

# The Buzz



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



Hello EES Families,

Spring is in the air. It is evident as I walk through the building that our students are happy to discard their winter gear. The old adage that "April showers bring May flowers" is certainly true in Vermont. I am pleased that despite the rain, our upper field is drying up nicely. Most days our students can still play on the field. I'm looking forward to getting my hands dirty and spending time getting my garden ready. Hard to believe that Spring break is just a week away.

As the weather changes, we continue to open the building a little at a time. We are beginning to plan field trips and a couple of family-friendly in-person events before the end of the school year. We'll be looking for volunteers to help out. Hope you will be able to join us. It's all very exciting!

Be well,  
Mrs. J-A

## Upcoming Dates & Events:

- April 13 - Clif Book Giveaway
- April 15 - EES Variety Show 2 PM
- April 18 - 22; Spring Break - **No School**
- April 26 - Student Composition - Opus 36 Concert 6:30 p.m.
- May 10 - Community Sing-a-Long - 5:30 pm
- May 19 - CLIF Family Literacy Celebration! 5:30 - 7:00 PM
- Last Day of School - Still to be Determined

## Important Reminder!

Although it's lovely to see the sunshine and enjoy the crisp Spring mornings, please resist the temptation to drop your child off before 7:45, as we **do not** have supervision on campus until that time. Your cooperation with this request is greatly appreciated!



## Mud Season in Vermont!

**Please send your child with extra clothes!** With the arrival of Spring, many students have been returning from recess wet, muddy, and in need of a change of clothes. Please remember to send your student in with an extra change of clothes just in case!

## EES Variety Show - Friday April 15

**Please join us for a live streamed event!** The EES Variety Show will feature performers in grades three, four and five. This year, the show will be available on a live stream. [Click here](#) to access the show next **Friday at 2:00**. Link to the recorded show will be sent out following the live event.



# 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:** EES Community Sing-a-long and Potluck Dessert  
**When:** Tuesday, May 10th 5:30-6:30 pm  
**Where:** The EES field  
**Bring:** A chair or blanket to sit on, a dessert to share, and your singing voice!

## EES Student Composition at Opus 36

After two years of postponed or virtual events, Vermont non-profit Music-COMP is excited to get back on track by presenting the works of young composers in their Opus 36 concert. On Tuesday, April 26th, student composers and professional musicians will meet at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Burlington, VT to rehearse and perform 25 World Premieres by students in grades 3-12 from all around the state. A local highlight is the work of EES fourth graders Leena Yager and Amelia Alger. Their piece, entitled " Hot Coffee " will be performed by some of Vermont's



most incredible professional musicians in a FREE concert at 6:30pm that evening. This concert is open to the public and will also stream live online for those unable to make the trip. Updates are provided online at: <https://music-comp.org/opus-36>

Music-COMP is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization dedicated to providing experiences in music composition for young composers through online mentoring, live performances, free composition resources, and professional development for teachers. Since Opus 1 in April, 2000 Music-COMP has premiered 873 new works by student composers.

## 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  
**Please look for our invitation in your child's backpack!**

# Pollination Project!

Hello Edmunds Community (families, students, teachers and staff):

I am reaching out to share exciting news about a small pilot project developed for student, teacher, and family accessibility right in front of Edmunds School. In the works, we are planning a small native garden for pollinators by the school sign and along the fence of the playground. I am working with a skilled team from Burlington [Wildway's Grow Wild initiative](#), Burlington Parks and Recreation, and some of Edmunds' very own teachers and staff.



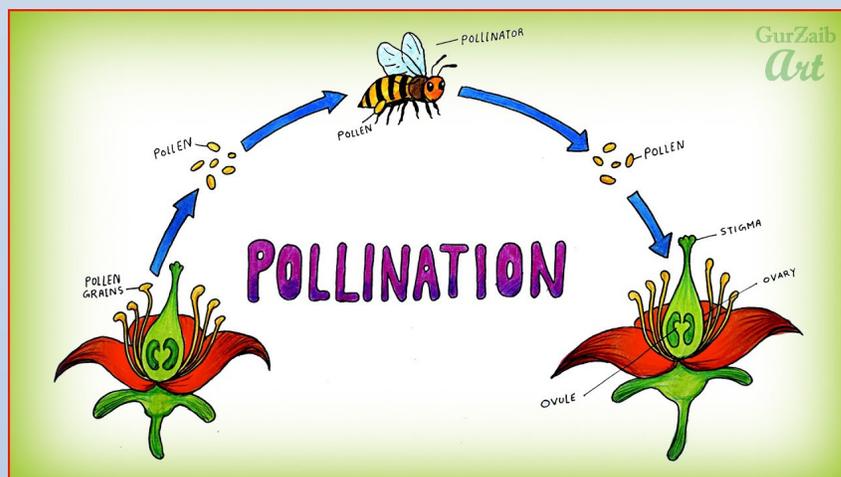
This is modest but important project allows students to know that we can make a difference in our own backyards by planting flowers for pollinators. Our goal is to inspire nature-based learning and highlight how urban spaces fill a niche for ecological healing. We hope that by next school year, we can find more ways to engage students and families in the wonders of habitat gardening.

We invite you to join us on **May 21** from **10 am- 12 pm** for the planting day. We will have fun activities related to pollinators and wildflowers, maybe making seed balls and learning the anatomy of a butterfly using yummy foods. Please feel free to reach out via email, [evhands@gmail.com](mailto:evhands@gmail.com) or [Facebook event page](#).

