

# The Buzz



*A Message from  
our Principal,  
Kolby  
Snellenberger*

Hello Families!

It was so heartwarming to have so many families join us for our recent Ice Cream Social, and to see so many eager faces on the first day of school! 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 and all you do to ensure we are achieving the school's goals and making our students our Top priority.

Mr. Snellenberger

## First Month Back- Important Dates

- September 9 - Back to School BBQ! 5:30 pm
- September 19 - School Picture Day
- September 26 - School Picture Make Up Day
- September 29 - Open House & Spaghetti Dinner

## Welcome Back BBQ!

A "Welcome Back to School" barbecue for staff, parents and children is planned for this Friday, September 9th at 5:30PM on the field (next to the school). The Edmunds Elementary PTO sponsors this event annually and is totally **free!** There are many opportunities to help out with this. Please take a look at the [signup.genius](#) and see what you can do.



## EES Chorus

I am so excited to be teaching the Edmunds Elementary Chorus again this year. All interested 4th and 5th grade EES students are invited to participate!! Chorus is a great opportunity to develop singing skills, work together as a part of a group, make new friends and have fun. We will have a number of performances and field trips throughout the year. I will be sending out information about events via email, the school newsletter and on paper when needed. **We meet during school on Tuesday afternoons from 2-2:45.**

**I ask students to make a decision by September 20th if they would like to participate for the first semester.**



This allows students to try it out and then make a commitment to the group so we can really work to build our skills and community. If your child would like to participate, please complete the [registration form](#) by September 23rd. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions ([enolan@bsdvt.org](mailto:enolan@bsdvt.org)).

Best - Betsy Nolan, EES Music Teacher



## Bus Schedule & Fee

Elementary school students are eligible to ride city buses for free while going to and from school. The Neighborhood Special bus routes are basically the same as last year.

- Click this link to see an up to date [bus route for your neighborhood](#).
- Buses generally arrive about 7:55 at school.
- Buses depart about 3:05 from South Union Street.
- If you are new to the school, check with children in your area who attend Edmunds for approximate bus pick-up times on your street. You may also call GMT directly (864-2282) with specific questions. It is generally not wise to allow kindergarten students to ride the bus without a "buddy."



## No Dogs or Pets Allowed



Please do NOT bring your dog or other pet to school or on school grounds for any reason without checking with the office first. There are several reasons for this: Your dog may be very friendly but: a) Some people are afraid of dogs; b) Some people are allergic to dogs; c) It is a Health Department recommendation. School grounds start on the building side of the Main Street and Maple Street sidewalks. Please do not tie your dog up on the sidewalk and walk your child into school because many people walk to school and will have to pass your pet. This rule is for the safety of all of our students. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

## Morning Drop-Off, Afternoon Pick-Up & Parking at EES!

Our PTO Parking Volunteers have worked hard in the past few years to implement a program that ensures our children's safety at drop-off, while also making it as convenient as possible for parents. Please follow these rules so that everyone can safely get to Drive-thru drop-off in the Main Street horseshoe. **To keep traffic flowing, a right turn only onto Main Street is strongly encouraged.**

**Please be respectful of the volunteers assisting your child and of the other families. This is a busy and hectic time of day!**



No students should enter school grounds by using the South Union Street driveway.

- **Do Not Leave Cars Unattended!**
- Please DO NOT park in the staff parking lot.
- Use the metered parking spots on Main Street if you need to park.

## School Messenger

This phone system will call you whenever there is an emergency/weather school closing or a delayed opening or other school information. It is important for you to make sure that the district has the correct phone numbers at school so that you can be reached. Please be sure to let school know if any of your phone numbers change throughout the school year.

**Check out our school website!**

[ees.bsdrv.org](http://ees.bsdrv.org)

## Net Zero Energy Festival!

Burlington Electric is hosting a first annual Net Zero Energy Festival, Saturday, 9/17 (rain date 9/24), 9:00-1:00 at 585 Pine Street. The festival will feature electric bike demos, EV ride and drives, heat pump and solar panel displays, electric lawn equipment, an electric bus, kids activities, food and music! We are very happy that the Vermont Energy Education Partnership (VEEP) will be there too – with an energy demonstration and activity for BSD-aged children and their families.



The Flynn Presents  
PLAYING FIELDS  
featuring music by  
Red Baraat plus a  
performance by  
Birdmen

## Playing Fields!

BSD is thrilled to partner with The Flynn to present a new community project called Playing Fields, a FREE multimedia community event held at local schools.

Playing Fields is a “welcome back” party after the summer months that celebrates schools as community centers. This project brings together music and public theater in an open field to create an exciting, communal atmosphere where students, teachers, staff, administrators, families, friends, neighbors, and anyone else in the community can join in the fun.

This inaugural event features live music by the energetic world-music band Red Baraat and a simultaneous performance by the mysterious, luminous Birdmen, a large-scale street theater exhibition from the Dutch company Close-Act.

<https://www.flynnvt.org/Events/2022/9/Playing-Fields>

This event is family-friendly and completely free to all. Feel free to bring chairs and food. The Concession Stand will also be open, with special thanks to Seahorse Pride who will be donating profits to the BHS/BTC 2025 project.

# From the Community.



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA  
GREEN MOUNTAIN COUNCIL

## Cub Scout Pack 678 invites all K-5th grade Youth to join in the FUN!

### SOME OF THE ACTIVITIES OUR PACK ENJOYS:

- PINWOOD DERBY
- FAMILY CAMPING
- FISHING
- HIKING
- CRAFTS
- LEARNING NEW SKILLS
- SUMMER CAMPS

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**When:** Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> 6-8 pm

**Where:** Veterans Memorial Park Pavilion, 1000 Dorset St,  
South Burlington

**Activities:** Gaga Ball, Building Kits, Yard games and  
Information for the parents

**Contact:** [Pack678VT@gmail.com](mailto:Pack678VT@gmail.com); (802) 870-6780

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Cub Scouting is a year-round program uniquely designed to meet the needs of youth and their families. The program offers fun and challenging activities that promote character development and physical fitness. Cub Scouting helps parents make the most of the time they have to impact the lives of their children.



Can't make it? Learn More About Us at  
**Pack678vt.org**