

October 19, 2018

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 -

Whew! What a busy week we've had at EMES! It all started with the opening of our Makerspace on Monday. Students have been exploring the space, creating some marvelous pieces, and are enjoying having another place to learn and collaborate in. Thanks again to all who have contributed to making this space possible—the students are beginning to put to use all of the awesome donated materials! Yesterday, our kindergarteners joined the 1st-6th graders for our weekly Wednesday Morning Meetings for the first time. We all participated in a team building “knot” activity to welcome our kindergarten friends. Today, we had a number of special visitors including Governor Phil Scott and Secretary of Education, Dan French! Our first, second and third graders, along with our student tech club, taught the Governor and others how to code from simple board games to elaborate online games and robots. Check out these two sites for more information on today's festivities:

<https://www.wcax.com/content/news/200-Vermont-schools-to-take-part-in-coding-curriculum-497953191.html>

<https://www.mychamplainvalley.com/news/vermont-elementary-students-to-participate-in-hour-of-code-/1534365573>

Thank you for joining your children tonight at our Open House. It was awesome to see students leading their families around; sharing with you some of the work they've been doing since late August. It was great to see so many families playing games, reading stories, checking out science experiments, and seeing some of what your children have been learning this year.

We have some more exciting events coming up—next Friday is our annual Monster Mash, and the following Friday is our Harvest Lunch. Please mark your calendars for these events as we love to see families attend!

Have a great weekend and stay warm!

Alicia

Dates to Note:

EMES/Full Board Meeting: Wednesday, October 24th 5:30 PM—U32 Cafeteria

Monster Mash: Friday, October 26th

Harvest Lunch!: Friday, November 2nd 11:15—12:45 (please RSVP!)

Parent/Teacher Conferences: Monday, November 12th—No school for students

Thanksgiving Break: November 21st—23rd



Governor Scott Visits EMES!





Get your costumes ready because



MONSTER MASH

Is FRIDAY October 26!!!

6-8pm

Games from 6-7, Dance from 7-8

\$5/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.**

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 station (students will be running them, you will just supervise)

_____ I can help at the snack station.

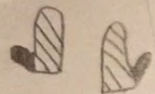
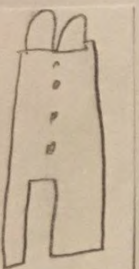
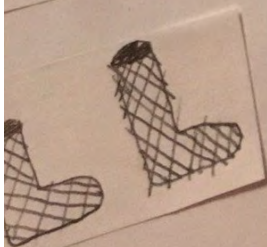
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Winter Clothing Swap!

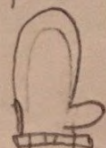
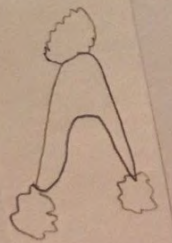
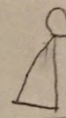
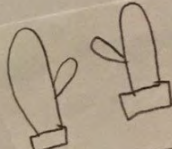
Bring in unneeded winter gear until October 19th to the collection box in the front hall at EMES.

Stop by and pick up New-to-you gear October 23rd-26th!

Brought to you by Girl Scout Troop 30380
Questions? sara@red-garland.com



Mittens





When To Stay Home

The following are guidelines for sending your child to school during and after an illness. If any of these conditions do not improve or seem to be getting worse, or aren't responding to treatment, consult your healthcare provider.

COLD, SORE THROAT, COUGH

Keep your child home if cold and cough symptoms are associated with fever or swollen glands, or if they do not readily improve. Your child may attend school if there is no fever, s/he is not fatigued and is able to do school work, and if the symptoms are mild and your child can manage behaviors to prevent the spread of germs. If your doctor has prescribed antibiotics, your child must be on the antibiotics for at least 24 hours before returning to school.

VOMITING & DIARRHEA

A child with vomiting (more than once in 24 hours) and/or diarrhea (3 or more loose stools/day) should be kept home until symptoms have resolved for 24 hours and the child is able to keep down food and liquid.

FEVER

Your child may attend school with a temperature less than 100 degrees. **Your child must be fever-free, without fever-reducing medication, for 24 hours before returning to school.**

HEADACHE

A child should be kept home if a headache is severe and does not respond to treatment, and is accompanied by other symptoms such as fever.

EARACHE/TOOTHACHE

A child need not miss school due to an ear infection or a toothache if s/he is under medical treatment, has no other symptoms such as fever, and can complete school work despite the discomfort.

RED EYES

Keep your child home if the sclera (white part of the eye) appears red and produces a yellow or green crusty discharge. If your child has been diagnosed with conjunctivitis (a contagious infection and inflammation of the lining of the eyelid and sclera) s/he may return to school after 24 hours of antibiotic eye medication.

RASH

Keep your child home if your child has a sizable rash over the body or face, and if the rash is oozing or due to a contagious condition.

Note: Dehydration can develop rapidly, particularly in younger children, whenever they have any of the above symptoms. Give them plenty of fluids and consult your healthcare provider.

Thanks for your help in keeping the spread of illness to a minimum. As always, call or email if you have any specific questions.

Harvard Health Blog: [The 4 Symptoms that mean your child must stay home...](#)

The East Montpelier Recreation Board is excited to let everyone know that in the coming weeks a much-needed drainage and safety project will be conducted by the town at the Recreation Field. For several years now, drainage issues have caused significant washouts and pooling in the driveway, while overgrown vegetation, poison ivy, and a dilapidated fence have caused potential safety issues for both motorists and people using the fields.

