

# The Buzz



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



Welcome back!

Next week is **National Teacher Appreciation Week**. EES teachers have worked long and hard and we will be honoring them throughout the month for their unwavering dedication to our scholars. Feel free to show your appreciation.

It is nice to have the students in the building. Looking forward to spring temperatures to arrive with the flowers in May! This means students are spending more time outside. We are working with our students on appropriate recess behaviors while on the playground. Below are our general expectations for behavior on the playground. We would appreciate your support along with reminders to your child(ren) regarding expected behavior on the playground.

## Be responsible

- Follow adult directions
- Return everything you borrow
- Walk quietly into the building
- Be honest & accept the consequences

## Be respectful

- Be a good sport
- Use kind words
- Include others and play fair



## Be Safe

- Use playground equipment properly
- Stay in the playground area

## Greetings from the PTO

Next week (**May 2-6**) is **Teacher Appreciation Week** and we hope you will join us in celebrating the wonderful teachers and staff at Edmunds Elementary - classroom teachers, "Specials" teachers, English Language teachers, speech, interventionists, and more. We have a few ways that you can contribute and show your appreciation for all they do for our children and our community:

**Gift Card Raffle** - This is our first year having this event and we are still collecting! We are asking for gift cards in any amount for a raffle for the EES teachers and staff (about 50 people). If you were unable to turn in a card this week, but would still like to contribute or know a local business that would like to donate, please contact Irene at [ikcervantes@yahoo.com](mailto:ikcervantes@yahoo.com) or the PTO at [askEESPTO@gmail.com](mailto:askEESPTO@gmail.com).

**Look out for emails/sign-up genius lists** going out this week from your class parent. Families should be receiving a request for help setting up next week's Staff Appreciation celebrations. Each grade is responsible for a different day, so please check for those emails to see what volunteer needs your grade has - there are ways to contribute with items, decorations, or your time!

**Encourage your child(ren) to make cards or notes for their teachers** - or write one yourself. It doesn't have to be complicated or fancy - a sweet drawing or a short note would be a lovely way to say thank you.

As always, if you have any questions, please email us at [askEESPTO@gmail.com](mailto:askEESPTO@gmail.com)



## Upcoming Dates & Events

- May 2 - Traditional Fiddle Performance 2:00 EES Gym
- May 3 - EES Principal Search Forums
- May 10 - Community Sing-a-Long - 5:30 pm
- May 11 - Early Release Day - 11:30 Dismissal
- May 18 - Kindergarten Get Acquainted 2:00 - 3:00 pm
- May 19 - CLiF Family Literacy Celebration! 5:30 - 7:00 PM
- May 30 - Memorial Day - No School
- June 1 - EES Fun Day for Students & Families 11:30 am - 1:50 pm
- June 9th - 5th Grade Tribute 9:30 - 10:30 am
- June 10 - Last Day of School for Students [1/2 Day](#)

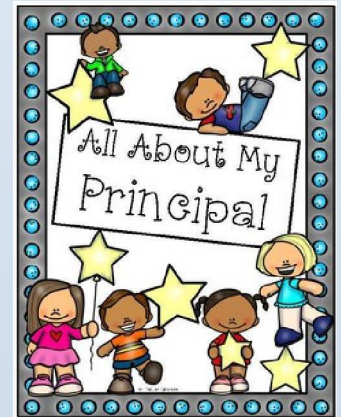
## EES Principal Search Forums

We are excited to announce that on Tuesday, May 3rd, we will host the finalists for the EES principal position. All candidates, who will be announced on Monday, May 2nd, will participate in three separate, structured conversations on the following day, May 3rd.

**Student Forum:** A representative group of 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students will have the opportunity to interview EES Principal candidates on Tuesday, May 3rd.

**Staff Forums:** (3:30-5:30 p.m.) - The entire staff of EES is invited to attend as the candidates respond to a set of questions developed by the Search Committee and pulled from suggestions offered by the community.

**Community Forum:** (6:30-8:00 p.m.) - Finally, the candidates will end the day with a community forum with the entire EES community again with questions from the Committee and broader community. This forum will be a hybrid model, in-person in the EES library and via Zoom and BSD's YouTube Channel. Childcare will be provided!



## SBAC Assessments

SBAC Assessments will begin May 11, 2022 for our 3-5 grade students. This is a reminder that all Vermont students are required to participate in state assessments as part of the accountability system for the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Additional information can be found [here](#).



## School Year Calendar

[Next year's school calendar](#) (in case you missed it), can be found [here!](#)



## Family Literacy Celebration

Come with your children to the CLiF (Children's Literacy Foundation) Family Literacy Celebration! Listen to CLiF's own Duncan McDougall discuss the importance of books in the home, and reading aloud with your children! Dinner will be provided. Each child will leave with a free book to keep! We are excited to bring our Edmunds community together again for the first time in a while. **WHEN: Thursday May 19th, 2022 - 5:30-7:00pm**



## Ted Scheu: The Poetry Guy Visit EES

This past Thursday, Ted Scheu spent the day at EES. He visited every classroom sharing and writing poetry with our students. Our students eagerly participated, laughed and wrote creative and funny poems.



## Traditional Fiddle Performance

As part of the Young Tradition Vermont Festival, EES will be hosting a performance by traditional fiddler Lisa Ornstein on **Monday, May 2 at 2:00pm**. Ornstein is an accomplished and professional traditional fiddle player and specializes in French Canadian and Appalachian styles. Parents are welcome to join us for this 30 minute performance. Here is a link to her website <http://www.lisaornstein.com/> if you'd like to check out her work.

## Greetings from the School Counselor's Office

Returning from April vacation students at all grade levels will begin a personal safety unit during classroom guidance. Our Burlington elementary schools use the same research based curricula to support the Act 1 state law. One element of this act requires students to have access to sexual abuse prevention education. For more information you can go to <https://dcf.vermont.gov/prevention>.

Students in grades K-2 will learn how all parts of their bodies are good & special. There will be a small focus on the anatomy with the purpose of teaching the anatomically correct terms so that a child can ask for help if they need it. They will name adults that can ask for help from, both in school and in the community. There is a large focus on asking for help and being able to identify trusted adults.

Students in 4th & 5th grade will talk and learn about healthy relationships with peers and adults. This will be explored through lessons on understanding feelings, reading body language, asking for help and establishing personal boundaries.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me, [mhathawa@bsdvt.org](mailto:mhathawa@bsdvt.org) or 864-8473 x42010.



# Community Sing-a-long & Potluck Dessert!

In celebration of the power of song, to build community and bring us all together, we will be having a community sing-a-long on the EES field the afternoon of Tuesday, May 10th. Each grade will lead one song in the sing-a-long. This event will take the place of our fine arts night event for this year. Keep on the lookout for our virtual art show which will be sent home in the Buzz following the sing-a-long. Families are invited, but not required, to bring a dessert to share following the sing. Email Ms. Nolan [enolan@bsdvt](mailto:enolan@bsdvt) if you have any questions.



**What:** ES Community Sing-a-long and Potluck Dessert

**When:** Tuesday, May 10th 5:30-6:30 pm

**Where:** The EES field

**Bring:** A blanket to sit on, a dessert to share & your singing voice!