



East Elementary School



April 2018 Newsletter

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Dear Families,

It is hard to believe it is already April! We are now down to the final quarter of the school year. These last two months will be very busy. There are a lot of events, field trips, and activities planned. Please be on the lookout for flyers and permission slips. Happy Spring!

Upcoming Dates

- March 30th- No School
- April 2nd- No School
- April 3rd- School Resumes
- April 9th-13th- Book Fair
- April 9th- 6:00pm EEL PTG Meeting (Eunice Smith)
- April 10th- PTG Dine Out Day at Imo's
- April 11th- Fourth Grade Alton Symphony Field Trip
- April 11th- 5:00-8:00pm Green Team Field Trip
- April 12th- Lego Club
- April 13th- Progress Reports Go Home
- April 14th- Math Competition at Alton High School
- April 17th- 7:00pm School Board Meeting
- April 18th- 6:00pm Lego Club showcase
- April 25th- 12:25pm Early dismissal for students
- April 27th- KISS Picnic during lunch hours
- April 30th- 6:00pm 4th Grade Music Program/7:15pm 5th Grade Music Program

East, Eunice, Lovejoy PTG News

Our next PTG Meeting is at 6pm on April 9th at Eunice Smith Elementary. If you are interested in being a volunteer or want to be involved, please contact our PTG at eelptgredbirds@gmail.com.

Our Book Fair is also right around the corner! Book Fair is the week of April 9th-13th. This book fair will be Buy One Get One Free. Please email eelptgredbirds@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer at our book fair.

Field Trips

Please remember that students cannot attend any field trips this spring from the school grounds without permission from parents/guardians. It is important that you respond as quickly as possible by sending in permission slips so teachers can make necessary arrangements.

4th and 5th Grade Music Program

Our fourth and fifth grade music program will be on April 30th. This is a revised date and time from the ACUSD calendar. Fourth grade students will perform at 6:00pm and fifth grade students will perform at 7:15pm.

Fourth Grade:

- Fourth grade students should be seated on the risers by 5:50 pm. Students with speaking or “extra” parts should check in with Mrs. Buis by 5:45 pm. Students may dress in their favorite attire from the years of 1950 – 1980.

Fifth Grade:

- Fifth grade students should be seated on the risers by 7:05 pm. Students with speaking or “extra” parts should check in with Mrs. Buis by 7:00 pm. Students may dress in their favorite attire from the years of 1950 – 1980.
- Fourth grade will be performing until 6:30pm. Fifth grade families will not be able to enter the gym until 6:45 pm. All 5th grade students should be seated on the risers by 7:05 pm.

We hope to see you there!

April Character Trait Word of the Month: Honesty

Each month your child(ren) will be learning about a character trait that we believe is essential to be a good citizen in our society. We suggest you take time to discuss this trait so that they learn it is important both inside and outside of the school setting. Every Wednesday morning, from 8:15-8:45, your child(ren) will take part in Social Emotional Learning lessons within their classroom. During these lessons teachers will focus on the Character Trait of the Month.

Our character trait for the month of April is honesty. During this month we will be teaching students about the importance of showing and saying what is true. Students will have classroom discussions as well as peer discussions on the importance of honesty.

Excellence in Education Dinner

Congratulations to the following fifth grade students. These students will be recognized at the Excellence in Education Dinner on April 9th.

Elizabeth Blackmon- Ms. Huetter's class
Jenna Fassler- Mr. Schwartz and Ms. Herring's class
Anthony Ni- Mr. Burnside's class

These students are being recognized for their academic achievement, good attendance, exemplary behavior, leadership skills, positive attitude, and good citizenship. Congratulations!

Illinois Principals Association Student Recognition Breakfast

Congratulations to Annabelle Smith in Mr. Zuidema's class. Annabelle will be recognized at the IPA Breakfast on April 18th for her dedication to academic achievement and leadership skills. Congratulations!

Illinois Math and Science Academy Invention Convention FUNshop!

In partnership with the Alton School District, Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy (IMSA) is pleased to announce an upcoming FUNshop! FUNshops are 2 ½ hour evening programs taught by local school teachers who are hired and trained by IMSA. Student learning activities focus on discovery, exploration, and problem-solving skills. Invention Convention!

