

# The Buzz



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

*"Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues  
but the parent of all the others."*

– Marcus Tullius Cicero

I hope that everyone had a restful Thanksgiving break. Thanksgiving is a great time to pause and remember all the things we are grateful for, things that we often take for granted. I remain incredibly grateful for the opportunity to work with such an outstanding faculty, our community, and most importantly, our students. Thank you to the entire EES community for your ongoing support of Edmunds Elementary School.

Stay Warm,

Bonnie

## Upcoming Dates & Events:

- Dec. 8: In-service Day, Early Release 11:30 a.m.
- Dec. 21: EES Chorus - COTS Candlelight Vigil 5:15 - 6:00 PM
- Dec. 23 - 31: Winter Break - No School



**December 8th  
Students Dismissed at 11:30**

## Early Release Day!

Next Wednesday, December 8th, is an early release day. Dismissal will be at 11:30. **Please make every effort to pick your child up on time;** doing so allows our teachers to participate in professional development without delay.

## 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 but we will meet at 5:15 on the first floor of city hall to warm up and get ready for the 5:30 start. After the students sing, please stay for the vigil to support the important work of this organization. The entire event should be over by 6:00. (Bring a mask for warming up inside)! 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).



## Winter Gear!

As the weather changes and winter arrives, please be sure to send your child to school with winter coats, snow pants, boots, hats and mittens. **We will be going outside for recess EVERY day that the temperature is above 0 degrees.** We have a limited supply of spare clothing that we can lend out, but we're not in a position to have sufficient supplies for every student that may forget.



## From the Health Desk

On Monday, December 6th, BSD is taking part in the Vermont Agency of Educations Post-Thanksgiving PCR testing. We will be testing students and staff that day at school. If you signed your student up for the Test to Stay program your student will automatically be tested on Monday, December 6th while they are at school. If you signed up for the Test to Stay program and do not want to have your student tested that day please contact either Emily Dousevicv, EES nurse at [edousevi@bsdvt.org](mailto:edousevi@bsdvt.org), or District Lead Nurse Becca McCray, [rmccray@bsdvt.org](mailto:rmccray@bsdvt.org)



## PTO Corner!

### Dan's Chocolate Fundraiser - Late Forms & Volunteers Needed!



Thank you to all families who participated in this fundraiser! If you were not able to turn in your form on Wednesday, we are able to accept it through Friday morning. Please have your child return the order form to their teacher by Friday morning. 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.

### EES Community Holiday Gift Cards



If you are looking for an opportunity to give to a family in the EES community this holiday season, consider purchasing a gift card (Amazon, book store, department store, etc.) to donate anonymously. This year, Ms. Hathaway (EES School Counselor), Tyler Sessions (P.E. Teacher), and Amanda Garmani (School Services Clinician) are working to connect EES families in need of some extra financial support with gifts and gift cards for the holidays. The PTO is reaching out to the EES community to help provide gift cards to our EES families in need. The gift cards can be sent to school in an envelope where they will be collected by the class teachers, and given to Ms. Hathaway. In order to reach families before the December break, please send in gift cards no later than Friday, the 17th of December. Thank you EES families for your generosity during the holiday season.

### Winter Coat & Gear Swap Happening Now

Just inside the main Edmunds Building Entrance, near Ms. O's office, gear is available for pick up through the next few weeks. You don't have to give to get! If you do have donations, we are 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.



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# HENRY'S HOLIDAY BIKE BONANZA!

**Need a bike? Ask your teacher to register!**

- ★ 1pm - 4pm
- ★ December 12, 2021
- ★ Old Spokes Home (331 North Winooski Ave, Burlington)

Contact [toms@oldspokeshome.com](mailto:toms@oldspokeshome.com) and [alex@oldspokeshome.com](mailto:alex@oldspokeshome.com) with questions

## Old Spokes Bike Bonanza 2021

The crew at Old Spokes Home is stoked to put on another year of the Bike Bonanza in honor of Henry Beard. We love giving bikes to kids in our community, and it feels especially magical around the holidays! This year the Bonanza is on Sunday December 12th from 1pm to 4pm at Old Spokes Home Bike Shop 331 N. Winooski Avenue in Burlington.

Thanks to you all, this event has been awesome in past years! Any child between the age of 3 and 8 who qualifies for free/reduced school lunch (or a similar subsidy) can get a bike, small 9 year olds may also find a bike their size. We will have 150 bikes and aim to give them all away! We also aim to provide helmets.

All you need to do is sign them up online ahead of time. Here's the link to the form:

<https://forms.gle/MQTpxfgotcB4cxjW8>

Please ensure any kiddo you sign up has a way to get to the shop on December 12th!