



EDMES Newsletter

January 5, 2012

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back everyone and Happy New Year. We're off to a great start!

Ski Club begins today. Children will leave school for the ski area at 2:45 p.m. and return to EDMES at 6:15 p.m.

Students in grades 3, 4, and 5 began taking the Northwest Evaluation Association Assessment in math and reading this week. Results will be used to measure student progress and achievement to date.

Reminder: Search for Superintendent Focus Group (community input needed) @ GHHMS on Monday, January 9, 6:30 p.m.

Please note that the children at EDMES go outside every day unless it is raining or temperatures (including wind chill) falls below 20 degrees. Children should arrive wearing a winter jacket, hat and gloves/mittens. Snow pants and snow boots are required for the children to play in the snow.



Our cafeteria is now selling allergy safe cookies. The current price is 75 cents per snack bag ... *check them out at www.homefreetreats.com!*

If your child is missing any clothing item, please stop by and check our Lost and Found (located in the Cafeteria). We will be packaging any remaining items during the week of January 9th and donating them to a local charity.

Tuesday, January 10 teacher workshop day and therefore no school for students.

Sincerely,

*Cara Donati
Assistant Principal*

*Thomas Polisenio
Principal*

A Message from EDMES Chorus & Band



Our EDMES Chorus will perform the national anthem at the Manchester Monarchs game on Friday, January 13, 2012. PTA has extended the sale of tickets until Monday, January 9th (last day). After this date, tickets will need to be purchased through the Manchester Monarch Box Office. (Remember: when ordering tickets, all performers require a ticket.) For additional information please contact Glenn Manchester at (603) 216-5401.

Information on the time and place the chorus will meet on Friday, January 13 will be in the next newsletter.

Thanks in advance for your participation!

Mrs. Legare



January 5	Ski Club (pick up 6:15)
January 6	Progress Reports Home (K-5)
January 9	Search for Superintendent Focus Group @ GHHMS 6:30 p.m.
January 10	Teacher Workshop Day (no school)
January 11	Floor Hockey Intramurals - Gr. 4 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
January 12	Ski Club
January 13	EDMES Chorus performs at Manchester Monarchs Hockey
January 16	Martin Luther King Day (no school)
January 18	Floor Hockey Intramurals - Gr. 5 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
January 19	Ski Club
January 20	5th Game Club (Library) 3:00 - 4:15
January 26	Ski Club
January 27	5th Game Club (Library) 3:00 - 4:15
January 27	PTA Movie Night (more details to follow)
February 2	Ski Club
February 3	5th Game Club (Library) 3:00 - 4:15
February 3	PTA Movie Night (snow date)
February 10	5th Game Club (Library) 3:00 - 4:15
February 10	PTA Sweetheart Dance 6:30-8:00 p.m.
April 13	PTA Ice Cream Social 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

From Mrs. Meninno- Computers



This month we have been discussing computer and internet safety during computer special. We have discussed topics such as avoiding computer viruses and practicing safe on-line rules. For example, do not click on a picture advertising you have just won a new computer because these pictures are ads just trying to get your private information. The

sites below are recommended by the NH Department of Education for teaching Digital Citizenship.. We have mainly used the Netsmartz site in our classroom. The students love to go onto the Netsmartz site and play games.

Web

These sites have resources for teaching Digital Citizenship in the classroom

- Common Sense Media
<http://commonsensemedia.org/educators>
- Netsmartz- <http://www.netsmartz.org/educators>
- Be Cyber Wise- <http://www.cyberwise.org/>
- Digital Citizenship
Site-<http://www.digitalcitizenship.net/>
- Yahoo Safely- <http://safely.yahoo.com/>
- Cable in the Classroom-
<http://ciconline.org/DigitalCitizenship>
- FOSI Family Online Safety Institute-
<http://www.fosi.org/>

Internet Essentials

The school has received information from Comcast regarding a program being offered called Internet Essentials. The goal is to help more students and families get online.

A household is eligible to participate if they meet the following criteria:

1. families who have a student who receives free lunch.
2. Is located where Comcast offers Internet service
3. Has not subscribed to Comcast Internet services within the last 90 days
4. Does not have an overdue Comcast bill or unreturned equipment

While participating in Internet Essentials customers receive:

1. Fast home internet for just 9.95 a month plus tax
2. No price increases, no activation fee and no equipment rental fees.
3. A computer available at initial enrollment for \$149.99 plus tax
4. Access to free Internet training-online, in print and in person

To apply and for further information a parent can call 1-855-846-8376. Additional information is available at InternetEssentials.com/partner.

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