruit or veggie....HM=Homemade WG= Whole Grain Veg=Vegetarian  
Gluten free available upon request

We proudly serve, VT Maple Syrup, The Manghi's Bread and Rolls, Makenzie Meats & Sausage





## Community Connections Spring Inservice and Conference Day Camps April 4 and 5



Thursday, April 4th 8:00 AM — 5:30 PM

### Around Town!

*On Thursday, April 4th we will offer a camp at Union Elementary School for students from Montpelier Roxbury Public Schools (WCSU has school):*



We will meet at Union Elementary School and spend the day exploring and learning about the City of Montpelier. We will make thank you cards and present them during a visit and tour of the police and fire stations. There will also be plenty of time to play outside at Union with our friends!

***All camp days will include outside play so don't forget your winter gear!***

Friday, April 5th 8:00 AM — 5:30 PM

### Everybody in the Pool!

*On Friday, April 5th we will offer a camp at East Montpelier Elementary School for students from Berlin, Calais, Doty, East Montpelier, Montpelier, and Rumney:*

Shake off the winter blues with a trip to the Upper Valley Aquatic Center in White River Junction. Play in the water playground, float the lazy river, or try out the waterslides!

**Water safety assessments will be performed on all children before they can swim.**

**Please contact us with any questions about swimming.**

**Don't forget to pack a lunch for your camper**

**Don't forget a swimsuit, towel, and goggles if you use them!**



### ***To register for camps:***

#### Online Sign up

1. Fill out our online sign up form at: <https://goo.gl/forms/KUfgdwNy6ZSuCjz62>
2. If you have not already completed a 2018-2019 Registration Form\*, please download a form at: [2018 - 2019 Community Connections Registration Form](#) and email it to [arob@u32.org](mailto:arob@u32.org) or bring it to camp.
3. Bring Payment with you to camp.

#### Paper Sign up

1. Complete the sign up sheet on the other side of this form and return it to school.
2. If your child has not attend a Community Connections activity this year we need a 2018-2019 Registration Form\*. They are available from your school's Site Coordinator, at [2018 - 2019 Community Connections Registration Form](#) or at camp.
3. Return the sign up sheet, registration form, and payment to:
  1. Your school's front desk or its Community Connections Site Coordinator OR
  2. Scan and send it to [arob@u32.org](mailto:arob@u32.org)

***\*If you have already filled out a CC registration form, you do not need to complete another one.***



# Community Connections Day Camp Info and Sign up

## ALL THE BASICS

- CC is one of the only local organizations offering camps on school vacations. **Camps cost \$40 - \$55 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 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.
- Transportation and admission fees are included.
- CC field trips are money-free activities. We will not go to gift shops, vending machines, arcades, etc.
- 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 allowed at your own risk, and only on the bus.

Space is limited for these camps.

Register as soon as possible!

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!

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

## 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://goo.gl/forms/KUfgdwNy6ZSuCjz62>

## 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 and sunscreen.
- **Please label your child's belongings!**

**Note to Parents and Guardians:** It's spring in Vermont, and the 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 \_\_\_\_\_

| Date                | Event                                                  | Cost      | Indicate <u>YOUR</u> Rate | Pick-up/Drop-off                                    |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| ____ Thur., April 4 | Around Town<br>MRPS Only - Location: Union Elem.       | \$40-\$55 | \$_____ / day             | Union Elementary School<br>1 Park Avenue,           |
| ____ Fri., April 5  | Everybody in the Pool!<br>All schools - Location: EMES | \$40-\$55 | \$_____ / day             | East Montpelier Elementary<br>665 Vincent Flats Rd. |

