

# The Buzz



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

Happy Holidays!

As I reflect on our school and community I am impressed by people's thoughtful generosity. I have seen many of you step up on a regular basis to help both our students and staff. Thank you for your continued kindness and generosity in supporting EES!

Please remember that there is no school from December 23-January 3! School resumes on January 3. On behalf of our faculty and staff, we hope you have a fabulous winter break with your children, family and friends. Stay safe and well.

See you next year.

Mrs. J.A.



## Upcoming Dates & Events:

- Dec. 21: EES Chorus - COTS Candlelight Vigil 5:15 - 6:00 PM
- Dec. 23 - 31: Winter Break - No School

## Count Down to Winter Break!

As we inch closer to winter break, the excitement in the hallways continues to grow! Next week, our students will be counting down the days to break and celebrating each day in some fun-filled ways!



**Monday, December 20th - Cozy Clothes Day**

**Tuesday, December 21st - Wacky HeadGear Day**

**Wednesday, December 22nd - You made it! Have a wonderful Break!**

## Thank-You Volunteers!

It truly takes a very special village to create such an amazing community like we have at Edmunds Elementary. This in part is due to the amazing parent volunteers we have, that give of their time, energy, kindness and goodwill. In particular, the morning traffic crew that work the horse-shoe, arrive early, regardless of the weather conditions, happily opening car doors with a smile and friendly greeting. We can't thank you enough for all you do in keeping our students safe.

Thank You!



## Chorus Performance

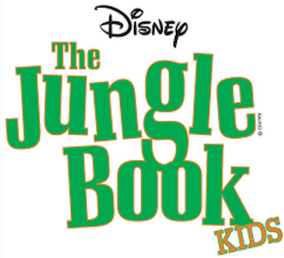
The EES Chorus will be performing to support the Committee on Temporary Shelter's candlelight vigil on Tuesday, December 21st at 5:15 pm on the steps of City Hall. The performance begins at 5:30. The entire event should be over by 6:00. If your child needs a ride to the concert, we can help! Please have your child sign up for a ride with Ms. Nolan by Monday, December 20th. If you are able to provide transportation support to another singer, please email [enolan@bsdvt.org](mailto:enolan@bsdvt.org).



## 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 physical education teacher, can help to provide you with some information, and local support, for you and your family. We also had some, childrens size, winter coats donated. If any of your children could use a new coat, please reach out as well. Thanks.

# PTO Corner!



Hello 3rd, 4th and 5th grade actors, set crew and stage hands! We are pleased to announce that this year's EES Musical will be The Jungle Book! We will be able to have rehearsals afterschool at Edmunds this year, beginning in January, HOORAY!! If you are in 3-5th grade and interested in acting in the show please use the following link to sign up:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc-88IWVrJ8aqD\\_HhXYK-SZiJPBUjelfAoe71-l6giZ5NkEe-w/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc-88IWVrJ8aqD_HhXYK-SZiJPBUjelfAoe71-l6giZ5NkEe-w/viewform?usp=sf_link)

- If you are a 4th or 5th grader (sorry no 3rd graders) who is interested in joining the set crew and helping backstage please use the following link to sign up

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfd7EZ03nDDAPsi\\_cHCAuhe3BO\\_LGWSZBCUOYdSKGGmTp\\_sA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfd7EZ03nDDAPsi_cHCAuhe3BO_LGWSZBCUOYdSKGGmTp_sA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

- If you have any questions feel free to contact me at [gshuman7005@yahoo.com](mailto:gshuman7005@yahoo.com)

Thank you and looking forward to the show!! - Gretchen Platt (Cora and Maya's mom)

## Dan's Chocolate Fundraiser - Volunteers Needed for Packing & Distributing!

Thank you to all families who participated in this fundraiser by selling chocolates and making donations to the PTO. The money we receive from this fundraiser goes directly to our students and teachers in the form of field trips, art supplies, winter sleds, special events, teacher grants, and so much more. We cannot thank you all enough.



We aren't done yet! Chocolates have been ordered and will be arriving soon. We are asking for volunteers to help with packing and distributing orders. Please let us know if you're willing to help.

## Winter Coat & Gear Swap Still Open

Just inside the main Edmunds Building Entrance, near Ms. O's office, gear is available for pick up throughout the day, for the next few weeks. You don't have to give to get! If you do have donations, we are still accepting the following new or gently used (still in good condition) items: coats, snow pants, boots, and accessories (no hats, please). Any donations can be taken to the Winter Gear Swap area and placed in the donation box or put on the clothing rack.

If you have any questions or comments, please email us at [askEESPTO@gmail.com](mailto:askEESPTO@gmail.com)

Thank You! From the PTO!