



The Edmunds Buzz



*A Message from
Principal
Snellenberger*

Hello Edmunds Elementary families!

It looks like spring has arrived as evidenced by the amount of mud in our hallways and stairwells!

It is evident as I walk through the building that our students are happy to discard their winter gear. The old adage that "April showers bring May flowers" is certainly true in Vermont. I am pleased that despite the rain, our upper field is drying up nicely. Most days our students can still play on the field.

It's hard to believe that Spring break is upon us already. As the weather changes, we continue to open the building a little at a time. We are beginning to plan field trips and a couple of family-friendly in-person events before the end of the school year. Hope you will be able to join us. It's all very exciting!

In partnership,
Kolby Snellenberger

IMPORTANT DATES

April 22 - 26 - Spring Break - No School

April 30 - Opus Concert - 6:30 pm ; Elley Long Music Center, Colchester

May 15 - Early Dismissal 11:30

May 27 - Memorial Day - No School

It's Mud Season in Vermont!

- Please send your child with extra clothing! With the arrival of Spring, many students have been returning from recess wet, muddy, and in need of a change of clothes.
- Please remember to send your student in with an extra change of clothes just in case that mud is just too tempting!



Opus 38

A concert of new music from student composers

April 30, 2024, 6:30 PM

Elley Long Music Center Colchester, VT

Free and Open to the public.

- This is a community event sponsored by EES community partner Music-Comp. Music-comp provides online mentoring, and performance opportunities to young composers across the state on VT. This year's event will feature works from students in grades 4-12 including a digital composition by Edmunds Elementary fifth grader **Finn McGee**.
- **Congratulations to Finn and all the fourth and fifth graders who participated in online mentoring for their music compositions.** Find out more at www.music-comp.org.

Greetings from the School Counselor's Office

During the month of May our classroom guidance lessons will focus on our personal safety unit. This is an important unit to help meet the requirements of the Act 1 state law. One element of this act requires all students to have access to sexual abuse prevention education annually.

Our K-2 students will focus on personal boundaries and their right to say “no”. We will emphasize the importance of asking for help if they feel unsafe or uncomfortable, and the importance of having trusted adults at school, at home and in the community. There will be a small focus on the anatomy with the purpose of teaching the anatomically correct terms of the private parts of their bodies so a child can ask for help from their trusted adults if they need it.

Students in 3rd, 4th & 5th grade will learn about healthy versus unhealthy and unsafe relationships with peers and adults. Similar to our younger grades, this will be explored through lessons on personal boundaries and their right to say “no”, as well as the importance of having trusted adults they can always talk to or ask for help from if they are feeling confused or unsafe.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact our school counselor, Melissa Hathaway at mhathawa@bsdvt.org.

VTCAP Make Up Dates!

The last day for our school to submit our Vermont Comprehensive Assessment Data to the State is May 3rd. Therefore, the completion deadline for students to either take or make up the assessments is the week we return from break; April 29th! Please make certain that your child is here and on time! Thank you for your help and support with this important work.





Dear EES Families:

The 2024 **Hannaford Helps Schools** program has officially launched! And although you may not be aware of it, each year, our school has benefitted from this campaign.

This year, there will be over 1,500 participating products that will help our school earn money. To earn School Dollars, look for in-store shelf tags or the apple symbol online.



For every 4 participating products purchased, shoppers will earn 3 School Dollars. At checkout, customers will receive a School Dollar printout that displays the number of School Dollars earned.

All shoppers need to do to redeem School Dollars is enter the unique printout code and store number on the Hannaford Helps Schools program website and select their school. Each School Dollar printout has a QR code shoppers can scan to bring them directly to the redemption website. *Shoppers can also download the Hannaford Helps Schools app, which will store their information and school choice to make donating even easier.*

In addition to redeeming School Dollars online, we will continue to have an in-store collection tower. All School Dollar printouts collected this way will be evenly distributed among all participating schools.

Finally, **the top 200 schools to raise the most money will each receive a \$1,000 bonus check!** So make look for participating products from March 17 to June 1st and help our school!