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

Parent name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

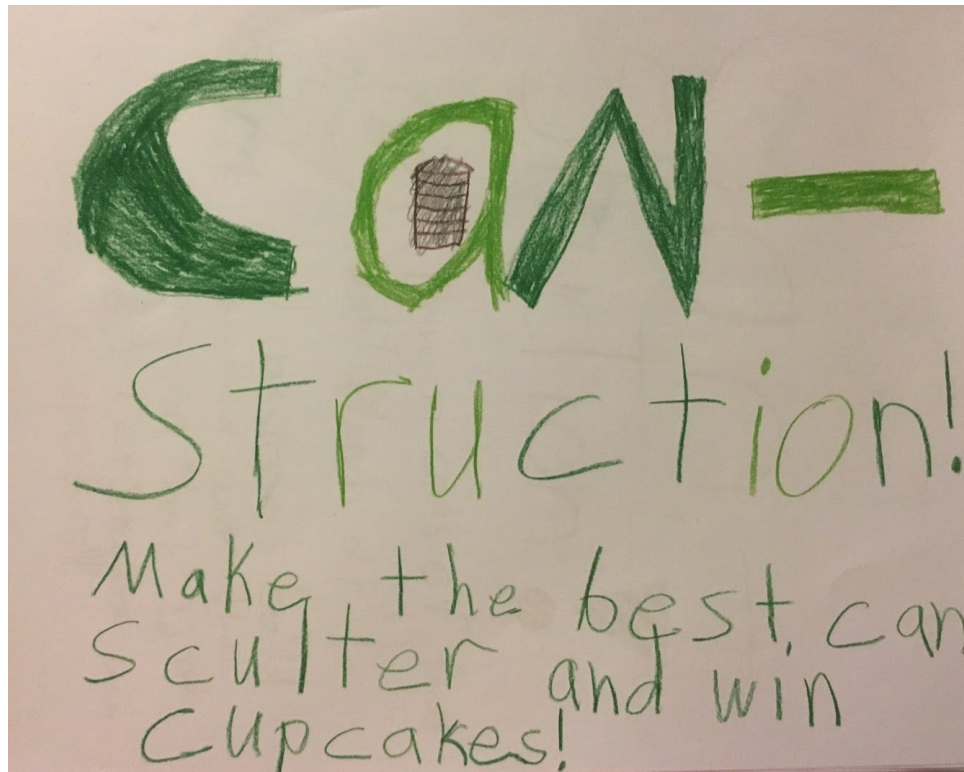
Daytime #(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ 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.

(If your subsidy does not cover the full cost of camp you may need to pay a co-pay in order to have your child attend.)

# It's Can-Struction Time!



## What:

- A fun food drive, where classrooms compete to build the best, most creative structure with the cans you collect.
- The more cans you bring in to your classroom, the bigger your structure can be!
- All cans collected will be donated to the East Montpelier Food Shelf.

## When:

- Now until April 9th.
- Structures will be judged at 3:00 pm on Wednesday, April 10th.
- The Girl Scouts will deliver cupcakes will be delivered to the winning classroom on Friday, April 12th.

Happy can-structing!  
Brought to you by the Girl Scouts  
Questions? Email [sara@red-garland.com](mailto:sara@red-garland.com).

— EAST MONTPELIER ELEMENTARY —

# FINE ARTS NIGHT

MAY. 23, 2019 4:30–7:30 PM

STUDENT ART SHOW

K–3 FOLK DANCE FESTIVAL

4–6 CONCERT

BBQ POTLUCK

## SCHEDULE

4:00–5:30 STUDENT ART GALLERY OPEN

4:30–5:30 BBQ POTLUCK DINNER

5:30–6:15 K–3 FOLK DANCE FESTIVAL

6:30–7:30 4–6 CONCERT

## POTLUCK ITEMS

K: CHIPS

1ST–3RD: DRINKS

4TH–5TH: SALADS/SIDES

6TH: DESSERT

EMES: HOTDOGS/HAMBURGERS/VEGETARIAN  
OPTION/CONDIMENTS

BYO SEATS/BLANKETS FOR

BBQ & FOLK DANCE FESTIVAL

