

# The Buzz



*A Message from  
our Principal,  
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Hi EES Families!

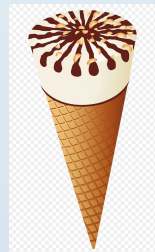
We have just completed our first week at school. I think everyone is a bit more tired than last week. It takes a little time to build back the stamina. This week we have continued our focus on getting to know each other and learning the many school routines. Everyone is doing a great job! Thank you for your flexibility as we work out the best way to drop off and dismiss students. I am looking forward to a great year.

In partnership,

Mrs. J-A

## Upcoming Dates & Events:

- September 6 - Labor Day - No School
- September 9th - Picture Day!
- September 17 - PTO Welcome Back BBQ! - 5:00 PM



## Thank you!

A big "thank you " to the Edmunds Elementary PTO for our successful Ice Cream Social. It was wonderful to see both students and parents prior to the start of school.

## Masking Update

As with last year, gaiters and bandanas are not allowed. (Athletic gaiters issued by BSD are allowed for after-school athletic use only, not during the school day.) **Masks with one-way valves or vents do not prevent the person wearing the mask from transmitting COVID-19 to others; these are not allowed and should not be worn by students or staff.** When you blow air (like blowing out a candle) with your hand in front of your mask, you should not be able to feel any wind on your hand. If you do, your mask is too thin, not effective, and should not be worn.



## Welcome Back BBQ!

Join us for a BBQ on the field at Edmunds! This PTO sponsored event is free and open to all EES families. This event is more than just a barbeque, it's about building our community, seeing old friends and making new ones! The barbeque is September 17th at 5:00. We hope to see you there!

## Morning Drop Off

We have noticed some congestion and confusion during morning drop off in the Main Street "horseshoe". To help keep our children safe and move traffic along as efficiently as possible, we are going to restart our long tradition of having parents help with morning drop off. Interested in volunteering? Please see contact information at the end of this reminder.



### A few reminders about EES Drop Off/Pick Up Safety:

- **Do not park or leave your vehicle unattended when in the drop off/pick up lane.**

This causes delays, including for school buses which are dropping off students and proceeding on to other schools.

- **Please teach your child to be ready to get out of the car with backpacks when the parent volunteer opens the door on the passenger side of the vehicle.** Have your child get out on the passenger side. Stay in your car so that you can drive away as soon as your child has unloaded. Hugs and kisses are best done at home/before getting to the horseshoe drop off to keep traffic moving safely and quickly.

- **Park only in designated parking spots.** Be extremely careful when backing out of parking spaces during drop off and pick up!

- **Do not pass cars or buses on the right in the horseshoe.**

### Our PTO is looking for parent volunteers for morning drop off! Can you help?

Volunteers are needed for traffic circle detail! If you could spare 20-25 minutes in the morning from 7:45 – 8:10, please contact Irene Cervantes at [ikcervantes@yahoo.com](mailto:ikcervantes@yahoo.com).

You'll get to make a big difference in the safety of our community AND sport a funky orange vest! win-win!!



## Picture Day is Coming!

Picture day is scheduled for Thursday, September 9th! All pictures will be taken outside in the new main entrance courtyard! Picture Re-take day will be announced after you've received your first set of pictures and for those students who are absent on September 9th.

## **Children's Literacy Foundation Year of the Book Grant**

We are excited to announce that Edmunds Elementary is the recipient of the Children's Literacy Foundation's (CLiF) Year of the Book grant. This grant will provide \$25,000 in literacy programming and new books to our school. The grant's aim is to help increase students' enthusiasm for reading and writing in the community and at home. We hope the grant will increase family engagement in your child's literacy development. As a part of the grant, classrooms and our school and public libraries will receive new books to share with our students. Also, each student will get to choose TEN new books for themselves during the year to take home and enjoy.

Please be on the lookout for the yellow CLiF Read With Me! Contracts that will be coming home with your child in the next few days. 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, please view this [video](#).