



The Buzz



*A Message from
our Principal -
Kolby Snellenberger*

Hello Families!

I hope you all had a restful spring break and are ready to face the remainder of the school year together! There will be lots of field trips and end of year activities, so please continue reading the Buzz!

Next week, students in grades 3, 4 and 5 will be participating in the Statewide Summative Assessments of Math, Science and English.

One of the most helpful things we can do as parents on test days is to ensure our child has had a good nights sleep, has had a filling breakfast and comes to school with a water bottle to help stay hydrated.

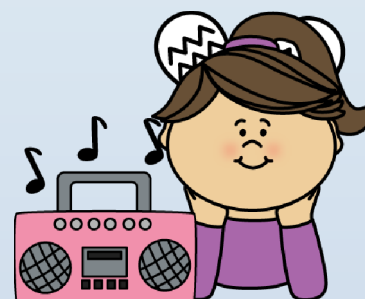
In partnership,
Mr. Snellenberger

IMPORTANT DATES

- May 4 - Special Assembly: La Famille La Blanc Quebecois Music Group
- May 10 - Early Release Day: 11:30 Dismissal
- May 11 - Fine Arts Night - All K-2 - 5:45 PM
- May 19 - Mayfair!
- May 29 - Memorial Day; No School

EES Student Music on the Radio!

EES music teacher, Betsy Nolan, and Champlain Elementary music teacher, Betsy Greene were interviewed by Vermont Public's James Stewart about their work with students composing music using digital technology. An original work by EES fifth graders Amelia Alger and Leena Yager was featured in the segment. [Listen](#)



In addition, several works by EES students will be aired on 105.9FM- the Radiator during the Big Heavy World show on Thursday May 11th and Thursday, May 18th. More details to follow!

Welcome to the School Counselor's Corner



During the month of May, in classroom guidance, students will begin the personal safety unit. Our Burlington elementary schools use the research based curricula to support the Act 1 state law. One element of this act requires all students to have access to sexual abuse prevention education.

Students in grades K-2 will learn how all parts of their bodies are good & special. There will be a small focus on the anatomy with the purpose of teaching the anatomically correct terms so that a child can ask for help if they need it. They will name adults that can ask for help from, both in school and in the community. There is a large focus on asking for help and being able to identify trusted adults.

Students in 3rd, 4th & 5th grade will talk and learn about healthy relationships with peers and adults. This will be explored through lessons on understanding feelings, reading body language, asking for help and establishing personal boundaries. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me, mhathawa@bsdvt.org or 864-8473 x42010

Fine Arts Night

The Edmunds Elementary School K-2 Fine Arts Night will be Thursday, May 11th. The event begins at 5:45pm with an art show on the first floor of EES. At 6:15 we will proceed to the EES gym for a community sing-a-long lead by our kindergarten, first and second graders. The event should be complete by 7:00pm.

If you have questions about the Fine Arts Night event please reach out to Music teacher Betsy Nolan (enolan@bsdvt.org) or Art teacher Joanna Elliott (jelliott@bsdvt.org). We look forward to sharing our work with families and hope to see you there!



Mud Season in Vermont!

As you know, our students go outside for recess most days, and with the endless supply of rain we've been having, the kiddos get muddy and wet in no time! It would be extremely helpful if each student had an extra pair of pants and socks in their lockers or backpacks to make sure there is something dry to change into when the fun is over! Thank you so much for helping us keep your kids dry and happy.



OLD SPOKES HOME

BIKE BONANZA!

Free bikes and helmets for kids 3-8 years old whose families cannot afford or have difficulty affording bicycles. No pre-registration required. First come first served. We will have at least 80 bikes available.

SATURDAY, MAY 13TH,
2:00 - 4PM
O'BRIEN COMMUNITY CENTER
32 MALLETT'S BAY AVE, WINOOSKI



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Kid's Bike Bonanza - May 13th

Bike Bonanzas are **free bike giveaways**. We believe that riding a bike is a life skill and source of joy that all kids should be able to access. The younger someone starts riding a bike, the more likely they are to keep riding throughout their life; the more likely they are to use a bicycle to reach their needs and opportunities. Intended for children who would be eligible for our Everybody Bikes program, **Old Spokes Home's Bike Bonanzas give bikes to kids who likely would not have one of their own otherwise.**

**EVERYONE DESERVES THE JOY,
EMPOWERMENT, AND HEALTH THAT
BICYCLES PROVIDE.**

Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week!

May 8 - 12

Potlucks, Notes & Gift Cards



Did you know that there are over 70 people who teach and provide services to the students of Edmunds Elementary? We are excited to celebrate all of these fantastic folks at Edmunds with events throughout the week. If you are looking for an opportunity to thank the amazing teachers and staff of Edmunds, and are able to contribute, please consider helping with the potlucks, writing a card to your teachers, and/or purchasing a gift card to donate to our Teacher Appreciation Gift Card Raffle. Or, if you would prefer, you can donate to the PTO ([Donate \(paypal.com\)](https://www.paypal.com)) and we will use the funds towards next week's events. Thanks again!

MONDAY – THANK YOU NOTES

Encourage your child(ren) to make a card for their teachers – or write one yourself. It does not have to be elaborate or complicated – a drawing or a short note would be a lovely way to say thank you. And please remember Music, PE, Art, paras, etc., as well as classroom teachers.

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND THURSDAY – FOOD FOR STAFF:

Class parents will be sending out sign-up lists for next week's staff appreciation celebrations. Although we have listed certain grades with certain days, please feel free to donate time and/or food on any day that works best for you.

TUESDAY POTLUCK SIGNUP – Snacks for Super Staff! (Pre-K and K families)

WEDNESDAY POTLUCK SIGNUP – Lunch for Leaders of Learning! (1st, 3rd, 4th grade families)

THURSDAY POTLUCK SIGNUP – Breakfast for Brain Builders! (2nd and 5th grade families)

FRIDAY – GIFT CARD RAFFLE

If you have a connection to a local shop or know someone who does, please consider asking them to make a gift. Some ideas for shops/services: City Market, Phoenix Books, August First, any of our great local shops and restaurants.

Gift cards in any amount from \$5 and up would be very much appreciated. We are asking that gift cards be turned in **no later than Thursday, May 11th**. If you are able to contribute, please let us know at this [signupgenius](#) link. **Gift cards can be turned in to Gretchen (gshuman7005@yahoo.com) or Irene (ikcervantes@yahoo.com) or with Irene at the Monday or Wednesday drop off (look for the neon yellow safety vest) - or send them in to school in an envelope for Trish Palmer.**

Thanks again and we are looking forward to next week!

