

# The Buzz



A Message from our  
Principal, Kolby  
Snellenberger

Hello Families!

You have all probably heard about Bee Cards by now as well as our Class Celebrations. This is all based in the work we do in assisting our children to learn how to be within a community. The system is based upon the framework that is known as Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports or PBIS. EES has been using this framework for at least 12 years as the bedrock of the work we do to establish a climate of inclusion, and safety. The framework is one that recognizes that students all come to school from different backgrounds and that the norms for one family will be different from those of another. This is especially true in a school with so many different cultures. Given the diversity in social norms from one place to the next, we've established a common set of expectations that we teach our students, using the same language throughout the building.

After we actively teach the expectations in each location, we then work to reinforce the behaviors we are looking for. This is done by catching students doing the **right** thing and acknowledging their efforts, "Thank you Nathan for quietly getting your book box and starting to read so quickly". When a student is acknowledged, we award a "bee card" which the class collects. When the class earns 100, they have a class celebration.

With appreciation,  
Mr. Snellenberger



## Important Dates

- October 25 - Winter Coat Swap Begins
- October 26 - Early Release Day - 11:30 Dismissal
- November 9 - Dress Rehearsal for EES Variety Show
- November 10 - EES Variety Show 6:30 pm
- November 18 - Report Cards Go Home

## Early Release Next Wednesday, October, 26

Next Wednesday is an early release day; **students will be dismissed at 11:30**. There is **no Burlington Kids programming on that day**. This is an afternoon dedicated to professional learning for our teachers.

## Health Guidance & Covid Testing

Please stay home when you are sick. If you are concerned that you have COVID, please test at home (you can still get tests from our school). During the school day, our nurse is equipped to provide COVID testing for students who present with symptoms, but to do so, parents must complete the new **Covid-19 Testing Consent form in Powerschool**. Regardless of your child's consent status, the school nurse will notify a parent when a student presents with COVID-like symptoms. We have also created an **Illness Guidance document**, which can be referenced when considering what to do if your child is sick or has tested positive for COVID.



## Parent/Teacher Conferences Coming Soon!

Parent/Teacher Conferences are held in November, and soon, you will receive instructions on how to schedule your conference. This year, we will continue to offer a hybrid approach to conferences, whereby conferences can be scheduled in-person or held remotely. Stay tuned to the "Buzz", for more information!



## EES Variety Show!

The EES Variety Show is a student lead performance and opportunity for kids in grades 3 - 5. Students are working hard on their performances and it's looking like it's going to be a GREAT night! All performers must preview their act for Ms. Nolan next week. Mark your calendars now for Thursday, November 10th at 6:30 pm.

MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!