

# The Buzz



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



Happy Friday EES Families,

Valentine's Day at EES! It's hard to believe that it is February. Time sure flies when you are having fun. In a mere two weeks, it will be time for our winter break. The second trimester ends next Friday, look for report cards in your child's backpack on Friday, February 19, 2021. During this month of February, we have been focused on love, kindness and friendship. Be sure to ask your child about our "February Reading Race" where in addition to encouraging students to read, we are supporting and encouraging individual acts of kindness. As we have come to understand this year, the small acts of kindness matter. You may see additional evidence of our emphasis on kindness this month in the artwork that your child is creating. Joanna Elliott (EES art teacher) is introducing students to artists who use joy and positivity in the creation of their artwork. With Valentine's Day just around the corner, things will look a little different than in years past. The guidelines for a safe Valentine's Day are as follows:

**Card Exchange:** The only safe workaround for the distribution of cards **NOT** made at school will require students to bring cards in or before Thursday, February 11 for distribution on Friday, February 12th. Cards brought in to school on Friday, February 12 will not be distributed until Monday, February 15. This practice is consistent with how we have handled library books this year.

**Treats:** We are asking that students not bring candy or homemade treats to school to give to other students.

Stay warm and safe,

Mrs J-A



## Calendar Dates to Remember

**February 11 - Virtual Kindergarten Orientation via Zoom 5 pm**  
(Check the website for the link)

**February 19 - Report Cards Go Home**

**February 22 - March 2: Winter Recess**

## Important Message!

**PLEASE!** If your child is sick enough to warrant a Covid test, **do not send them to school**, until you've received a negative test result from their Primary Care Provider.

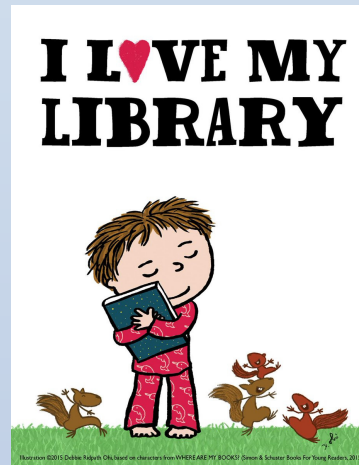
# COVID-19



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## Love Your Library!

February is Love Your Library month at EES and this year we are excited to offer a reading challenge to all of our students called "Reading is my Superpower!". This year's race will have a superhero theme and our students will be reading and doing acts of kindness on their way to the finish line! From February 1 through the 17th, students will record the amount of time they spend reading outside of school and we will tally each classroom's total to see which class reads the most during the month. Progress will be recorded on the library bulletin board cityscape with each class having their own superhero racing to the finish line! Your child will be bringing a letter home that gives more details about the race along with coupons to record their reading time. Please look over the letter and help your child to remember to fill out the coupons and return them to school. We are looking forward to a fun reading event and thank you for your support!





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## From The Health Office:

Dear Parent and/or Guardian,

In a typical school year, hearing and/or vision screenings are completed by the School Nurse. This is done in compliance with the directives set by the Vermont Department of Health. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Vermont School Nurses are unable to complete routine screenings this school year, and the state directives have changed. Since knowledge of any deficit in hearing and vision is important as related to school success, the Vermont Department of Health encourages families to be sure their children have seen their primary care provider for their annual visit.



The American Academy of Pediatrics and the Bright Futures Guidelines recommend annual visits for well exams between the ages of 3 and 18. If your child has not seen their primary care provider since before January 2020, please call and schedule a well child visit. Any hearing or vision concerns can be addressed at that time.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.  
Celia Bird, School Nurse

## FROM THE COMMUNITY

### All Wards NPA

Are you interested in the March 2 election for mayor? Do you want information about the ballot questions? Join the All-Wards NPA meeting, February 9, from 6:30 - 8:30 for a Mayoral Candidate and Ballot Question Forum.

Log on to: [www.facebook.com/allwardsNPA](https://www.facebook.com/allwardsNPA). You will be able to choose the language channel you prefer to listen to the forum: English, Swahili, Arabic, French, Maay Maay, Nepali, or Somali.

Please join us to learn more about the positions of the candidates for mayor and about the ballot questions: Ranked Choice Voting; Just-cause Eviction; Airport Commission membership; and Regulating thermal energy systems.

If you miss the meeting on February 9, you can listen to the recording (in 6 languages) of the forum: log on to [www.facebook.com/allwardsNPA](https://www.facebook.com/allwardsNPA)

### Online: A Riff On The Wizard of Oz



PAY WHAT YOU CAN VACATION CAMPS -  
MONDAY-FRIDAY  
FEBRUARY 22-26 / ONLINE  
2-3:30 PM / AGES 8-12