



The Buzz



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

Hello Families,

Thanksgiving has always been one of my favorite holidays, not a gift in sight, just a few of my favorite things: family, friends, and lots of great food. While Thanksgiving will certainly be different this year, it still provides an opportunity for us to pause and reflect on the things that are really important in life. I read recently that the practice of sharing gratitude with others helps to increase the positive feelings of everyone involved. I would like to thank all the EES teachers for the great work they do on behalf of all our students. Every day I see gestures of sincere kindness and caring for our students. So well modeled I see just as many acts of kindness on the part of our students to each other. Thank you for all that you have done in supporting the work of our EES faculty and staff.

Take care of yourself and others,

Mrs. J-A



Calendar Dates to Remember

November 23 & 24: Parent-Teacher Conferences - No School for Students

November 25-27 : Thanksgiving Break

Covid, Thanksgiving & Safety!

Thank you to all our families for continuing the work of screening your children each morning, helping to keep our school community healthy and COVID free. Please continue to review the symptoms for which to keep your children home. Also, please remember that fever-reducing medication, such as acetaminophen (Tylenol) or ibuprofen (Motrin/Advil) will treat and mask a fever, and that students should be fever-free without medication for at least 24 hours before returning to school. If you have not returned your screening contract, please do. If you need another one, or a copy to keep at home, please your school nurse, Ms. Celia Bird.

We work closely with the Vermont Department of Health (VDOH), to keep our community healthy. The VDOH conducts necessary contact tracing for positive cases by phone call. **Please** pick up the phone if the VDOH is calling you! And please, call them back as soon as possible if you receive a message from them!

In-person learning is immensely valuable for the academic, social and mental health of our students and school community. As we approach fall and winter school vacations please plan thoughtfully and with the health of our school community in mind. It's hard to balance the desire to celebrate the holidays or vacation time with loved ones and the growing risk of COVID-19 infection. Travel and gathering increase your chance of getting and spreading COVID-19, so please think about how you can make your holiday and vacation plans safer.

Make safety a priority for your family and take these steps:

1. Check the map to find out the risk of COVID-19 infection at your destination,
2. Decide if the risk is worth it for your family,
3. Plan to have a safe trip or gathering, remain flexible and get your flu shot and
4. Quarantine when you return.

You can celebrate the holidays and vacation time, but like other aspects of our lives right now, they will likely look different. Take extra precautions when attending or hosting an event and insist that people wear masks, keep gatherings small, and cancel if anybody in your family or group is sick.

More information can be found on the Health Department website and you can email with questions: AHS.VDHPublicCommunication@vermont.gov
Please also don't hesitate to call or email our school nurse with any questions.



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Virtual Parent Conferences

Scheduling for our November Parent Teacher Conferences is well under way. As you know, all conferences this November will be held virtually, using Google Meet. Please use the following link to begin the scheduling process:

https://ptcfast.com/schools/Edmunds_Elementary_School

VIRTUAL
Parent – Teacher
CONFERENCES

If you need help scheduling your appointment, please call Sara Orndroff at 864-8473 for assistance.



Chromebooks & Ipads Sent Home On Friday - Nov. 20!

With the ever changing environment, we will be sending your child's Ipad or Chromebook home with them, on Friday this week, so they have it with them over the Thanksgiving break.

