

# The Edmunds Buzz



*A Message from  
Principal  
Snellenberger*

Hello Edmunds Elementary families!

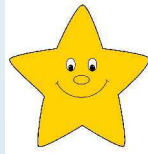
By this time, you should have received notification that our school is conducting a required **Evacuation Drill**. This drill is scheduled for **October 31st at 1:00 pm**. We plan to return to school by 2:30.

If you need to pick your child up early that day, please make sure to do it no later than 12:00. **Please note!** The building we be empty during the drill; we will have signs on the entrance doors indicating that an Evacuation Drill is in process. We anticipate being back at the school building by 2:30. **Students will not be released early!**

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach me directly at 802-864-8473.

In partnership - Kolby Snellenberger

## IMPORTANT DATES



- Oct. 26 - Garden Clean Up 2:00 - 4:00
- Oct. 31 - Evacuation Drill 1:00 pm
- Nov. 1 - Diwali - No School
- Nov. 7 - Early Release Day - 11:30 Dismissal
- Nov. 8 - Community Traditions Night 6:00 - 8:00 pm
- Nov. 13 - Native American Heritage Event (Chorus Performing) 11:30 - 1:30

### Chorus News

The EES 4th and 5th grade chorus has been invited to participate in two events in the month of November. We are so excited to share our work and support these wonderful events!

#### EES Community Tradition Night

Friday, November 8, 2024  
6:00-8:00 PM in the EES gym

Please reach out if your child needs transportation support in order to participate or if you have an extra seat to support a student who needs a ride. My email is: [enolan@bsdvt.org](mailto:enolan@bsdvt.org)

#### Native American Heritage Month Recognition Ceremony

The EES chorus has been invited to share an Abenaki song at the city's Native American Heritage Month Recognition Ceremony. This is a walking field trip and takes place during the school day. Please reach out if you are able to chaperone this event. My email is: [enolan@bsdvt.org](mailto:enolan@bsdvt.org) You are also welcome to meet us at city hall in downtown Burlington to join the event which begins at 12:00.  
**Wednesday, November 13, 2024 - 11:30 AM -1:30PM**

### Joke of the Week

Why did the student throw her watch out the window?



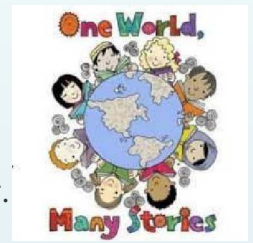
**Answer:** She wanted to see time fly!



### PTC's Coming Soon!

Be on the lookout next week for Parent/Teacher conference sign up information!

# Community Traditions Night



Join us on **Friday November 8 from 6-8pm** as we celebrate and share our diverse traditions that enrich our EES community with our annual 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**
- Performances will begin at approximately 6:10 pm
- Country and cultural tables and activities will be available to visit throughout the evening.
- POTLUCK/FOOD will be in the Cafeteria ONLY this year!
- 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:

If you would like to prepare a dish or an activity to share, but need some financial support, please contact **Andrea Techera-Gill** at: [atechera@bsdvt.org](mailto:atechera@bsdvt.org)

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** If you would like to sign up to help set up tables and decorations, serve food, run a table, clean up, [please sign up here:](#)

\*\*Parents and families can also share their family tradition with food or in other ways. There will be tables throughout the gym and cafeteria 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 please email **Andrea Techera-Gill** at [atechera@bsdvt.org](mailto:atechera@bsdvt.org), or call her on her cell @ **904-962-8445**

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

## Outside Gear Reminder!

As the weather is forever changing here in Vermont, please ensure your child comes to school with the appropriate attire. We will be going outside for recess every day the temperature is above zero and your child will be more comfortable with the right gear.



## Lost and Found

Our Lost & Found area is over-flowing! If your child has lost a piece of clothing, water bottle, lunchbox or backpack, there's a good chance we have it! Please take a moment and check the Lost & Found area just inside the door in the reception area. Everything left following the Thanksgiving break will be donated to Good Will.



## October is AAC Awareness Month!

AAC stands for augmentative and alternative communication. AAC helps people with no or limited verbal speech and language share their wants, needs, and ideas! AAC may include a speech generating device, gestures, pictures, and body language. EES has a core board on our playground to facilitate communication outside and bring awareness of AAC to our school community. Here are some great children's books featuring students who use AAC to read with your family: *A Day with No Words* by Tiffany Hammond, *A Voice of Her Own* by Lois and Sarah Yong, and *Artie is Awesome* by Deidra Darst. - Emily Detzer, Speech-Language Pathologist



**OCTOBER IS AAC AWARENESS MONTH**

AAC stands for Augmentative and Alternative Communication. It is estimated that over 2 million people use AAC to communicate their wants and needs.



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Many people are unable to express themselves through orally spoken language. Instead, they use pictures, sign language, gestures, body language, and dedicated technology devices to communicate.

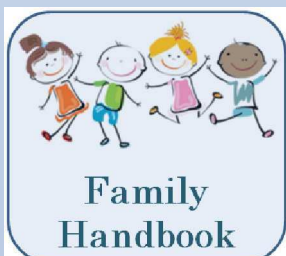
**Regardless of how someone communicates, everyone has something to say.**

Please respect and acknowledge everyone's preferred mode of communication.



## Let's Play in the Garden! Saturday, October 26: 2 - 4 pm

Please join us to clean up the school gardens! We will weed and beautify our school grounds. Kids and adults are welcome, but all kids should have an adult with them. If you have garden gloves, garden shovels or buckets, please bring those. No worries if you don't, just a desire to help is all that is needed! Join us for the whole time or part of the time. Questions? Email Kim at [kimbrockway1@gmail.com](mailto:kimbrockway1@gmail.com) or the PTO [askEESPTO@gmail.com](mailto:askEESPTO@gmail.com).



## BSD Family Handbook

The 2024-25 Family Handbook is complete! It can be found on our school's website under "resources" in the dropdown menu. It can also be found [here!](#)