With gratitude, Betsy Hands - (Proud EES Parent)!

National Wildlife Federation's [New Urban Pollinator Curriculum](#) and [School Yard Habitat Planning Guide](#)

Pollinator Partnership: [Bee Smart School Garden Kit](#)



# Baseball Season is Here!



**CENTER CITY**  
*Little League*  
*Burlington, Vermont*

## **2022 Baseball Season**

**Majors!** - all kids, ages 9-12

**Minors!** - all kids, ages 9-12

**Coach Pitch!** - all kids, ages 6-8

**T-Ball!** - all kids, ages 4-6

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*All practices at Roosevelt Park.*

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Scholarships are available. No player will be turned away for lack of funds.

Registration fees: \$35/player or \$50/household.

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Players must live within the league boundaries, between Burlington High School and Main Street or be a student at IAA, SA or Mater Christi.

Questions?: [julesfishelman@gmail.com](mailto:julesfishelman@gmail.com) or

802-355-1900

# Free Bike Give Away!

Our friends at Old Spokes have scheduled their annual Spring Bike Bonanza for Saturday, April 30th from 2:00 - 4:00 in Winooski. Bikes are available for kiddos ages 3 to 8; they have at least 80 bikes and helmets to give away, but it's first come, first serve. Any kid much taller than 4' won't find a big enough bike, but they are more than welcome at Youth Shop any Thursday 3:30-5:30 in the OSH Community Workshop.



Saturday April 30th 2 - 4pm in Winooski outside the O'Brien Center

Free bikes and helmets for kids 3 - 8 years old who qualify for free and reduced school lunch. No registration required. We will have at least 80 bikes and the event will be first come first serve.

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Baaskilada iyo koofiyadaha bilaashka ah ee carruurta 3-8 jir ah kuwaas oo u qalma qado dugsi oo bilaash ah oo la dhimay. Looma baahna diiwaangelin Waxaanu haysan doonaa ugu yaraan 80 baaskiil. xafladana waxa ay noqon doontaa sida loo soo kala horeyo.

Samedi 30 avril 14h - 16h Winooski, à l'extérieur du Centre O'Brien

Des vélos et casques gratuits pour les enfants de 3 à 8 ans qui bénéficient d'un déjeuner scolaire gratuit et à prix réduit. Aucune inscription requise. Nous aurons au moins 80 vélos et les premiers arrivés seront les premiers servis.

Tukio la Baiskeli la Old Spokes Home, Jumamosi 30 Aprili 2 - 4pm Winooski, nje ya O'Brien Center

Baiskeli na helmeti za bure kwa watoto wa umri wa miaka 3 - 8 ambao wanastahili chakula cha mchana cha bure na cha bei iliyopunguka. Usajili hauhitajiki. Tutakuwa na angalau baiskeli 80 na tukio litahudumia watu wa kwanza kufika.

Sábado 30 de abril, 2 - 4pm, Winooski, en la parte de afuera del Centro O'Brien

Bicicletas y cascos gratis para niños de 3 - 8 años de edad quienes cumplen con los requisitos para recibir almuerzo en la escuela gratis o reducido. No se requiere registraci3n. Tendremos por lo menos 80 bicicletas y el evento ser3 por orden de llegada.

خبر های سابقه در باره رونق دادن بایسکل های خانگی شنبه 30 آپریل، ساعت 2 - 4 بعد از ظهر در وینوسکی خارج از مرکز اوپرین دوچرخه و کلاه ایمنی رایگان برای کودکان 3 تا 8 ساله که واجد شرایط دریافت غذای رایگان رایگان و کم هزینه مدرسه هستند. بدون نیاز به ثبت نام. ما حداقل 80 دوچرخه خواهیم داشت و این رویداد در اولویت قرار خواهد گرفت.





# CAMP SCHEDULE:

## WEEK #1 | STEM WEEK

Campers visit the ECHO Center and engage in STEM related activities.

## WEEK #2 | WATER WEEK

Campers have lots of splash splashing opportunities to play with friends and cool off!

## WEEK #3 | OLYMPICS WEEKS

Students will engage in SHCC Summer Camp Olympics! Grade levels will compete with each other throughout the week, culminating in a camp-wide series of games at the end of the week.

## WEEK #4 | SPACE WEEK

Campers explore outer space this week! Students will launch rockets, build solar systems, eat astronaut food, and so much more!

## WEEK #5 | ANIMALS WEEK

Campers visit Shelburne Farms and learn about the farm animals. Activities throughout the week will focus on learning about new animals that are of interest to campers.

## WEEK #6 | TALENT WEEK

In our final week, students will have the opportunity to share their talents and discover their own hidden talents. Activities throughout the week will push campers to explore and build new skills. We will wrap up camp with a talent show for friends and families.



**JUNE 20 THROUGH JULY 25**  
REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 1, 2022

Sara Holbrook  
Community  
Camps!



## SHCC'S APRIL VACATION CAMP! APRIL 18 -22 | 9:00AM-4:00PM

Sara Holbrook is offering full-day programming the week of April 18 from 9:00AM to 4:00PM.

**The theme is outdoors and nature-centered to celebrate Earth Day!**

Please contact Jarrell at [jwatts@saraholbrookcc.org](mailto:jwatts@saraholbrookcc.org) if you wish to enroll your child or have any questions.

[www.saraholbrookcc.org](http://www.saraholbrookcc.org)