Anyone can be an inventor, designer, or engineer! You just need an imagination and a few materials. Students will put this to the test in a fun, hands-on session. After an introduction to the science of circuits, they will explore the world of littleBits (modular circuitry parts) and use them to complete an open-ended design challenge. Come think, create, and explore with us!

Program Details:

- Who: Youth in Grades 3-6
- When: Friday, April 20th 6:00-8:30pm
- Where: East Elementary School
- Cost: \$30 per student (includes pizza, fruit, and beverage)
- Pre-registration is required. Registration Deadline is April 14th. [Click Here](#) to register and pay.

For additional questions please contact: Dawn Waller, Metro East Field Office Coordinator, IMSA at (618) 791-3855 or dwaller@imsa.edu.

Alton District #11 Truancy Guidelines

In an effort to provide your child with the greatest opportunity for success, please find a reminder of our Truancy Guidelines below and the importance of school attendance.

1. Regular attendance is CRUCIAL to every student's success.
2. It is important that your student be at school on time. This does not mean dropping your child off right at the time school starts or after. Being late means your child is missing important instructional time.
3. Please be proactive in calling your student's school to report an absence. Schools request a phone call before 9:00 a.m. on the day of absence.
4. please refer to your Alton School District calendar (pages 3 & 4) for guidelines concerning excused and unexcused absences. A calendar copy is also available at altonschools.org.

IF YOU TAKE YOUR STUDENT TO THE CLINIC, DOCTOR OR EMERGENCY ROOM, PLEASE ASK FOR A SIGNED EXCUSE. THE EXCUSED SLIP SHOULD BE SENT TO SCHOOL WITH YOUR STUDENT ON THE DAY HE/SHE RETURNS. MEDICAL OFFICES CAN ALSO FAX IT TO (618) 463-2121.

Most importantly, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call the Truancy Office at (618) 474-2244.

General Information and Reminders

Student Absences- We want to ensure that our students are safe at all times. If your child is going to be absent for any reason, please notify the school (463-2130). If we have not received a call, you will be contacted to confirm the absence.

Visiting the Building- Building doors remain locked at all times for the safety and protection of our students and staff. All visitors must be buzzed in through the front doors and report to the office to sign in and receive a visitor pass. To preserve the learning environment within the classrooms, we require an appointment to be made 3 days in advance for all observations within the classroom. Please see someone in the office to make an appointment and fill out the appropriate paperwork.

Office Hours- Office hours are 7:15am to 3:15pm. If you call after 3:15pm, you will be asked to leave a message.

Morning Procedures- Students should not be dropped off before 7:15am. If you would like your child to eat breakfast at school, they need to arrive by 7:50am. This will allow them to eat as well as make it to class on time. Breakfast will not be served after 8am. If students arrive to school after 8am, they will not receive breakfast. If students are dropped off after 8:00, please make sure that you walk them into the office. Please do not drop them off at the front doors. Students need to be signed in by an adult.

Transportation Changes- Anytime you need to make a change in transportation, please contact the main office at 463-2130. If at all possible, we would like to have all changes before 2:00pm. This allows us time to notify the teacher and your child of the change. In order to make sure all children arrive home safely, we must have a written note or a phone call to change a child's transportation.

Parent Drop-Off- Students should not be dropped off before 7:15am. There is no supervision available before this time. If you would like your child to eat breakfast at school, please make sure they arrive by 7:50am. This will ensure they can eat and make it to class on time. When dropping off students in the circle drive please make sure to unload in the area between the light poles in front of the gym lobby doors. Vehicles need to stay in a single file line for the safety of the students. Please do not pass other cars. Please be courteous of the time it takes to unload your students. Thank you for your cooperation.

Parent Pick-Up- Parents picking up students by car will receive a hang tag that is numbered and corresponds with name(s) of child(ren) being picked up. After school, parents and guardians will need to pull around to the back of the building for parent pick-up. Please remain in your car and pull up to the door, which is located toward the building side of the second parking lot. Please wait in line until your child(ren) are escorted to your vehicle by the supervisor on duty. Additional hang tags can be requested if you would like to give permission to someone to pick up your child up from school. If you forget your hang tag, you will need to park and come through the gym lobby doors to sign your child out of school. If you lose your hang tag, you will need to come into the office and request another one. Parents that enter the building to pick-up students will enter through the gym lobby doors. The gym lobby doors will not be unlocked until 2:15 pm. Parents may wait in the gym lobby until dismissal at 2:25 pm.