

Edmunds Elementary

THE BUZZ



April 30, 2025



A Message from Principal Snellenberger

Hello Edmunds Elementary Families!

Spring is a season of growth, and that energy is alive throughout our school. It's inspiring to see our students continuing to work hard, build new friendships, and show kindness as we move closer to the end of the year.

As the weather continues to warm up (and dry out—hopefully!), please remember to send your child with an extra set of clothes, just in case mud and puddles prove too tempting at recess! Thank you for helping keep everyone comfortable and ready to jump back into learning after outdoor adventures.

It's amazing how quickly this time of year flies by. With so many fun events and activities coming up, June will be here before we know it! I hope you'll join us this Friday for our school ice skating event and next Thursday for the K-2 Fine Arts Night. I'm really looking forward to both and hope to see many of you there!

As always, thank you for being such strong partners in supporting your children and our school community. Let's make these final weeks of the school year full of joy, connection, and learning!

Best,

Kolby Snellenberger~ proud principal of EES!



Important Dates

May 2: Skate Night
May 5-9: Book Fair
May 8: Fine Arts Night for Grades K-2



Announcements

Skate Night - May 2, 2025

Skate Night is Friday!

All EES students and their families are invited to Leddy Park Ice Arena on Friday, May 2nd from 5:00 - 7:00 pm for skating and socializing!

There will be free pizza beginning at 5:30 pm. There will be skate rentals available.

Skaters are encouraged to bring their own helmet as supplies are limited. *Bike helmet is okay!* [RSVP here](#) and let us know if you can make it. We are also seeking parent volunteers! [Sign up if you can help](#) on the day of the event.

If you have other questions, feel free to email Eric Zamore at fzamore@gmail.com

K-2 Fine Arts Night - Thur. May 8, 2025

Once a year, the kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade Edmunds Elementary School community gathers for a special evening: Fine Arts Night! All students will have artwork on display, and all students will have an important part leading songs in the community sing-a-long. This is our chance to celebrate the musical and visual arts in our community. All families and friends are welcome to attend.

- 5:30 Art Show in the EES first floor hallway
- 6:00 Sing-a-long begins in the EES gymnasium

Vermont Youth Orchestra Symphony - FREE

The VYOA is thrilled to offer tickets to Edmunds' students and families as part of our Symphony Students program this season.

Burlington school students and their families are invited to hear the Vermont Youth Orchestra musicians at The Flynn, free-of-charge, at our final concert of the season on Sunday, May 4th at 3:00pm. This program, titled American Rhapsody, celebrates the 100th anniversary of George Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue and features works by living American composers Peter Boyer and Chen Yi. Also on the program is our final Vermont Youth Orchestra senior soloist, Emma Xia, performing Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto No. 1.

Tickets are Free! (Reserve tickets [Here](#) by Friday, May 2nd at 12:00 PM)

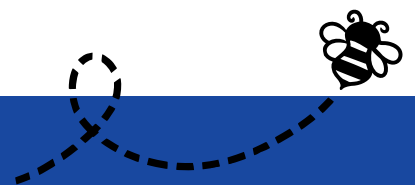
Lost and Found

Our Lost and Found is bursting at the seams. The lost and found can be found inside the main entrance next to the elevators. Please take a moment to check it out if your children are missing any items. Any items that have not been claimed by **May 9th, at 12:00** will be bagged and donated. We created a slideshow of some of the items in our Lost and Found to help reunite lost items with their owners. You can check out the Lost and Found slideshow by clicking [this link](#).

Thank you,

EES families, for your amazing, generous support of our art program! I am delighted to tell you that our fundraiser exceeded our expectations, and because of you, six hundred pounds of clay was just ordered for our student artists!

-Joanna Elliott, Art Teacher



Greetings from the School Counselor's Office

Dear Families,

As we return from April vacation, students at all grade levels will begin a **Personal Safety Unit** during classroom guidance time. This unit is part of the curriculum in all Burlington elementary schools and helps us meet the requirements of **Act 1**, a state law mandating that students receive **sexual abuse prevention education** each year.

Here's what students will be learning:

● **Grades K–2:**

Students will learn that all parts of their bodies are good and special. There will be a brief focus on anatomy to introduce the anatomically correct names for private body parts. This is important so children can clearly express themselves and ask for help if needed. Lessons will also emphasize the importance of talking to trusted adults when they have questions or concerns about their bodies. Students will identify trusted adults at school, at home, and in the community whom they can go to for support.

● **Grades 3–5:**

Students will engage in discussions about healthy relationships. Topics will include personal boundaries, consent, and the importance of identifying trusted adults. The goal is to ensure students feel empowered to seek help if they ever feel uncomfortable or unsafe in any relationship.

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about the lessons, please feel free to contact me at **mhathawa@bsdvt.org** or call **(802) 864-8473 x42010**.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping our students safe and informed.

Sincerely,

Your School Counselor
Melissa Hathaway, MS



Dear Families,

Get ready—the Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school! This is a great opportunity to connect with your child over the thrill of bringing home new books to dive into again and again. Studies show that kids read more when they choose books for themselves. A love of independent reading boosts academic success, plus children who read more frequently also report improved mental health¹.

Here's everything you need to know about the Book Fair:

Dates: **May 5th - 9th**

Location: **Edmunds Middle School Library**

Family Event schedule and location: **Open daily with an after school event until 5:30 on May 8th**

There's even more info on our school's Book Fair homepage:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/edmundsmiddleschool>

While you're there, set up a Book Fair eWallet, the digital payment account that allows your child to shop for books at the Fair without cash. Then share your eWallet link so friends and extended family can add funds.

When you fund an eWallet, you'll have the opportunity to contribute to a giving initiative called Share the Fair™. Your contributions directly support our students who need help buying books from the Fair.

Many of us still remember the rush of finding the perfect book at a Scholastic Book Fair. I hope you'll join your child at our school's Fair and share a reading experience they'll remember forever.

Happy reading,

Kolby Snellenberger

Principal

Edmunds Elementary School

PS: Need one more reason to visit the Book Fair? Every purchase at the Fair benefits our school!

SCHOLASTIC, SHARE THE FAIR and any associated logos are trademarks and/or registered trademarks of Scholastic Inc. All rights reserved.
© 2025 Scholastic Inc. All rights reserved. S25

¹ "The Mental Health Benefits of Literacy." *Psychology Today*, May 2023.