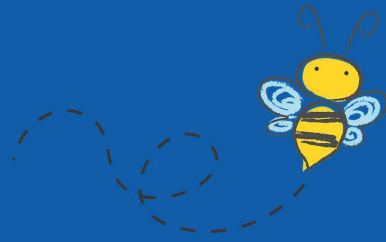


The Buzz



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

Greetings EES Families,

What a great fall it's been. Fingers crossed that we might get a few more weeks of lovely fall weather. I hope everyone is able to find some time to enjoy the fall warmth and the changing colors of our landscape. As we head in cooler weather please be sure to send your child in with proper clothing. Students will go outside everyday unless the weather is severe.

Be well,
Bonnie

Mrs. J-A

Upcoming Dates & Events:

- November 22 - 23: Parent/Teacher Conferences - NO SCHOOL
- November 24 - 26: Thanksgiving Break - NO SCHOOL



Thank you!

Thank you to the EES PTO for a lovely welcome back pizza gathering hosted on September 27, 2021. It was a nice evening and everyone appeared to enjoy themselves. Also, appreciation for our parents, led by Irene Cervantes, who have volunteered to help ensure that students are safe during our morning arrival.

Halloween at EES

While we won't be celebrating Halloween. We are happy to continue our year-long celebration of literacy, with an author visit from Jason Chin, a book give away and an ice cream party for achieving our goal of 80% return of reading contracts! Thank you for supporting and encouraging your child's love of reading. Please no costumes.

Attendance

Attendance on all school days is most important if a child is to get the most out of the program provided. Please make every effort to have your child in school unless he/she is ill.



As so many of our children walk to school, it is imperative that we check on the whereabouts of any child who is absent but for whom we have no communication stating that they will be absent. This requires that we call every household/job site and alternate phone number until we have an adult who can confirm that they know where their child is. This is time consuming but is of paramount importance in insuring the safety of every student. Please help us by following the procedures below and letting us know where your child is or will be.

Parents are responsible for informing the school when their child is absent. Please call 864-8473 the morning of the absence or leave a detailed message if calling after school hours; even if you email your child's teacher, this step MUST be taken.



Masks

Just a reminder that students are required to wear masks while inside. While we do have extra masks available for students our supply is not unlimited.



Join EES Equitable Budgeting School Advisory Group

School districts across Vermont are entering into “Budget Season” and Burlington School District (BSD) is pleased to announce a new budgeting model that will place more control of school budgets in the hands of principals and school communities. The District’s new “Equitable Budgeting and Staffing Model” strives to allocate resources based on student enrollment and need, seeks to build school-based engagement, and creates a new equity allocation for schools to use in efforts to close the opportunity gap. You can learn more by viewing the recording of the Equitable Budget Kickoff on the district’s youtube channel, found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bt0A6jB4Wko>. You can also read and learn more in the BSD Budget Development Guide.

At EES, we are forming a School Advisory Group to guide this work. We are looking for family and community members who would like to participate in this process. If you are interested, please let us know by Monday October 18. You can email bjaten@bsdvt.org or call the front office (802-864-8473). We hope you will consider joining this group!

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



Register Soon for Sleepy Hollow Bill Koch Ski Program!

There are just a few spots left in the BKL Youth Ski Program (Friday/Sunday) and the MS Race Program is just over 3/4 full. Register soon on the Sleepy Hollow BK [webpage](#) to confirm a spot for this year!

News from the Fletcher Free Library

Learn about programming schedules and fun activities for November available to you at the Fletcher Free Library by clicking [here](#)!



Annual Student Update

It is time for you to complete the online Annual Student Information Update in Powerschool. The form asks you to update critical information, such as emergency contact information, medical information, etc. The update must be completed for all students. **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.

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 8463 (or Sarah Orndorff at 802-84-8473

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.