



Edmunds Middle School Newsletter

September 22, 2017

Notes from the Administration

Dear EMS Families,



The mood on Wednesday morning was celebratory as students entered the building and faculty greeted them with cheers and words of welcome. Faculty were greeted in the parking lot and again in the lobby with hearts hung by an EMS family; it was clear that we were “ALL IN” and ready to restart the year with care and enthusiasm.





Commitment Card Challenge: Today Mr. Chan and I distributed a lot of t-shirts at lunch - our goal is to be "All IN" by September 25th. We are well on the way to having 100% of students earn their t-shirt. Check in with your child - ask them what it takes to earn a shirt.

	Nia/ Journey	Quest	Endeavor	Evolution	Phoenix	Infinity
% Completed	100%	90.7%	100%	66.7%	88.9%	86.7%



Award Winning News - One of four teams, Matt Chandler and a group of students from EMS were chosen to showcase the story of their redesign of an everyday product in New York City this weekend. Take a look at their video [here](#).

Open House Schedule - Wednesday October 4, 2017

6:00-6:15 Parent to Student homeroom
6:20-7:00 6th Grade Team Meetings
7 & 8 Exploratory
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6th Grade Team Exploratory
Canvas Information & Tutorial (Library)

Please join the PTO for their next meeting on **October 11th** from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. in the library.



The most frequently asked question by students this year has been “*When is the first dance?*”

Without further ado, the first dance of the year will be on **October 13th** from **6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**. In the next newsletter we'll include dance expectations so you can reiterate them at home in addition to our discussions at school.

October will also mark our first town meeting on **October 19th**. Town meetings are a time for the community to be “ALL IN” and both showcase and celebrate student work and accomplishments. Families are welcome.

In partnership,
Ms. McDonough and Mr. Chan



The Wellness Environment at the University of Vermont would like to bring Fitness, Nutrition and Mindfulness into your child's life through mentorship. The UVM students will share these pillars of wellness with your child through fun, weekly activities around Burlington community. Please visit our info table at Open House. Questions? Please call Pat Hulbert at 864-2149.

Hello from the Health Office!

I still have students who should have EPI Pens and Inhalers at school who have not brought them to school. If this true for your child, please call your primary care provider office to get prescriptions to enable you to bring these vital medicines to school **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**. It is scary for a student who is having breathing difficulty to find out they do not have any medication to help at school.



I know it's hard to think about cold weather right around the corner, but I wanted to let you all know that there are plenty of resources for winter wear here at school. If you think a middle schooler you know might need some winter clothes please let me know and we can get them squared away before the snow flies!

If you have any questions about your child's health, please feel free to call my office at 802-864-8443 or email me at rmccray@bsdvt.org anytime. I am here as a medical resource for you and your children!

International Day of Peace: September 21

This is EMS' second annual celebration of the International Day of Peace with our sister school in Kabul, Afghanistan. EMS students brought in food from their families' traditions, and we enjoyed a lunch of Iraqi, Somali and Nepali foods. And we had Vermont apples for dessert! The students also enjoyed a short meditation, made pledges for peaceful actions and played the "singing drum" while we talked about the reasons for being active peacemakers in our world.





A Request from the After School Program

Hello everyone! The After School beading and jewelry making class is in need of any broken or unwanted jewelry. Please consider donating these items to the program! Thank you so much!

Youth Voices for Change

Are you tired of people judging you when they look at your hijab, your kurta or the shade of your skin? Young Writers Project's Youth Voices For Change will help you get your voice heard. Building on the legacy of Muslim Girls Making Change, we will be hosting online and in-person workshops, conferences, performances and more. Interested? We invite you to join the Steering Group of Youth Voices for Change. First meeting: **Sunday, September 24, 2-4 p.m.** at Young Writers Project, 47 Maple St., Suite 106, Burlington. Contact zoe@youngwritersproject.org for more information

