

The Buzz



*A Message from
our Principal,
Bonnie Johnson-
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Bee Cards at EES

You have all probably heard about Bee Cards by now as well as Class Celebrations. The Bee Cards are based on the work we do in helping our children to learn how to be community. The system is based upon the framework that is known as **Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports** or **PBiS**. EES has been using this framework for at least 12 years. It helps us to ensure a climate of inclusion, and safety.

Given the diversity of our school the PBIS framework provides a common set of expectations and to actively teach them to our students, using the same language throughout the building.

After we teach the expectations we then work to reinforce the behaviors we are looking for. This is done by catching students doing the right thing and acknowledging their efforts, When a student is noticed doing the right thing, we give them a "bee card" which the class collects. When the class earns 100 bees! Be sure to ask your child about our school expectations.

Mrs. J-A

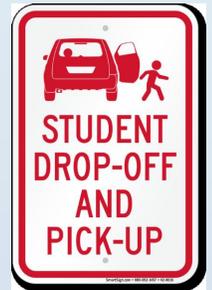


Upcoming Dates & Events:

- October 11 - Indigenous People Day: No School
- October 15 - Professional Development: No School

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



Welcome Pizza Event - Tonight!!!!

Join us this this evening for a Welcome Pizza Event on the field at Edmunds. The event is free and open to all Edmunds Elementary families. It is a chance for old and new friends to get together and celebrate the new school year. This year will be a little different with COVID-related procedures and guidelines in place. First, because this is a Community event, we ask that all attendees wear a mask, as required by the Burlington School District Health and Safety Procedures for School Openings 2021-22. Second, please stay home if you are feeling sick or have any symptoms. Third, families will not be asked to bring potluck dishes, as we have done in the past. PTO will provide pizza, chips, seltzer, and tiny sweets; feel free to bring any additional food for your family.

Volunteers Needed for Pizza Welcome!

Volunteers are needed to assist in setting up, serving, and cleaning up afterwards. Please sign up to help at the signup genius link below or contact the PTO via email:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e4faaa82ca4fd0-eeswelcome>

Help with Annual Student Update Available!

Sara O will be available during the Welcome Pizza Event to help you get started with your Username and Password and on your way to completing the update!

Message from the Health Office:

September 24, 2021



Dear Families,

We want to clearly define what happens when students can return to school if they are sick.

For any new symptom your child has, even if it may be allergies, your child should stay home or be sent home from school.

If the symptom resolves in the first 24 hours, without the use of any medications, your child may return to school the next day.

If the symptom lasts more than 24 hours, or more symptoms develop, please keep your child home and sign up for a PCR test appointment at a state site through <https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/testing/where-get-tested>. Please keep your child home and refrain from taking them into public places until your test results come back.

If the PCR test is negative, please submit your test result to your school nurse. Following the negative COVID test, your child may return to school if they have been free of fever, diarrhea, and vomiting for 24 hours (without the use of medication) and are feeling well enough to fully participate in learning activities. If the PCR test is positive, your child will have to quarantine at home for 10 days as directed by the Vermont Department of Health.

Even with a negative test result, if your child does not have enough energy to actively participate in learning, is too tired to learn or engage, and does not feel well enough to be at school, your child will need to go home and rest. In this case, your school nurse will call to ask you to pick up your child from school.

Many Thanks,

Becca McCray, MSN, MA, RN, NCSN
Burlington School District Lead Nurse



Year of the Book - CLIF Kickoff



On Wednesday, under the tent, we held our kick off celebration for our Children's Literacy Foundation's (CLiF) grant award. It was a great kickoff with Duncan reading a book to our students. Following the assembly, each student was able to choose one book to take home. It was wonderful to see the level of excitement in our students as they picked a book to take home. The CLIF grant provides \$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. Each student will get to choose TEN new books for themselves during the year to take home and enjoy. 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 visit their [website](#).

Brr..It's getting cold outside

As the weather starts to get cooler please remember to send your child with weather gear that allows them to be a part of outdoor activities despite the weather.