In the coming weeks you will see equipment coming in to remedy the above issues. Much of the work will be done by the East Montpelier road crew led by Road Foreman Guthrie Perry, along with outside contractors when necessary and volunteer personnel when practical. Fill & gravel will be brought in to raise and level the Recreation Field driveway. Roadside ditching will take place along with cleaning and/or replacement of culverts to improve water flow and keep it away from the field. The trees, brushes, and fence between the road and the field will be removed. There are several factors that make this the best approach for safety:

Roadside sight lines will be improved for vehicles entering and exiting the field, making it safer to pull out onto Vincent Flats Road as well as turn into the Recreation Field where there are often children in the driveway area.

Many of the trees along the roadside are currently dead or dying and pose a potential danger to travelers on Vincent Flats Road as well as cars and people in the driveway/parking area of the field by way of falling branches and limbs. Few of the larger trees stand straight, as most are either leaning over the parking area of the field or out in the direction of Vincent Flats.

The chain link fence tangled up in with the trees and vegetation between the field and road is in disrepair and dangerous for children who may decide to try and venture into that area. Tree removal is necessary to be able to fully remove the fence.

To remedy the drainage problems, the roadside ditch must be lowered, the driveway raised, and the ground sloped from the driveway to the ditch. The trees must also go to effectively access and complete the drainage and ditching work. Any trees we might try to leave would likely struggle to survive due to root exposure and general trauma. Removal of the underbrush (and with it, vast amounts of poison ivy) from the area are also necessary to facilitate the drainage work.

While the area between Vincent Flats and the Recreation Field may seem barren once the initial work on this project is completed, please be assured that it will not look that way forever. The trees and underbrush will be replaced with new trees and vegetation, appropriate in size and numbers, to fill in some of the space while still allowing for much improved lines of sight between the road and fields. The timing of the project and the weather will determine how much new planting may occur this fall. If it is not advisable to do so at this time for the long-term health of the new trees and plants going into the space, the planting portion of the project will take place in the spring. There will also be new fencing, which will incorporate the existing granite posts if possible.

The East Montpelier Recreation Board, Selectboard, and involved community members have gone through a months-long, thoughtful discussion about this project that will provide much needed upgrades to drainage, aesthetics and, most importantly, safety. We feel this solution addresses these pressing needs and will provide a better experience at the town recreation field for all residents and visitors in the future.

If you have any questions about this project, please don't hesitate to reach out. You can contact the project coordinator, East Montpelier Recreation Board Vice-Chair Paul Winters, at 802-917-3848 or paul.winters@vtc.vsc.edu.

2018-19 EMES Basketball

A quick note that sign up forms for the 2018-19 basketball season for grades 3-6 at EMES will go out to students the week of October 8. If your child is interested, the form and registration fee are due back by October 24. The season will run from November 26 to February 22. Game scheduling begins the end part of this month, so it is important that I have all the forms back by the 24th to have confirmed numbers and know how many teams we will have. Sign up forms for the K-2 program will be handed out at a later date. The K-2 program will run on Saturday mornings from January 12 to February 9.

Paperwork can be dropped off at the office or mailed to me (address is on the form). If you have any questions please feel free to contact me – jack.zeilenga@vermont.gov or 802-595-4381.

Looking forward to another great season for all out teams this winter. Jack Zeilenga



HARVEST LUNCHEON

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2018



EAST MONTPELIER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Menu—Pork Stew, Roasted Butternut Squash, Garden & Fruit Salads

Buttermilk Biscuits & Assorted Pies! Milk, Tea, Coffee and VT Apple Cider.

WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US FOR A COMMUNITY FEAST – RSVP AND PRE-PAY WITH THE FORM BELOW TO BE SURE TO RESERVE A SPACE. YOU MAY ALSO RSVP BY EMAIL AFINEGAN@U32.ORG OR RETURN SLIP BY **OCTOBER 26TH**
THANK YOU ANNIE FINEGAN & JEN WIATER

1. PRE-K, KINDERGARTEN AND 1ST GRADE: 11:15 – 11:45

2. 2ND & 3RD GRADE 11:45 – 12:15

3. 4TH, 5TH & 6TH GRADE 12:15 – 12:45

PLEASE TEAR OFF THE BOTTOM PORTION AND RETURN IT TO THE EMES CAFETERIA WITH YOUR PAYMENT. \$6.00 ADULT MEAL & \$3.75 CHILDREN
THANK YOU

EMES HARVEST FEAST – NOV. 2ND, 2018.

ADULT NAMES: _____

CHILDREN'S NAMES: _____

NUMBER OF CHILDREN HAVING HOT LUNCH: _____ SEATING TIME: _____

AMOUNT PAID: _____ CASH/CHECK. (ADULT \$6.00/CHILD \$3.75)

CHARGE ON MY CHILDS ACCOUNT. YES _____ NO _____

PLEASE HAVE YOUR CHILD SIGN UP AT SCHOOL THAT DAY AS WELL IF THEY WILL BE HAVING SCHOOL LUNCH. YOU MAY CHARGE ALL MEALS TO YOUR CHILD'S ACCOUNT IF THEY HAVE FUNDS ON THE ACCOUNT IN ADVANCE.

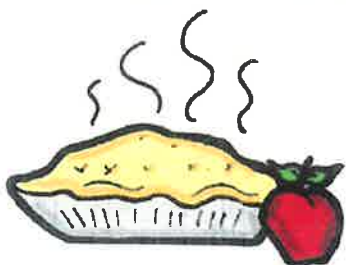
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FOR YOUR NEIGHBORS IN
WASHINGTON COUNTY?

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 **46th 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 46th ANNUAL FREE COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

Thursday, November 22nd, 2018

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.

