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*A Message from our Principal,
Bonnie Johnson-Aten*

Hello EES Community,

It's been a busy couple of weeks. In the last two weeks, we have welcomed back all our scholars from kindergarten to fifth grade. Things have and continue to go well. We are currently working through the Agency of Education's latest guidance. This may entail some additional adjustments. We will continue to have our students outside for recess and PE as much as possible. A possible change may include having our second through 5th graders eating in the cafeteria. The following safety measures have been put into place following new AOE guidance. The cafeteria has been outfitted with plexiglass, students have assigned seats, they will sit in classroom groups and only four students will be at a table.

On a lighter note, and despite Covid 19, our EES community was able to continue a longstanding Edmunds tradition called the "Pencil Ceremony". This entails having our 5th graders welcome each of our kindergarten students to our school by giving each kindergartner an EES welcome pencil. For many of our youngest scholars, this was their first school assembly. They were appropriately awed and truly enjoyed the slideshow of photos taken throughout the first few weeks of school! Parents of the fifth graders and kindergarten were able to join us virtually!

Calendar Dates to Remember

- November 7: Virtual Open House
- November 23 & 24: Parent-Teacher conferences (virtual)
- November 25-27 : Thanksgiving Break

Virtual Open House - November 7

With most of our students with us four days a week and the parent-teacher conference just around the corner, it felt like a good time to host an Open House. In the midst of a pandemic, virtual is the only answer. Our goal is to provide a glimpse into your child's day, hear from your child's teacher in advance of parent-teacher conferences. While not the real thing I believe you will get a pretty good sense of your child's teacher. Enjoy the video; watch one or watch them all! Have fun. Click here to visit our [Virtual Open House](#).

Virtual Parent Conferences

November 23 & 24, 2020

Look for more information in the next bi-weekly newsletter.



Thank You

I want to take this opportunity to say thank you!

Thank you EES families and students! Your tremendous efforts, diligence and attention to the health precautions, processes and logistics involved in returning to school this year have helped make great learning possible! Adapting to the routines of learning remotely and helping your student engage every day, whether in-person or at home truly help make school happen! Thank you for your enthusiasm for school and helping to keep our community safe and healthy!

Sincerely - Celia Bird, School Nurse

Supporting All Our Students

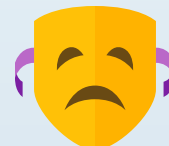
After careful consideration of many options, the Burlington School District plans to use the Edmunds Elementary and Middle School complex to provide Wednesday, in-person learning to BHS students. The schedule would be a half-day for students and they would have all four of their classes in either an AM or PM session. While not an ideal solution, it is the most appropriate way to offer students the opportunity to connect and learn in-person in the short-term.



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EES Drama News - Save the Date!

November 10th! The Edmunds Elementary Drama Program is excited to announce our annual Benefit Bake in conjunction with American Flatbread – a true Win-Win-Win fundraiser! For over 20 years, EES Drama has partnered with Very Merry Theatre to produce a theatrical performance that involves over 50 of our young actors, singers and stagehands. Fundraising is the primary means of covering our production, scholarships, costumes, scripts and so much more. Although the status of the 2021 play is up in the air, and would certainly look different than in past years, we are planning as if the show will go on!



For each flatbread pizza that is ordered for take-out on NOVEMBER 10th, EES Drama will receive a portion of the proceeds. This previously successful fundraiser is a wonderful way to support EES Drama, help a local restaurant that means so much to our community and answer the age-old question, “What’s for dinner?” We hope you will be able to join us in supporting our student actors!



The EES Variety Show is Back!

Hello fourth and fifth grade parents! Did you know that the EES variety show is back!? This year there are some differences. Instead of going to the middle school gym, we are going to make a video. If your child wants to be in the Variety Show, they will have to hand in a permission form and submit a video of their performance by Friday, November 13th.

Here are the guidelines for acts:

- Be prepared; practice ahead of time and have a plan for your act.
- Ms. Nolan is available to support 4th graders during recess on November 10th.
- Ms. Nolan is available to support fifth grade acts during recess on November 9th.
- Be Timely! Your act must be under 3 minutes.
- Be in Grades 4 or 5.
- Be appropriate for school.
- Be Safe! Masks are required if not socially distanced.
- Be on Time!!!

All acts must be video recorded and submitted to Ms. Nolan (enolan@bsdvt.org) by Friday, November 13th. Ms. Nolan can help make videos during recess or by appointment after school on Thursday, November 12th between 2:50-4:00pm

- Have Fun!

Once we have all the recordings, we will put them all together in one big video to share on November 20th. If you have any questions, please email Ms. Nolan, enolan@bsdvt.org.

Thanks for supporting this project!

The Variety Show Planning Team (Gus, Hamza, Shiloh, Adia, Anet, Britta, Lucy, Michael, Ramsey, Brian, Catrina, Edward, Sofia, and Muhammad)





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Talks With Our School Counselor

Our School Counselor, Melissa Hathaway, will be visiting all classrooms prior to Thanksgiving break to teach students about personal safety. Ms. Hathaway will be using a video put together by Puppets in Education and the University of Vermont Children's Hospital. In the video Dr. Lewis First offers advice to students with the key points being:

- It is never okay to hurt someone else.
- You can say no to an adult if you are if you are trying to keep your body safe.
- Everyone should have a list of helper adults with whom they can share secrets.
- It is not your fault if something is happening to you. It is a grown-up's job to keep kids safe.
- You can reach out to one of your grown-up helpers, including your teachers, if you are not feeling safe.
- You can call 800-649-5285 anytime if you are being hurt or feel unsafe.

Please reach out to Melissa Hathaway if you have any questions or concerns

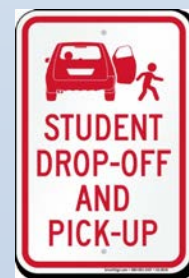
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Update on Arrival & Dismissal Times

Arrival - Please arrive at school between 7:50-8:10 am. Students who arrive after 8:10 should report to the main entrance reception area.

Dismissal - Students will be dismissed between 2:35-3:00 pm. We will continue to stagger our dismissal time to help ensure social distancing.

2:35 First & Second Grades
2:40 Fourth Grade
2:45 Kindergarten & Third grade
2:50 Fifth Grade



Meal Box Distribution

The Burlington School Food Project will be providing drive-thru/walk up meal box distribution every Wednesday and Friday, beginning September 16th. All families are welcome to pick up food boxes. Pick up takes place every Wednesday and Friday at the following times and locations:

North Avenue Alliance Church: 3:00-4:30
Sustainability Academy: 3:00-4:30
Dealer.com parking lot: 3:00-4:30
B&G Club/Roosevelt Park: 5:00-6:00

