

The Buzz



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



Happy Friday!

It has been a busy few weeks with lots of learning and student assessments happening in our classrooms. The snow days certainly helped to energize all our spirits. It is hard to believe today is the last day of the second trimester. Look for report cards in your child's backpack next Friday. I hope you have a restful break. I'm already looking forward to spring and spending time in the garden.

Stay safe and warm,
Mrs. J-A

Upcoming Dates & Events:

- Feb. 18 - Report Cards Go Home
- Feb. 18 - Winter Festival
- Feb. 21 - 25 Winter Break; No School
- Mar. 17-18 Parent/Teacher Conferences

Winter Break Begins on Friday, February 18, 2022

Winter Break for the Burlington School District and for EES students begins at the close of school on Friday, February 18, 2022. School resumes on Tuesday, March 2nd, 2022. We hope everyone has a happy and healthy Winter Recess!

Winter Festival

Next Friday, February 18th the EES Community will be celebrating our great learning so far this year with a winter festival! Students will be traveling with their classes to three activities over the course of the afternoon between 1:15-2:45. Parents are invited to join us outside to support snowshoeing, sledding and the construction of snow sculptures. Grades 2 and 4 will be outside from 1:15-1:45, Kindergarten and Grade 3 will be outside from 1:45-2:15 and Grades 1 and 5 will be outside from 2:15-2:45. No need to sign up, you can just come on over to the EES field between 1:15-2:45 to help out and join the fun!

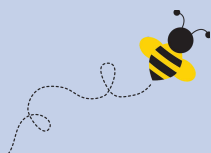


The 100th Day of School Year!

This week EES Celebrated its 100th day of the 21-22 school year! Here is a fun video made by some of our Kindergarten and first grade students to celebrate this amazing milestone! [100 Days Video](#)

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on March 17th and 18. There's the possibility that we may be available to offer both virtual and in-person conferences, depending on the Covid's status at that time. The district will make that determination when we're closer to the scheduling sign-up time, in a few weeks. Keep an eye on out for the **PTC Fast Sign-Up Schedule** coming soon!



Important Safety Notice!

We're continuing to see unsafe driving practices and behaviors in our horse-shoe drop off and pick up zone. These behaviors pose a tremendous threat to our students health and well-being. **PLEASE**, take a moment and read this message from Parking Services.

Greeting from Burlington Parking Services! The City's Parking Enforcement team was moved from the Police Department to the Department of Public Works and rebranded as Parking Services. **Our goal is safety, first and foremost.**

To that end, our crew has observed a number of safety issues around schools at drop-off and pick-up time; primarily related to parking in dangerous locations (i.e. no parking zones), standing in the travel way (flashers don't make it safe or legal) or even parking straddling crosswalks (blocking pedestrians). All of these scenarios are dangerous and will also earn you a ticket. But we would rather be safe than write a ticket. Also, remember, just because you may be sitting in the car, that doesn't make it a safe place to park. If an agent approaches, please remember they are working on the side of safety. That said, we certainly understand the challenges of drop-off and pick-up, this is why we have teamed with the Burlington School District to help remind everyone that **safety is the #1 priority**. Of course, our Parking Service Agents will also be there to help everyone understand the rules and write tickets as needed, but we would much prefer that everyone park safely. If you have any questions please reach out to Parking Services:

Parking Services Manager, Leonard Ducharme - lducharme@burlingtonvt.gov
Division Director, Parking and Traffic Jeff Padgett - jpadgett@burlingtonvt.gov

Thanks for parking safely!
Jeff Padgett - Division Director for Parking and Traffic



BHS/BTC 2025 Kickoff!

All BSD families and stakeholders are invited to join us at 6:30 PM on Thursday, February 17, as we kick off plans for BHS/BTC 2025! Teams have been working hard to move forward with a new high school and technical center in Vermont's Queen City. Attendees of the virtual event will meet the design team, hear from principals, and learn about the design process. The design team will also share the work that has been done to solidify the project's vision, an update on the program needs, and the most up-to-date timeline for the project as we gear up for a November bond vote!

Attendees will also participate in facilitated breakout sessions where they can give feedback to the team. The meeting will be hosted on Zoom and steamed to the BSD YouTube channel. Learn more at www.bsdtv.org

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87524086907?pwd=blhvREloMXp2ZmxSYWh5UHdyVHlmZz09>

Meeting ID: 875 2408 6907 - Passcode: B5r2hN

School District Budget

Town Meeting Day is March 1st and ballots are in the mail. This year's budget is projected to produce a property tax rate decrease of 6.98%. For more information, check out the District One-pager:

<https://www.bsdtv.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/FY23-Budget-One-Pager-Final-2.1.22.pdf>

