

Celebrating 60 Years of Educating Essex Junction 's Children

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SUM-IT-UP AT SUMMIT



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Friday, September 2nd
1st Announced Evacuation (Practice)

Monday, September 5^h
Labor Day— No School



Tuesday, September 6th
School Rules Assembly
8:15 a.m.

Wednesday, September 7th
School BBQ
All Are Welcome!



Tuesday, September 13th
PTO Kick-off Meeting
Learning Center
Free Childcare
6:30 p.m.



Tuesday, September 20th
United States Constitution
Assembly
8:15 a.m.

Wednesday, September 21st
2nd Announced Evacuation (Practice)

Friday, September 23rd
First Day of Autumn



**We're off to a great
school year!**

Greetings from Principal Hughes —

Welcome to one and all! Today was a wonderful beginning as we greeted you and your children for the first day of school! Everyone looked rested and eager for a great year of learning and fun. Personally, greeting new and returning families is a special event as I begin my thirteenth year as a principal; I strive to support the staff, children and families of Essex Junction! Thank you for sharing your children with us.

Crossing Guard Changes —

Information regarding a change in times and locations for Essex Junction crossing guards is included in first day packets of information and on Summit's web page. As a walking district, please pay attention to these changes.

Student I.D. Number —

Every child has a student ID number, which can be found on the Friday folder in upper right-hand corner, as well as, on the student biographical sheet. This ID number is required to establish a food account "My School Account." Information on how to use "My School Account" is located within the stapled packet sent home with your student today in their Friday folder. You can also refer to this web site: www.myschoolaccount.com/.

Friday Folder —

Friday folders are being sent home today to share important information with you. Typically these folders arrive home on a Friday and may include: student work samples along with other important notices. Students are expected to return this folder on the next school day. Please take a few minutes and read through everything that is in your child's Friday folder. You will find important information along with forms that need to be completed and returned to school by **Friday, September 9, 2011**. It is imperative that we have accurate phone numbers in the event we ever need to contact you. Please go to the Summit's web page, www.ccsuvt.org/summit/ and on the right-hand side under **Student/Parent Resources**, you will find the link to the **student handbook**. Please review the handbook as you will need to acknowledge the reading of the handbook by signing the statement that is located on the back of the student biographical sheet. Thank you for your cooperation in getting these forms back to us.

Posting on the Health Page on the Web —

Many of you have requested a peanut /tree nut free snack list, and with this in mind, our health office has come up with a list of food items to choose from. This list is posted on the "Health Office" web page.

Log-In Day and Game Day Scheduled for Friday, September 2nd —

Children will join members of the district Technology Department in the Learning Center on Friday, Sept. 2nd to practice their log-in so that all potential glitches are eliminated. Also this Friday, children will have an opportunity to practice recess games and activities with adult supervision. This is a great way to introduce recess options such as safely using equipment, learning the rules of games, etc. The kindergarten and first graders will come together in the morning for this special game day activity and second and third graders in the afternoon. Ms. Wageman and Mrs. Hutton will lead this special event.

Morning Drop-off and Afternoon Pick-up —

Children enter the school from the playground each morning at 8:00 a.m. Parents are asked to use the School Street or Holy Family parking areas since the faculty/staff parking area is not available for parents to use. Adult supervision is available outside by 7:50 a.m. Please do not drop your child off before that time. If dropped off in the front of the school, children should use the steps by the main entrance to go down to the playground. At 3:00 p.m. children are delivered to the playground by their teachers for dismissal. Adult supervision is available on the playground until 3:10 when a whistle is blown and any child who has not connected with their adult is brought to the office and calls home are made. The time for this whistle is earlier due to the change in the end time for the crossing guards. Children who are walking home are asked to begin walking at 3:10 when they hear the whistle. Please discuss the plan with your child at the end of the day. There is no adult supervision in the front of the school so we ask that no child wait outside in the front of the school unless special arrangements are made with the office. Thank you for your attention to this safety matter.

Volunteer Guidelines —



Do you want to be a volunteer at Summit as aFour Winds parent, PTO member, Playground Committee member, classroom, learning center, or art room helper, or help during a class field trip (to name a few things)? Starting with each new school year, the School District on-line volunteer form **must** be completed before you can start your volunteer service. You will find a link to this form on Summit's Web page on the right side-bar under Student/Parent Resources. Be prepared, complete the form as soon as possible.

We Collect —

Cell Phones



Ink Jet & Toner Cartridges



Box Tops for Education - Collected by PTO Members

Campbell Soup Labels - Collected by PTO Members

Hannaford Receipts - Collected by PTO Members "During their Special Collection Times"

The money we receive from recycling cell phones, ink jet & toner cartridges & iPods & other MP3 players helps to cover field trip admittance fees for those students who cannot afford to pay.

The last check we received for our recycle collection totaled over \$120!

Collection boxes are located near the office.

