

The Buzz



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



Happy Friday!

It was so heartwarming to have so many parents join us for the CLIF Literacy Breakfast. It was a great way to welcome our families back into the building. Having Jason Chin share his award-winning work *Watercress* with students and caregivers made it extra special. I know that everyone is looking forward to even more community events as we move into the new year. Thank you for your ongoing support achieving the school's goals and ensuring our students' are our top priority.

Have a relaxing Memorial Day weekend,

Mrs. J-A



Parents reading with their children

Upcoming Dates & Events

- May 30 - Memorial Day - No School
- June 1 - EES Fun Day for Students & Families: 11:30 am - 1:50 pm
- June 3 - CLiF Grant Grand Finale Author Visit
- June 7 - EES Chorus Jazz Fest : 1:00 pm
- June 9 - 5th Grade Tribute: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
- June 10 - Last Day of School for Students: 1/2 Day 11:30 Dismissal

5th Grade Transition Activities

- **May 26 - 5th grade into 6th grade Parent Night; 6:00 - 7:00 PM**
In Person at EMS & HMS
- **May 27 - 5th Grade Step Up Day:** We hope that family members of fifth grade students will join us for the **fifth grade tribute** on **June 9th** in the middle school gym at 11:00 am. Each fifth grader will be recognized for their hard work and completion of elementary school. There will be a small reception following the tribute.

Library Books Due!

Books are due back to our library by **Monday, June 6th**. Please help your child return his/her library books on time. Notices of what books your child has checked out are sent home weekly. If you don't know if your child has books out, please contact Mrs. Neil at the library neil@bsdvt.org) for this information. Thank you for your help in getting our books back so others can enjoy them again next year!



BSD Announces New Principal at EES

I am happy to welcome Kolby Snellenberger as the new principal of EES! Kolby Snellenberger is currently serving his third year as the principal of the Butterfield Trail Middle School (BTMS) in Van Buren, Arkansas. Prior to that, he was a K-12 Principal and a science teacher for 12 years.

Step Up Day is June 10th

On Friday, June 10th EES students will take part in Step-Up day. This is a traditional-end- of -the- year event where students visit their new grade level team of teachers and classrooms. It is a very exciting time for students to see their new classrooms and hear all the great things that will happen next year. It is also a great opportunity for the teachers to begin building relationships with students.



Well-Child Visit Information

Over the last two years with COVID, it has been a challenge for folks to get in to see their providers for well-child visits, and many students have missed important immunizations required for school. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends well-child exams every year between ages 3 and 21. We encourage all families to schedule and go to an annual well-child visit sometime this summer before the next school year begins. If your child has not gone to the doctor in the past year, please call your primary care provider to schedule an appointment for a well-child visit today. Find out what a well-child visit is below:

An annual visit with your primary care provider to stay up to date in the Academy of Pediatrics' schedule of assessments and screenings done at various ages from age 3 to age 21.

What are the benefits of a well-child visit?

- Get scheduled immunizations on time to prevent illness.
- Screen for vision and hearing changes due to growth or environmental factors.
- Discuss nutrition and safety at home and school.
- Measure growth and talk about your child's physical and mental development.
- Raise concerns with your pediatrician based on your child's development, behavior, sleep patterns, eating habits or social interactions.



If your child missed an appointment last year, please call now to make an appointment.

Placement

We are fortunate to have an excellent cadre of teachers at Edmunds Elementary School. I am confident that in whatever classroom your child has been placed, he or she will encounter a caring and well-prepared teacher who is committed to student learning, to student success, to children – to your child. The goal of our placement process is to match student learning styles to teacher strengths and areas of talent, while creating classrooms that have a balanced number of students who are strong, self-directed learners, with those who need some support. It is important that students learn to work and socialize in environments of diversity. Beginning in the spring, and continuing through the summer, many factors are considered in the process of placing every child. This includes adjustments necessary in the summer to welcome new students. For that reason, you won't know your child's exact classroom placement until early August.



EES Chorus to Perform at the Discover Jazz Festival

Mark your calendars! The EES Chorus will be sharing the stage with the EMS Jazz Band at this summer's Discover Jazz Festival on Tuesday, June 7th at 1:00 PM on an outdoor stage on Church Street by City Hall. Singers will be heading to Ben and Jerry's for Ice-cream following the show. Parents of Chorus members please reach out to Ms. Nolan (enolan@bsdvt.org) if you have any questions.

End of the Year Assembly

Please join us on Wednesday, June 1st at 1:15 for an end of the year assembly to celebrate the hard work of all our students this year, our amazing volunteers and faculty who will be leaving EES this year. We are so proud of what our students have accomplished and so grateful to our volunteers for all their support! Come celebrate with us!!

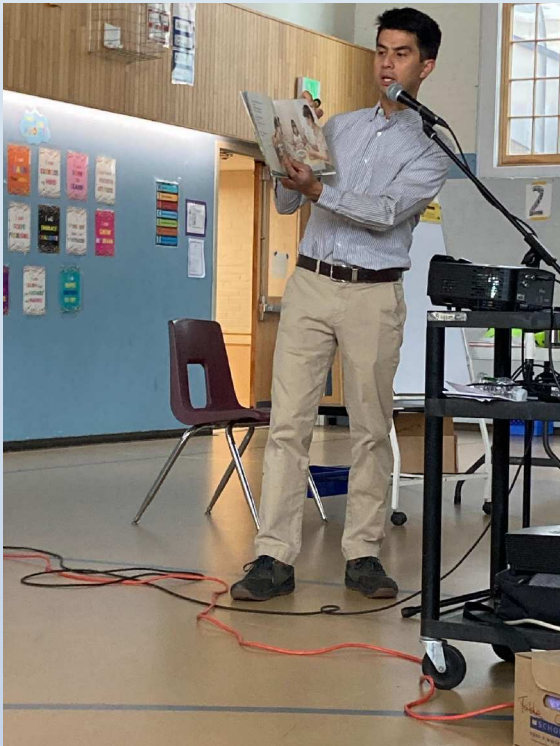


CLiF Grant Grand Finale Event!

EES will be wrapping up its year long celebration of literacy with a Grand Finale Event on Friday, June 3rd under the tent! The Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF), through their Year of the Book grant, will be sponsoring authors Jon and Pamela Voelkel for a fun and informative presentation for our students on their real life experiences in Belize, Guatemala, and Mexico. Authors of the Jaguar Stones series, the Voelkels will share their adventures in researching, writing and illustrating their books which are based on the rich history and mythology of the Mayan culture. We are excited to have them visit with us!



More Pictures from our Literacy Breakfast!



Author Jason Chin



Watercress reading by Jason Chin