

The Buzz



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

It is with mixed emotions that I am writing to share with you that I plan to retire from the principalship at the end of this school year. It has been an interesting time to return to work as a building administrator. It is safe to say that even after 15 years of serving as a school principal I learned a tremendous amount in my short time at EES.

Despite the challenges of a pandemic, Edmunds Elementary School was the perfect place to round out my career as a school principal. Since my arrival, my focus (other than the pandemic) has been on developing shared leadership with the EES faculty to ensure that we are able to meet our students' social, emotional, and academic needs. I am confident that the EES faculty and staff will provide guidance and flourish under new leadership. It has been an honor to be at EES. I have enjoyed getting to know the amazing students, staff, and the wider EES community. I look forward to being invited back to "bee" celebrations, especially dance parties.

Be well & stay warm,
Bonnie



Upcoming Dates & Events:

- Feb. 2 - Winter Walk to School Day
- Feb. 10 - Annual Title I Meeting, 6 PM
- Feb. 11 - Marking Period Ends
- Feb. 18 - Report Cards Go Home
- Feb. 18 - Winter Festival
- Feb. 21 - 25 Winter Break; No School



The Annual Title I Meeting will be conducted at **6:00 PM** on **February 10th**, via Google Meet. We will review the EES Home School Compact and the Burlington School District's Parent/Guardian Involvement Policy. **We will update the website with the Google Link the week before the meeting.**

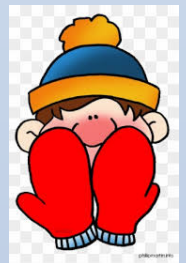
The Annual meeting provides all parents of participating students with the following information:

The school's participation in Title I as a Schoolwide program school

- The requirements under Title I
- The rights of parents to be involved
- Development of the LEA and school-level parent and family engagement policies
- Development of the School-Parent Compact
- Opportunities for parents to attend regular meetings to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children

Brrrrr.....It's Cold Outside!

There's lots of fun to be had on these cool winter days, if you've come prepared with the right "gear". Our students go outside for recess when it's 0 or above, That said, children are forgetful, and need to have help checking their "gear" before leaving the house or the car. Hats, boots, mittens, snow pants....Children should be equipped with these items daily. If you need any of these items on a permanent basis, please reach out to your child's teacher and maybe we can help!



Calendar Anomaly! 2/2/22

February 2, 2022, is not only Groundhog Day but also a fun calendar anomaly 2/2/22! **Should we ask the staff to wear tutus on this day?**

Winter Walk to School Day, Wednesday February 2

Join us for a refreshing start and celebrate Winter Walk to School Day on Wednesday February 2! This is a statewide event intended to put some fun in the daily commute, and to help students get some fresh air to start the day.

There will be donated stickers and hot chocolate as student incentives outside of school in the morning, and some generously donated Darn Tough socks to raffle off to participants after the fact.

Please consider walking that morning, or even parking and walking the last couple blocks if needed. We know that for many of you every day is walk to school day, and we applaud that. Try to recruit some friends and classmates to meet up along the way and make a walking party out of it.

For more information, see the event website https://www.localmotion.org/winter_walk_to_school_day_2022) or contact EES parent Brendan Hogan (brendan.p.hogan@gmail.com). If any parents are willing to help out (e.g. leading a walking train, taking pictures, handing out incentives, tallying data, delivering hot chocolate to crossing guards), please let us know.





From The Community

Event Rescheduled!

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances we have canceled the two events for 1/25. Thank you all so much for your help and understanding. However, we HAVE rescheduled our sign up even for February 2nd! We can't wait to see you there!

You're invited!

ROBOT Building Party

Bring a friend, make new ones, and build a **ROBOT** with **GIRL SCOUTS**—it's all **FREE!**

Wed. Feb. 2, 2022
5:30 - 6:30pm
Chamberlin School
262 White St. S. Burlington, VT

Parents & Caregivers, you're invited too! Get more information and RSVP at customercare@girlscoutsgwm.org or call Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains at 888-474-9686.

Not a school sponsored event.
In case of inclement weather, check us out on Facebook Live at <https://www.facebook.com/GSGWM>

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TICKET! ADMITS YOU + A FRIEND! **FREE Robot Building Party** Wed. Feb. 2, 2022 5:30pm At **Chamberlin School** **TICKET!**

Discover Girl Scouts
Information Night
Orchard School
2 Baldwin Avenue
South Burlington
Wednesday, Feb. 2 - 5:00 - 5:00 pm