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# Vibrations: Building a Bee Buzzer (K-2)

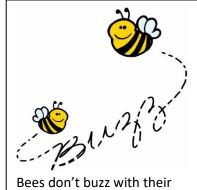
### The SCIENCE of SOUND:



Sound waves can't be seen, but they travel in waves called vibrations that are picked up by our ears.



We can feel the effects of vibrations on objects – like when you touch a speaker as it plays music.



Bees don't buzz with their mouths! Buzzing is the sound of the wings vibrating.

## **READ:**

Horton Hears a Who! by Dr. Seuss is a great book to get kids thinking about sound.

- Why could Horton hear the Whos when no one else could? Don't have this book at home? There are great videos of this and other books online. You can watch *Horton Hears a Who!* at <u>Storytime with Miss Jeannie</u>.

### **ACTIVITY: BEE BUZZER**

Materials: 1 note card, 2 eraser caps, 1 popsicle stick, 1 piece of string, 1 rubber band

- Fold the note card in half and decorate the OUTSIDE
- 2. Place one eraser cap on each end of the popsicle stick
- 3. Place the folded note card over the stick and staple it in place
- 4. Tie the string next to one eraser
- 5. Stretch the rubber band around the stick, from one eraser to the other
- 6. Make sure you have space, OR go outside and swing your buzzer!

**What is happening?** When you spin the buzzer, moving air causes the rubber band to vibrate. Sound is produced by those vibrations, in the same way that vibrating strings on a guitar or violin produce sound. The sound is amplified - made louder - by the index card.

For step-by-step instructions, watch the video at: Bee Buzzer STEM Activity

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