



The Buzz



*A Message from
our Principal -
Kolby Snellenberger*

I love this time of year! There is a distinct chill in the air as the kaleidoscope of fall colors fades, and we all begin to brace for the upcoming winter. This time of year brings two chores for my family: cleaning up leaves and sorting through last year's coats, gloves, and hats. If your family is working on those same chores, I encourage you to bring any hats, gloves, coats, or other snow gear in good condition to the school. These donations help our families in need and provide for the occasional underprepared student.

Parent Drop Off and Pick Up: If you are driving through the horseshoe parking lot to pick up or drop off your children, please do not get out of your vehicle. This lane is intended for the school buses to use. We want to make things as easy for our families as possible, but the cars are creating a challenge for our buses to drop off and pick up students on time. These buses must travel to every school in the district, and each delay adds up and creates challenges for the other schools, families, and the students that ride the bus. I hope that we can work together to keep things moving smoothly.

Family Conferences: Our first trimester ends next week, and teachers are working hard to prepare for family conferences and report cards. Family/teacher conferences are an excellent opportunity for teachers and families to share successes and plan ways to support our students going forward. In my 17 years of experience in education, I have seen many examples of tremendous growth for students when families and teachers work together as a team. In partnership -
Kolby Snellenberger

IMPORTANT DATES

November 1 - Coat Swap Begins
November 3 - Family Advisory Group Meeting 8:00 AM
November 5 - Daylight Savings Time Begins - Turns Clock Back!
November 10 - First Trimester Ends
November 10 - Family Traditions Night
November 17 - Reports Sent Home
November 20 - 21 - Parent/Teacher Conferences
November 22 - 24 - Thanksgiving Recess - NO SCHOOL

Parent/Teacher Conferences!

Scheduling for Parent/Teacher conferences will begin soon; for our new families, our district uses an online scheduling system called **PTC Fast**, which allows you to select the teacher(s) with whom you would like to conference with by registering your email address. You are able to view and select an available conference time that works for you! Conferences can be scheduled from **November 3rd through November 20th**. The web link for EES Parent Teacher Conference scheduling is https://ptcfast.com/schools/Edmunds_Elementary_School and is also available on the EES home page. If you need assistance, please call the office at 864-8473.



Annual Winter Gear Swap

The Edmunds Elementary annual coat swap has kicked off and we want to thank everyone who has donated to this important and fun event.

There are rolling racks in the front lobby closest to the horseshoe entrance, where you can still bring clean, used coats, snow pants, and winter gear like scarves, and gloves. Please bring your coats on hangers, if possible. All donations are greatly appreciated by the EES community. **Beginning next Wednesday through November 21st, help yourself!** Pick out winter gear to take home - the swap is open during regular and "BTV Kids" afterschool program hours. **Remember, you do not have to donate in order to be the recipient of a cozy, warm coat and accessories!**

You Spoke, We Listened!

Thank you to our families that called to our attention the inability that our cyclists and pedestrians were having in their ability to access the fire lane on the east side of the building. The chain link that prevented cars from driving down that side of the building also prevented pedestrians and cyclist from freely accessing it as well. We've since made some accommodations that prevents vehicle access, but allows for smooth foot traffic and cycling!



Reminder! Daylight Savings Time Ends on November 5th!

Whether you love the extra hour of sleep or dread the early sunset, it's almost time to set your clocks back, as **Sunday, November 5th** marks the ending of daylight savings time.

Community Traditions Night

Join us on **Friday November 10** from 6-8pm for the **EES Community Traditions Night**. We hope to see as many families as possible joining us to **celebrate and share our diverse traditions that enrich our EES community**. If you have something you'd like to contribute (Are you a Henna artist? Can you make samosas or crepes like a boss? Do you have traditional clothing you would like to wear from your country of origin? Or games, music, art that represents your heritage, culture, family traditions?). Let's share the **vibrancy of our community traditions and celebrate them together!**

- The potluck will begin at 6:00 pm, 5:30 for those bringing something to set up
- Student and community cultural music, dance and art performances will begin at 6:30 pm
- Country and cultural tables will be available to visit throughout the evening with a Scavenger Hunt and other activities to connect us.

This is a potluck dinner so consider making a favorite dish to share. Please sign-up through this link so we know how many folks are sharing food:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B084FACA92CA3F49-45457809-eescommunity>

Parents and families can also share their family tradition with food or in other ways. There will be tables throughout the gym if you wish to set up a cultural display (past examples include tortilla making, arts and crafts, travel information, flags, photos, clothing, cultural artifacts, stories, games, language writing to share). If you would like to have a table to represent your culture, perform a dance, song or share music with the whole group, please email Andrea Techera-Gill at atechera@bsdvt.org, or call her on her cell @ **904-962-8445**.

If you would like to prepare a dish or an activity to share, but need some financial support, please contact Gretchen Platt at: gshuman7005@yahoo.com

All EES community members are welcome to attend! There is no need to share anything to participate in the evening.





SIGN UP TODAY!

Our school just kicked off the American Heart Association Kids Heart Challenge! Students and staff are excited to care for their hearts and minds, help kids with special hearts and learn lifesaving Hands-Only CPR!

If you haven't joined our Kids Heart Challenge team yet, get started today! We need your help to reach our goal of 100% of families completing Finn's Mission!

Here's a [sneak peek of this year's Kids Heart Challenge!](#) You'll definitely want to check it out!

Here's how you can help:

- Register: <http://www2.heart.org/goto/edmunds> or download the free "AHA Schools" app.



- Complete Finn's Mission: Watch the 2-minute Hands-Only CPR video featuring cardiac arrest survivor, Damar Hamlin, and watch a music video on the warning signs of a stroke (F.A.S.T.).
- Share with Family & Friends: Send messages via social media, text messages and/or email.

Help our class win the classroom challenge by registering and completing Finn's Mission. We can create a community of lifesavers!

Thank you,
Mr. Cekovic
PE Teacher

