



The Buzz



*A Message from
our Principal -
Kolby Snellenberger*

Valentine's day is coming up and I want to share some guidelines for these celebrations. Please encourage your child to leave treats, candy, valentines, and other goodies at home. It is completely fine for classrooms to celebrate kindness and caring for each other. If you want to have students make cards, gifts, or notes for each other that is wonderful. Some of the other schools are using this as a day to focus on empathy skills and are creating art projects, crafts, or messages of gratitude that can be shared. We want to make sure that this is an equitable experience for students so that students don't feel left out.

In partnership,
Kolby Snellenberger



IMPORTANT DATES

February 7 - Whole School Assembly - 100th Day of School! - 8:15 AM

February 7 - Winter Walk to School Day

February 14 - Whole School Assembly - Celebration of the Arts - 8:15 AM

February 15 - Fine Arts Night 5:45 - 7:00 PM

February 16 - Second Semester Ends

February Assembly Schedule

There are 2 morning assemblies in February! We hope you'll be able to join us in the gym either one or both of these! Each will begin at 8:15 and last approximately 20 minutes.

Wednesday, February 7 - 100th Day of School; 2nd grade leading the opening song - K singing 100 days of school

The ending slideshow will feature our Kindergarten students.

Wednesday, February 14th - Celebration of the Arts; 3rd grade leading the song - 3, 4, 5, students share their processes and creative thinking about their art work.

Fine Arts Night

The EES 3rd, 4th and 5th graders will be hosting Fine Arts Night on Thursday February 15th. The art show will begin at 5:45 on the first floor of EES followed by a music performance at 6:30 on the middle school stage. **Every 3rd, 4th and 5th grade student has an important role in this event.** We can't wait to share our work! **Ms. Nolan needs 3 adults helpers for Fine Arts**

night to sound board, the light board and take video of each performance. Don't feel intimidated by the tech jobs, Ms. Nolan has trained fifth graders successfully! Reach out to enolan@bsdvt.org if you can help!



Great Streets Main Street Construction

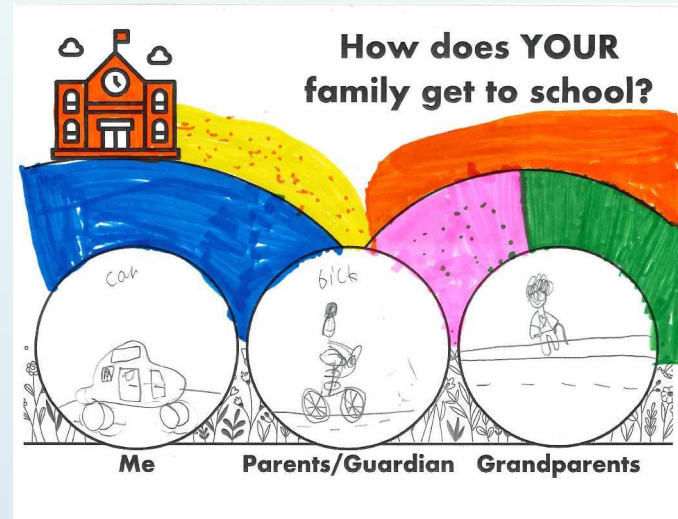
The Main Street construction is scheduled to start on Monday, February 5th, and will begin on Main Street between South Winooski Avenue and South Union Street. There should be no direct impacts to our school campus, but please allow for additional time for drop off and pick up. More information can be found at www.GreatStreetsBTV.com

Family Survey

Our district is participating in Safe Routes to School, and data collection is at the heart of making sure this program is successful for us! In order for our district to qualify as a Safe Routes to School Partner, each BSD school completes the Family Survey every year.

Family Surveys help us identify barriers to walking and rolling to school. We use this data to understand what is working and what isn't and provide that feedback to advocates and planners.

Thanks for completing this [Family Survey](#).



Trad Camp 2024

EES Community Partner, Vermont Folklife is sponsoring an amazing opportunity for student to learn to play traditional music. The Trad Camp will be held on July 29th through August 2nd in downtown Burlington for kids aged 9 to 19. Campers will spend a week immersed in traditional song, dance & music styles from across Vermont. Hands-on instruction joyfully provided by expert teachers and renowned artists. All experience levels are welcome! Base fee: \$350. Sliding scale pricing available.

Vermont Folklife's
TRAD CAMP
2024
JULY 29–AUG 2

Registration
is now
open!

In Downtown Burlington
vtfolklife.org/trad-camp

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A collage of photos showing children and adults participating in Trad Camp activities. The photos include children dancing, playing instruments like drums and stringed instruments, and socializing in a group setting.

February 7th is Winter Walk to School Day.

Looking for a different way to get to school in the winter? Walking to school is fun even in winter--you just need to make sure you're dressed properly--good boots, warm jacket, hats and mittens!

Walking to school with your children is also a great way to add a little extra quality family time to your day, to connect with your neighbors, to teach your child about healthy habits and discover new things about your neighborhood together! Plus, you'll skip the drop-off line!

To learn more about this fun even, contact Edmunds Elementary parent, [Brendan Hogan at brendan.p.hogan@gmail.com](mailto:brendan.p.hogan@gmail.com)

Happy Walking!



BE VERMONT TOUGH

Join us on Winter Walk to School Day!

Date: Wednesday February 7

How you can help:

- Lead a walking school bus or host a check point
- Provide refreshments at the school
- Provide prizes for participating students
- Encourage your child and their friends to participate

Information:

**To help out contact EES parent
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