

The Buzz



*A Message from
our Principal,
Bonnie Johnson-
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Hi EES Families!

Last Friday we held our first all school assembly, outside on the sledding hill. It was great to all be in one place as an entire community. I look forward to the day that we can invite parents to join us. We introduced each grade level and shared expectations for future all school gatherings. It was a joy to see so many smiling faces! Thank you to the Edmunds Elementary PTO for providing popsicles at the end of the assembly.

Enjoy what promises to be a lovely fall weekend,

Mrs. J-A

Upcoming Dates & Events:

- September 24 - Kindergarten Pencil Ceremony - 2:15
- September 29 - Early Release Day - 11:30 Dismissal



Welcome Back BBQ - Postponed

Due to our 4th graders being in quarantine this week, we have postponed our Welcome Back Barbeque to a later time. Doing so will allow all of our student body and their families to participate in this community event. Be on the look out for the updated date and time! **Look for a new date to be announced soon!**

4th & 5th Grade Chorus at EES

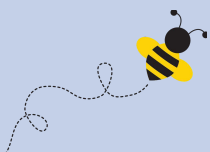
I am so excited to be bringing back the Edmunds Elementary Chorus this year. All interested 4th and 5th grade EES students are invited to participate!! Rehearsals are Mondays from 2-2:45, during the school day. Chorus is a great opportunity to develop singing skills, work together as a part of a group, make new friends and have fun. I'm not sure what our performances might look like this year but am sure we will find a way to meaningfully share our work. I will be sending out information about events via email, the Bi-weekly Buzz and on paper when needed. Students in Mr. Styles, Ms. Bonanni's and Ms. Palmer's classes received sign up papers at our first rehearsal or registration can also be done digitally by completing the chorus registration form. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions (enolan@bsdvt.org). Best - Betsy Nolan, EES Music Teacher



From the Library



Just a reminder to please be on the lookout for the yellow CLiF Read With Me! Contracts that came home with your child recently. If we have at least 80% of the contracts returned before September 24th, we will earn an ice cream party for the entire school! This event is the first of many we will be hosting as a part of this year-long celebration of reading! For more information about the CLiF organization and our grant, [1](#) please view this [video](#).



Annual Student Update!

The start of the year has highlighted the importance of updating your student's information in our computer system. We have had several instances where we have not been able to reach parents or emergency contacts. We cannot emphasize the importance of verifying that all your contact information, and that of your emergency contacts is updated every year. That is why the district asks each family to review the information we have on record for each child in our PowerSchool system. It's time for you to complete the online Annual Student Update in Powerschool. **The update must be completed for all students. There are NO exceptions. This must be done. Why? Because you want to be reached should there be an emergency.**

Please login to your PowerSchool account to complete this update as soon as possible. Step-by-step instructions can be found below. If you do not already have an account in Powerschool (most of you do), then please refer to the directions below in order to create the account. This process generally takes about 10 minutes per student.

Please complete the update by Thursday, September 30. If you have questions or need assistance, please do not reply to this email, but contact **Sara Orndorff at 864-8473.**

If you already have an account in Powerschool, [sign in to your Powerschool account](#). After you have signed in:

1. Look for your student's name as shown on the bar in the upper left-hand corner.
2. Click on the student's name. (If you don't see your student's name, see below.)
3. Next click "Forms" and then
4. "Annual Student Update 21-22", starting with the form called "1. General Student Information" and complete the information.
 - a. It will take you through each form.
 - b. There will be an opportunity to apply for afterschool at the end of the update forms. For more information on afterschool, see this document.
5. Once you finish with this student, move on to the next student by clicking on their name on the bar in the upper left-hand corner.
 - a. All students must be updated one at a time.
6. Done!

If the names of other children of yours do not appear, you must next call your child's K-12 school and ask for their **"Access ID and Access Password"** (if you are in a partner PreK program and receiving ACT 166 funds-- please contact Ashley in EEE at 802-864-8463 (or Sarah Orndorff at 802-864-8473, x42021)

After you receive this Access ID and Access Password from your school, in Powerschool, go to:

1. "Account Preferences" on the menu on the left side.
2. Click on "Students."
3. Then "Add Student."
4. Enter your student's name, their Access ID, and Access Password.
5. Then select your relationship with your student through the Relationship dropdown.



If you are not certain if you have a PowerSchool account, follow these steps:

1. Go to bsdvt.org or to your school's home page. Click on this image in the upper right-hand corner of the webpage:
 - a. (You can also click here to go directly to BSD's [Powerschool Login](#) page.)
2. Enter what you think your username and password would be.
3. Follow the steps for "Forgot Username or Password?" if needed.

If you have never created a Powerschool account:

1. Call your school and ask for an access ID and Access Password.
2. Visit BSD's [Powerschool](#) login page and click on "Create Account."
3. Enter the ID and Password as directed.

To update your contact form (your contact info and that of your student's emergency contacts here is video or "screen cast" to show you how to do that if needed.

Year of the Book Kick-Off Event

Get ready for a fun and exciting year of celebrating reading with your children! On Wednesday, September 29 we will be holding our kick-off event during the school day to formally announce our Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF) Year of the Book grant to our school. Duncan McDougall, storyteller from CLiF, will be here to share his love of reading with our students and help distribute a free book to every child that day. Be on the lookout for a new book coming home and take time to enjoy it with your child!



Morning Traffic Circle Volunteers Needed

Help keep morning drop off safe by volunteering! Rain or shine, each morning a pair of friendly volunteers keeps kids safe during morning drop off & helps move traffic through efficiently. We're looking for a little help! If you can commit just 20-25 minutes once per week from 7:45-8:05 or so, we'd love it! Email Irene Cervantes: ikcervantes@yahoo.com

Open House!

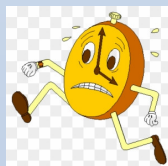
EES will hold our **Open House on Thursday, October 14**. This will be a remote, synchronous (live) event. While the details still need to be hammered out, we expect to include a live-streamed welcome from the administrative team (recorded for families unable to attend), followed by classroom teachers having an opportunity to welcome parents to their classrooms. More details to follow!

Kindergarten Welcome - Pencil Ceremony

Edmunds Elementary has a longstanding tradition that we hope the parents of our 5th graders and Kindergartners will join us for. Every year our 5th graders welcome each of our kindergarten students to our school community by handing them a special EES pencil and welcoming them to Edmunds Elementary. This is always a special day, so we hope you can join us, weather permitting, next Friday, September 24th under the tent at 2:15.

Arriving Late to School

As a reminder, anyone arriving after 8:15 should go to the Main entrance of the Edmunds complex on Main street (in the center courtyard). In order to be successful in providing a secure entrance, we ask to have all who visit the school follow the procedures that are in place. They are really no different than in the past. **At 8:15, all doors to the building will be locked.**



Safety Drills

This week we had our first fire drill. Our students did a great job of quietly exiting the building and waiting for directions to re-enter the building. All future safety drills will be taught monthly by teachers in each classroom. This is in accordance with guidance from the Vermont Agency of Education.

Meals at Schools

For the school year, 2021-2022, all meals will be provided at no cost to all students. We can accommodate most if not all diets, including alternatives to meat and dairy. Students may bring food from home if they prefer not to eat a meal provided by the school. Thank you to the Burlington School Food Project, our amazing food service team!