

The Edmunds Buzz



A Message from
Principal
Snellenberger

Hello Edmunds Elementary families!

It is always such a pleasure to welcome old friends and meet new ones here on the Edmunds Elementary Campus. Every year students come back after a summer away, and I can't believe how much they've grown! The eager faces of our students reconnecting with old friends and teachers is such a welcoming and joyful sight. You will find helpful information about many aspects of our community in this newsletter.

Kolby Snellenberger

IMPORTANT DATES

September 2 - NO SCHOOL - Labor Day

September 3 - Preschool begins

September 5 - PTO Meeting 8:15 - 9:15

September 6 - Welcome Back Pizza & Potluck 4:30 - 6:00 Athletic Field

September 12 - Picture Day! (Order forms will be sent home next week)

Morning Drop-Off!

Morning is a busy time for all. Despite the rush that we are all typically in, please approach our grounds with caution, patience and an understanding that we have close to 300 youngsters on campus. There are yellow school buses that need to be able to access the front of the building. We will ask vehicles that are blocking the passage of those buses to move as they need to drop off and pick up students at other schools as well.

Welcome Back Pizza & Potluck

Please join us for our **Welcome Pizza and Potluck on Friday, September 6th from 4:30 - 6:00** on the Edmunds Field.

All Families welcome!

If you are able, we ask that families bring a dish to share. (a side dish, a salad or a desert are some options.) Also, 1 dish per family! You may want to bring a blanket or lawn chairs, as well as a water bottle, for the evening. **You may also want to bring bug spray, to keep the mosquitos away! [Please sign up to help with the event here.](#)**

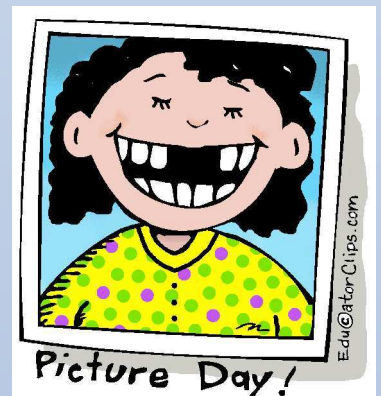
Reminder!

Our Wednesday dismissal time is 1:50 during the school year!

New Program at EES this Year!

Our district currently has a self-contained program **English Learners Studying Toward English Proficiency** better know as "STEP" for elementary students new to the United States. The STEP program is based in our bulding this year because of renovation at IAA. STEP is voluntary for students who score at the beginning level of proficiency and have been in the country a limited amount of time.

Welcome STEP teachers Mary Newdecker, Lisa Lavoie and Aranka Gyuk!



Picture Day!

September 12!

EES Chorus

I am so excited to be teaching the Edmunds Elementary chorus again this year. All interested 4th and 5th grade EES students are invited to participate!! Chorus is a great opportunity to develop singing skills, work together as a part of a group, make new friends and have fun. We will have a number of performances and field trips throughout the year. I will be sending out information about events via email, the Bi-weekly school newsletter and on paper when needed.

We meet during school on Tuesdays from 8:55-9:40.

I ask students to make a decision by **September 20th** if they would like to participate for the first semester. This allows students to try it out and then make a commitment to the group so we can really work to build our skills and community. **If your child would like to participate, please complete the registration form by September 23rd.** Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions (enolan@bsdvt.org).

Thank You! - Betsy Nolan, EES Music Educator

Alternative Programs:

If you are hoping to have your child participate in **Crow's Path**, the **Davis Center** or any other alternative program this school year, you must do the following:

- Please share the days and dates that your child will be missing from Edmunds Elementary with your classroom teacher.
- Please be sure to support your child with keeping up on missed schoolwork and communicate with their teacher if the absence is impacting their ability to keep up with what's happening in class.

Days missed are recorded as **"EdU"** meaning: **"student was in an alternate education program that is not state-approved"**. This is the guidance from the Vermont Agency of Education and one we must follow.

New Faces at EES

We have new faculty joining us this year! While some may be new to Edmunds, they are not new to teaching or our district. Please join me in welcoming these new members of our learning community:

Hannah Kaul: Hello everyone! My name is Hannah and I will be working as a Behavioral Interventionist for the RISE classroom. I was born and raised in Montana and moved to Vermont to pursue a degree in psychology and neuroscience. Outside of work I love to adventure outside, read, and eat good food. I look forward to joining the team!



Jeremy Blake: Hello, Edmunds community! My name is Jeremy Blake. I am excited to return to Edmunds Elementary as the new building substitute. I am originally from New Jersey, but after graduating from The University of Vermont in the spring I decided to stay in the lovely state of Vermont. I love to hike, ski, and play disc golf. I love basketball and football and am a big fan of the New York Giants and Knicks. I spent my student teaching practicum at Edmunds Elementary School and had a fantastic experience. I am so excited to return to the Edmunds Community and can't wait for a great school year!



Dani Banky: Hi! My name is Dani Banky and I will be teaching 4th grade this year. I grew up outside of Philadelphia and went to The University of Vermont for my undergraduate degree. I taught in Brooklyn for four years before returning to UVM to pursue a Master of Arts in Teaching degree with a focus in curriculum development and instructional practices. I have teaching experience across 4th, 5th, 7th, and 8th grade. I am thrilled to join the Edmunds Elementary community while continuing my passion for culturally responsive teaching, socioemotional learning, and literacy intervention. Outside of teaching, I enjoy painting, reading, yoga, skiing, and watching movies. Looking forward to a wonderful school year!



Megan Goleski: Hi! My name is Megan Goleski (she/her) and I am the Speech & Language Pathologist Assistant (SLPA) at Edmunds Elementary School and Edmunds Middle School this school year. I am originally from New York and I recently moved to the Burlington area. In my free time, I enjoy staying active, playing board games with my family and friends, and traveling. I am looking forward to working with you all this school year!



Reminder!

No School on Monday, September 2, in honor of Labor Day!



Maria Siewers: Hi all! My name is Maria (she/they) and I am entering my second year working towards an M.S. in Communication Sciences & Disorders at UVM. I am a Kentuckian with a lot of love for yoga, travel, and my cat. While at Edmunds this fall, I will be learning from and helping with Emily's caseload. I am stoked to be exposed to my first school-based setting in the field of speech language pathology. Looking forward to meeting y'all!



Anna Vitkin: My name is Anna Vitkin and I am excited to join the Edmunds Elementary 5th grade team! Watching students learn and grow over the course of the school year is something I look forward to every year! I have worked as a first and second grade teacher over the last few years in Middlebury and Monkton. Before that, I was a student teacher with Mrs. Quinn and Ms. Riley at Edmunds in 2020-2021. I am looking forward to returning to Edmunds and becoming a part of this awesome community! To share a bit about myself: I grew up in Providence, Rhode Island and graduated from the University of Vermont. I am currently working on my Master's Degree in Special Education at UVM. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions!



From The Community

Is your child interested in learning to play hockey? Sign up for the **Bruins Academy Learn to Play** program today! The Learn to Play program, which is open to children between the ages of 5 and 9 who can skate on their own, is offering four weekly sessions at Burlington's Leddy Arena, starting on October 11. Registration costs \$199 and includes a full set of equipment to keep (including skates), along with four weeks of on-ice instruction led by certified coaches. More information is available at [here](#):

