

# The Buzz



A Message from our Principal, Bonnie Johnson-Aten

Happy Friday EES Families,

I hope you have a restful break and chance to recharge as we head into Spring.

Stay warm and safe,

Mrs J-A

## Calendar Dates to Remember

March 2 - Teacher Inservice Day - No School for Students

March 3 - Students Remote Learning Day

March 3 - Virtual Kindergarten Orientation via Zoom 5:30 pm (Check the website for the link)

### **New Dismissal Times!**

Please note the new dismissal times and make adjustments to your pick up times accordingly.

2:40 - Kindergarten & First Grades

2:45 - Second & Third Grades

2:50 - Fourth & Fifth Grades



## Winter Break Begins on Friday, February 19, 2021

Winter Break for the Burlington School District and for EES students begins at the close of school on Friday, February 19, 2021. Remote learning resumes on Wednesday, March 3rd with in-person learning resuming on Thursday, March 4, 2021. We hope everyone has a happy and healthy Winter Recess!

### Covid Reminders from the State of Vermont

#### **Travel and Hosting Travelers:**

- Visitors to Vermont cannot gather with Vermonters or with people from another household. This includes sharing lodging with another household. Travelers may not stay with a Vermont host or stay in a Vermont lodging establishment or short-term rental with another household. Even if they have completed quarantine, or intend to quarantine with another household, they may not gather with another household in Vermont."
- Gathering with other households includes weddings, funerals, sleepovers, playdates, or any other activities done with those in another household. If you do any of these high risk covid-spread activities, guarantine is required afterwards.
- Even if you have had COVID-19, travel and quarantine guidelines are still in place and applicable to all Vermont residents.

Travel guidelines remain that anyone who travels outside of the state must quarantine for a total of 14 days from the day they return to Vermont OR get a test on or after Day 7 and quarantine until a negative test result returns. Day 15 would be the first day you may leave your home without testing.





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#### Masks

At this time, the CDC has just recommended double masking, but our Vermont epidemiologists are recommending 2-ply cloth masks that fit correctly over your face. The important thing about masking is not how many you are wearing but that there are no gaps in your mask. It should fit snug around your nose, across your cheeks, and under your chin. If this VDOH recommendation changes, we will let you know. If people choose to double mask, that is fine but it is not currently required.

## School Reminders during Covid

#### Classroom Celebrations:

Please think about non-food options when planning or contributing to classroom celebrations. In addition to students with severe food allergies, we also have students with food intolerances, religious dietary preferences/practices, and chronic health conditions that exclude them from participating in food-based celebrations. Please be mindful so that ALL students can be included fully in classroom celebrations! If your celebration must have a food item, please contact the BSD food service department to arrange for options that can be purchased through and delivered by the school kitchen team.

