

The Buzz



*A Message from our
Principal, Kolby
Snellenberger*

Hello Families!

Little did I know just how beautiful Vermont is in the Fall! The array of colors is simply breath-taking and I hope you and your family are enjoying this season as much as mine!

Morning is a busy time for all of us. Despite the rush that we are all typically in, please approach our grounds with caution, patience, being mindful that we have over 230 youngsters on campus. Our yellow school bus needs to be able to access the front of the building, and often times, we've had to ask vehicles that are blocking the way, to move as they need to drop off students and head to other schools .

While I truly enjoy seeing many parents with their kiddos in the morning, I would like to ask that you say your good-byes and be on your way. With no disrespect intended, we see the heighten anxiety for some of our students when mom and dad linger until the bell rings and students enter the building. It's important that we all work together to foster the concept of independence with our children.

And finally, we have our wonderful volunteers in the horseshoe awaiting the arrival of your child each day. Please hug your child goodbye before getting to the horseshoe so that we can keep the traffic moving quickly and safely. Please ask your child to be ready to get out of the car with their backpacks when the volunteer opens the door.

With appreciation,
Mr. Snellenberger



Important Dates

- October 7 - Professional Learning Day; no school for students
- October 10 - Indigenous People Day; no school for students
- October 14 - Picture Make Up Day
- October 26 - Early Release Day - 11:30 Dismissal

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone that joined us for our Open House! It was so great to come together as a school community. We haven't hosted an Open House since before Covid, and I would say it was a huge success. Thank you to the many volunteers who pitched in and helped out! We can't do this without you!



Picture Day Make Up!

If your child missed having their picture taken on Picture Day, no worries! We will have our Picture Make Up on October 14! Please make sure to bring in your order forms!

Dan's Chocolate Fundraiser Starts Today!

We are excited for another year of our popular [Dan's Chocolate fundraiser](#). Forms and further information are going home with your children **TODAY**; October 21 is the deadline for orders. Please note that selling the chocolates is entirely voluntary. In a typical year, over half of the PTO budget comes from this one fundraiser. It raises money for those extras that make EES a great place for your children to attend. The money helps pay for field trips, fun family events like Math Night and the Welcome Back BBQ. It also helps the school with extras like sleds, classroom wish lists, and more. As an added incentive, this year, **the top-selling class will get an ice cream sundae party!**

To make this work, we need help with a number of tasks, including record-keeping, data entry, and distribution. Many hands make light work - and this one could use **MANY** hands. Please let us know if you're willing to help (askEESpto@gmail.com) and be on the lookout for the order forms today!

EES Variety Show!

Hello, Parents and Guardians - You may have heard your child talking with enthusiasm about the EES variety show. Here is some more information. The performance is **Thursday, November, 9 at 6:30 PM.** In the middle school gym. Students in grades 3-5 are invited to create performances. Fifth graders are also invited to help with the planning and tech support at the show. **Previews** of acts for the show are **October 25th for 4th graders, Oct. 26th for 3rd graders and Oct. 27th for 5th graders.** Interested students should go to the variety show meeting during recess on **Tuesday, October 11th for more information.**



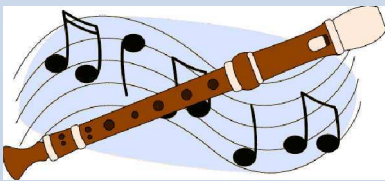
Expectations for Performances:

- **Be prepared;** practice ahead of time and have a plan for your act.
- Your act can only be **2-5 minutes**
- Performers must be in **grades 3-5**
- It must be **appropriate for school**
- Students can only be in **one act**
- **Have Fun!**

Thank you - The EES Variety Show Committee
Hazel, Cabby, Leena, Amelia and Scarlet

Its Recorder Time

All third and fourth grade students will be playing the recorder this year. Every student will get their own recorder to bring home and keep forever. We will be working on proper technique, music reading skills and how to play with an ensemble.



We are asking families to send in \$4.00 to cover the cost of the instruments. In order to ensure that every child has an instrument to bring home, please feel free to indicate a need for scholarship or to send in additional funds to support all student's participation. Recorder order forms are going home this week.

Students can bring their instruments home to practice and should remember to bring them into school on days when they have music.

Here is the music schedule:

- Palmer: Monday and Friday
- Houchens: Tuesday and Wednesday
- Goldsmith: Tuesday and Thursday
- Flaherty: Monday and Friday

Please reach out if you have any questions!

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