

The Buzz



*A Message from
our Principal,
Bonnie Johnson-
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Greetings EES Community,

Today is the last day of the trimester! It has been a time of tremendous learning for our students, staff and families as we adapt our routines to ensure continuous safety for all. Thank you for continuing to follow our safety guidelines. I hope that you will consider getting your child vaccinated.

Report cards will be sent home on Friday, November 19th, be sure to check your child's backpack. If you haven't signed up for a parent teacher conference, please do so as soon as possible. We are hoping for 100% participation! Parent conferences are a great time to learn what is happening in your child's classroom and an opportunity for us to learn how we can continue to support your child.

Thank you for the opportunity to work and play with your children, they make being a principal joyful. Enjoy the Thanksgiving break.

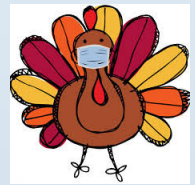
With deep gratitude,
Mrs. J-A

Upcoming Dates & Events:

- 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

Health & Safety

Properly fitting masks/facial coverings (covering noses, mouths, and chin) are required for **ALL** inside the main building, including main offices. Wearing masks is a condition of attendance and students will not be permitted to attend BSD schools without complying with this safety precaution. 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. Masks are not required outdoors.



Bicycles, Skateboards, Scooters, Roller Blades

Edmunds Elementary encourages students to ride their bicycles, scooters, or skateboards to school when distance and weather permits. However, we cannot be responsible for theft or vandalism. To insure the safety of all children, students are required to walk their bikes, scooters, or skateboards while on school property. **Students must wear a helmet if using a bike, scooter, or skateboard to get to or from school.**



Holiday Support!

The holiday season can be extra difficult. Fortunately, Burlington has some local support and organizations that can help. If your family could use some extra support during this holiday season, please reach out to Edmunds Elementary at 802-864-8473. Melissa Hathaway, our EES school counselor, Amanda Garami, our School Services Clinician, or Tyler Sessions, our PE teacher, can help to provide you with some information, and local support, for you and your 1 family.



Save The Date! November 16!

The Edmunds Elementary Drama Program is excited to announce our annual Benefit Bake in conjunction with American Flatbread – a true Win-Win-Win fundraiser! For over 20 years, EES Drama has partnered with Very Merry Theatre to produce a theatrical performance that involves over 50 of our young actors, singers and stagehands. Fundraising is the primary means of covering our production, scholarships, costumes, scripts and so much more. Our production rehearsals begin in January with performances happening in March. For each flatbread pizza that is ordered for take-out or dine-in on NOVEMBER 16th, EES Drama will receive a portion of the proceeds. This previously successful fundraiser is a wonderful way to support EES Drama, help a local restaurant that means so much to our community and answer the age-old question, “What’s for dinner?” We hope you will be able to join us in supporting our student actors!



Annual Coat Swap



This week, the PTO is collecting the following new or gently used (still in good condition) items: coats, snow pants, boots, and accessories (no hats, please). Through the 11th, donations can be dropped off in the large cardboard box labeled WINTER GEAR SWAP near the school entrance at the top of the traffic circle. After next week’s start to the swap, any donations can be taken to the Winter Gear Swap area and placed in the donation box or put on the clothing rack. **The Winter Gear Swap will begin next week, just inside the main Edmunds Building Entrance, near Ms. O’s office. Gear will be available for pick up through the next few weeks. You don’t have to give to get! If you would like to help out with the Coat Swap (organizing and distributing gear), please email us at askEESPTO@gmail.com**

Dan's Chocolate F'undraiser - Coming Next Week!

We are excited to announce the return of our ever-successful annual Dan’s Chocolate fundraiser. In prior years, we have sold over 2,000 bags of chocolate per fundraiser! Forms and further information will be going home with your children next week and December 1 will be the deadline for orders. Selling the chocolate is entirely voluntary. In a typical year, over half of the PTO budget comes from this one fundraiser. It raises money for those extras that make EES a great place for your children to attend. The money helps pay for field trips, fun family events like the Skate Night, Math Night, the Welcome Back Pizza Night. It also helps the school with extras like the sleds, classroom wish lists, and so much more. This is a multi-faceted undertaking and we need help with record-keeping, data entry (are you an Excel wiz?) and distribution. Many hands make light work - and this one could use MANY hands. Please let us know if you're willing to help and be on the lookout for order forms and information!



Room Parents Needed

If you are interested in becoming a room parent for your child's grade, please consider volunteering for this fun job! As a room parent, your main responsibility is to assist your classroom teacher in promoting parent/family involvement in class and schoolwide activities through communication and coordinating classroom assistance. Your help means so much to the teachers and children. This year we are trying something a little different and asking parents to team up with one or two parents to help with the whole grade, rather than one specific class. The teachers for each grade often work as a team for celebrations, field trips, etc., so communication and requests for Room Parent help might work best as a team effort! If you are interested in volunteering or have questions about this role, please email Kimberly Price at mrskimberlyprice@gmail.com



Edmunds Snow Plow Visit

With the help of Kathy Neil, our librarian, our students voted and submitted two names to the Vermont "Name a Snow Plow" contest. Our first choice of "Frosty the Snow Plow" was already taken. Our second choice "Timberwolf" was a winner! Our snowplow will visit Edmunds on Vermont Plow Day, November 17, at 9:00 a.m.



Pediatric Vaccine Clinic

The State of Vermont approved a **COVID19 Vaccine** for children ages 5-11. The Burlington School District has worked with the Department of Health to allow our school to host school-based vaccination clinics. Our designated day at EES is **Wednesday, November 17th from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm**. To attend one of these clinics, families should schedule an [appointment online](#). If you have trouble signing up online, you can also try to make an appointment by calling 855-722-7878.



Finally, we want to let you know that within 24 hours of our school clinics being available, we learned that many spots were already full. If this is the case, you still have options! Please remember,

Your child can get a vaccine at ANY available school site that has open spots (you do not have to go to the clinic at your school, or even in your District or county). You may also arrange for your children to be **vaccinated at a local pharmacy** or check with your child's **pediatrician's office**.