

# The Buzz



*A Message  
from our Principal,  
Kolby Snellenberger*

Hello Families!

Hello Edmunds families! We have officially entered the holiday season, and a lot is happening in our community, at school, and at home. Please join me on December 9th at 8:15 a.m. for our Annual Title 1 Meeting, where we will serve hot coffee and pastries and discuss your child's school. This is an opportunity for families to provide feedback we can use to plan for the future. You are also invited to attend a PTO meeting directly after the Title 1 meeting. These two meetings are great ways families can be involved in our school and help support our students and staff.

Being new to Vermont, my family and I look forward to learning new traditions and participating in community events. My children are most excited to see snow this year, and I personally can't wait to go sledding. As you prepare for various events and the winter break, I hope you can plan some quality time with your family and soak up those precious memories you will treasure for life

With appreciation,  
Mr. Snellenberger



## Important Dates

- December 7 - Early Release Day - 11:30 Dismissal
- December 9 - Annual Title I Meeting 8:15 AM
- December 9 - PTO Meeting Following Title I Meeting
- December 21 - EES Chorus - COTS Candlelight Vigil 5:15 - 6:00 PM
- December 23 - Jan 2. Winter Break - No School for students



## Early Release Day!

Next Wednesday, December 7th, is an early release day. Dismissal will be at 11:30. **Please make every effort to pick your child up on time;** doing so allows our teachers to participate in professional development without delay.



## Title I Meeting

Join us on **December 9th at 8:15 for coffee and pastry**, as we conduct the **Annual Title I Meeting!** We'll review the EES Home School Compact and the Burlington School District's Parent/Guardian Involvement Policy. Look for more information in the coming weeks!



## Chorus Performance

The EES Chorus will be performing to support the Committee on Temporary Shelter's candlelight vigil on Tuesday, December 21st at 5:15 pm on the steps of City Hall. The performance begins at 5:30 but we will meet at 5:15 on the first floor of city hall to warm up and get ready for the 5:30 start. After the students sing, please stay for the vigil to support the important work of this organization. The entire event should be over by 6:00. (Bring a mask for warming up inside)! If your child needs a ride to the concert, we can help! Please have your child sign up for a ride with Ms. Nolan by Monday, December 20th. if you are able to provide transportation support to another singer, please email [enolan@bsdvt.org](mailto:enolan@bsdvt.org).



## EES Students Win BED Net Zero Calendar Contest!

Each year Burlington Electric Department (BED), and the Burlington School district partner in educating and creating the "Net Zero Energy" Calendar. After visiting all 6 elementary schools in our district, the students demonstrate how they could make a difference through art, in making Burlington a Net Zero Energy city by 2030. Two Edmunds Elementary students won this year's contest; Heidi Dehler in Mrs. Palmers 4th grade class, and Tilian Hawkins-Hilke in Mr. Houchens 4th grade class. The full story can be read [here](#).



## Holiday Support

The holiday season can be extra difficult. Fortunately, Burlington has some local support and organizations that can help. If your family could use some extra support during this holiday season, please reach out to Edmunds Elementary at 802-864-8473. Melissa Hathaway, our EES school counselor or Amanda Garami, our School Services Clinician, who can help to provide you with some information, and local support for you and your family.



## Lost & Found

Are you missing any of your child's school gear? Hats, mittens, boots, coats, umbrellas, water bottles, and lunch boxes, are just a few of the items brought to the lost and found area daily. If you think your little scholar is missing an item or two, please come and take a look at the lost and found items, just inside the main entrance. It's amazing just how many items get "found" each and every day! Who knows....one of them just might belong to your kiddo!



## Winter Gear

As the weather changes and winter arrives, please be sure to send your child to school with winter coats, snow pants, boots, hats and mittens. We will be going outside for recess **EVERY** day that the temperature is above 0 degrees. We have a limited supply of spare clothing that we can lend out, but we're not in a position to have sufficient supplies for every student that may forget.



## Safety Drills

**Next Wednesday we will be conducting a campus wide fire drill.** Our students will practice exiting the building quietly and waiting for directions to re-enter the building. This is in accordance with guidance from the Vermont Agency of Education.

## EES Musical

Hello actors, set crew and stage hands! We are pleased to announce that this year's EES Musical will be Alice in Wonderland! We will be able to have rehearsals afterschool at Edmunds this year, beginning in January, HOORAY!! If you are in 3-5th grade and interested in acting in the show look for sign ups to be emailed out next week!

If you are a 4th or 5th grader (sorry no 3rd graders) who is interested in joining the set crew and helping backstage that sign up will also be available next week. And we are able to bring back the 1st/2nd grade chorus as well! Again, those sign ups will be ready next week.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me at [gshuman7005@yahoo.com](mailto:gshuman7005@yahoo.com)

Thank you and looking forward to the show!!  
Gretchen Platt (Cora, Maya' and Wyatts mom)

