

The Buzz



*A Message from
our Principal -
Kolby Snellenberger*

One of the things I value the most is the partnership between parents and our school in fostering a positive and productive learning environment for all our students.

Lately, we've noticed a pattern of students being picked up early from school on a regular basis, which can have a significant impact on their academic progress and social development. While we understand that there may be occasional appointments or emergencies that necessitate early dismissals, we are concerned about the chronic nature of these early pick-ups.

Regular attendance is crucial for your child's educational growth. When a student is consistently picked up early, they miss valuable instructional time that can affect their understanding of the curriculum and their ability to keep up with their peers. It can also disrupt the classroom environment and the continuity of their learning.

We encourage you to consider the importance of consistent attendance and the impact of early dismissals on your child's education. To help your child make the most of their learning experience, we kindly request that you limit early pick-ups to essential appointments and emergencies. In cases where early dismissal is necessary, please notify the school in advance so we can ensure a smooth and organized process.

In partnership,

Kolby Snellenberger
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

November 10 - First Trimester Ends
November 10 - Family Traditions Night
November 17 - Reports Card Sent Home
November 17 - VSO Wind Ensemble Assembly (Save the Date)
November 20 - 21 - Parent/Teacher Conferences
November 22 - 24 - Thanksgiving Recess - NO SCHOOL

Time to Schedule Parent/Teacher Conferences!



Scheduling for Parent/Teacher conferences has begun! You are now able to view and select available conference times that work 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.

Don't Know What's for Dinner? We've got you Covered!

The Edmunds Elementary Drama Program is excited to announce our annual **Benefit Bake** in conjunction with **American Flatbread** – a true Win-Win-Win fundraiser! For over 20 years, EES Drama has partnered with Very Merry Theatre to produce a theatrical performance that involves over 50 of our young actors, singers and stagehands. Fundraising is the primary means of covering our production, scholarships, costumes, scripts and so much more. Our production rehearsals begin in January with performances happening in March. **For each flatbread pizza that is ordered for take-out or dine-in tomorrow, November 7th, EES Drama will receive a portion of the proceeds.** This previously successful fundraiser is a wonderful way to support EES Drama, help a local restaurant that means so much to our community and answer the age-old question, “What’s for dinner?” We hope you will be able to join us in supporting our student actors!



Change of Clothes Please!

As it gets colder and wetter outside, so do the number of slips and falls on the "almost frozen" puddle and mud! These little accidents bring a number of students into the health office looking for a change of clothing, especially socks and pants. We do our best to accommodate, but we have a limited supply; we're asking that you send an extra pair of socks and pants for your child that can be kept in their backpack or locker for just these occasions. If you have any gently used sweatpants that your child has outgrown, we'd love to have them in the health office! Feel free to drop them off any time.



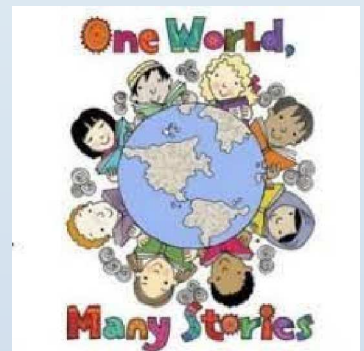
Community Traditions Night

Join us on **Friday November 10 from 6-8pm** as we celebrate and share our diverse traditions that enrich our EES community with our Annual **Community Traditions Night**.

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.

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>



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.**



Burlington School District Office of Equity

Black Parents Event

Breaking Bread & Building Bridges Black Parent Group:

The Office of Equity is hosting a dinner, presentation and discussion with Black Parents on Wednesday, November 8, 2023, at Contois Auditorium from 5:30-7:00 pm. Do you know of families that would be interested? Please share this form to RSVP and attend the event.

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