

The Buzz



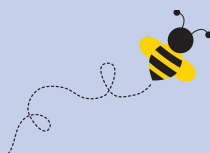
*A Message from
our Principal,
Bonnie Johnson-
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Dear EES Families:

Happy Halloween! While we did not have the traditional Halloween celebration at EES today, it was wonderful to have author Jason Chin here to share his work with our students. In keeping with a literacy theme we ended the day with an ice cream celebration since more than 80% of our students had returned their reading contracts! Thank you for your continued support in helping to foster the love of reading in our children.

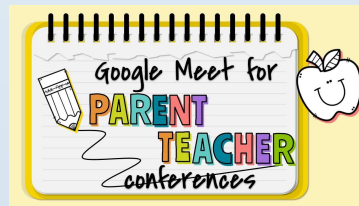
A reminder: Parents and community members can also now provide ideas and suggestions for the budget via a web form available on the BSD budget website. This form is designed to receive input related to how the RISE (Recognizing Injustice, Seeking Equity) allocation could be used at each school, and the feedback received by way of this form will be forwarded to the applicable school.

Stay well,
Mrs J-A



Upcoming Dates & Events:

- November 7: Daylight Savings Time Ends!
- November 12: Marking Period Ends
- November 19: Report Cards Go Home
- November 22 - 23: Parent/Teacher Conferences - NO SCHOOL
- November 24 - 26: Thanksgiving Break - NO SCHOOL

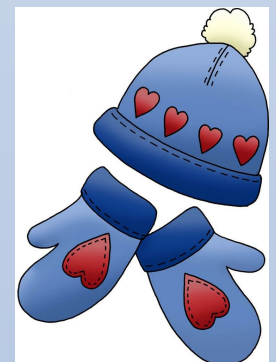


It's Time for Parent/Teacher Conferences!

Scheduling for our Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences has begun! All of our conferences will be held using Google Meet. For our new families, our district uses an online scheduling system called PTC Fast, which allows you to select the teacher(s) with whom you would like to conference with by registering your email address. You are able to view and select an available conference time that works for you! Conferences can be scheduled now by visiting the PTC website at https://ptcfast.com/schools/Edmunds_Elementary_School and is also available on the EES home page. Conferences can be scheduled from now through November 23rd. If you need assistance, please call Sara at 864-8473.

Burr! It's cold outside!!!!

As we head into the colder weather months, please make sure your child has a spare pair of pants and socks that can be kept in their locker; this is especially important when the snow arrives! All the children will be sledding on the sledding hill out back and they DO get wet! Having some spare clothing in a student's locker saves a lot of tears when students get wet and have nothing to change in to. We understand that children forget things at home or in the car, so please help us, help your children to remember their winter "gear".
Thanks!



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!

Bus Riders Need to be Masked!

Parents! We need your help! We are experience several compliance issues with our students not keeping their masks on while riding the bus. As you may know, it is a federal mandate that masks be worn at all times while on the bus. Bus drivers can deny a student from boarding, if the student doesn't comply. **There are no exemptions to this policy. Failure to follow the mask guidelines will result in passengers being ask to leave GMT property.**



Face Masks

Just a reminder that students are required to wear masks while inside the school building. We do have a few extra masks, if possible, it would be great if you could send your child to school with a mask or two, since they do tend to get dirty throughout the day! It's always nice to have a fresh mask!



Fall Back, Spring Ahead!

The annual ritual is nearly here! The end of daylight savings time, which offers an extra hour of sleep is fast approaching. Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 7, 2021, at 2:00 A.M. On Saturday night, set your clocks back one hour (i.e., gaining one hour of sleep) to “fall back.”

