

East Elementary



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Dear Families,

Happy February! We can't believe we are already into February and getting closer to spring! Thank you for helping us have an excellent start to second semester! Our students have been working hard to reach their goals for the year! Please continue to encourage your students in their learning and work that they do with us at East.

Upcoming Dates

- February 8th - Progress Reports Go Home
- February 8th - Yearbook Orders Due
- February 8th - Candy Gram Sales Begin
- February 12th - Dine Out For PTG - Decaros
- February 15th - BoBo's Pizza Fundraiser Ends
- February 18th - Presidents Day - No School
- February 27th - Early Dismissal Day
- March 4th - Casimir Pulaski Day - No School
- March 8th - End Of 3rd Quarter
- March 9th - PTG Trivia Night
- March 11th - PTG Meeting - Lovejoy - 6:00 PM
- March 27th - Early Dismissal Day

Winter Weather

Please remember that the students will go outside for recess if weather permits. Dressing your child(ren) in layers with a hat and gloves will ensure that he/she is comfortable this time of year with the temperature changes throughout the day.

East Elementary School Store

Our school store is open Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 7:15am-7:55am. We offer pens, pencils, highlighters, notepads and much more! Students are able to purchase items during their morning routine on these days. Prices range from \$0.25 to \$2.00.

Candy Grams

Students will be able to send Candy Grams to their friends or favorite teacher February 8th-15th. Candy Grams will cost 25 cents and will be sold in the Gym Lobby before school. Candy Grams will be delivered to classrooms in the afternoon. All proceeds are

donated to a local non-profit, Refuge, that provides counseling and family services for free to local families.

Valentine's Day

Students will be able to exchange Valentine's Day cards within their classrooms, but there will not be classroom parties.

BoBo's Pizza Fundraiser

Our BoBo's Pizza Fundraiser started on Monday, February 4th and will end Friday, February 15th.

Students will earn prizes for the number of items that they sell and EVERY student that sells 20 items will earn an all expense paid limo ride to Decaros for lunch and time in the Game Truck!

Please collect payments as you take orders and have all checks made out to EEL PTG.

Products will be available for pickup after school on Tuesday, March 5th.

Alton Middle School Band / Chorus / Orchestra Enrollment

If your son or daughter is currently in 5th grade and involved in band / chorus / orchestra and would like to continue at Alton Middle School please click the link below to read information about band enrollment.

[A.M.S. Band / Chorus / Orchestra Link](#)

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.

February Character Trait Word of the Month: Courage

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 February character trait is Courage. We are introducing students to the idea of being brave when facing tough situations or things that scare us. We're going to be talking about what courage means, how we can apply it, and different people that have shown courage throughout history!

[East, Eunice, Lovejoy PTG News](#)

Our next PTG Meeting is at 6pm on March 11th at Lovejoy Elementary School: 1043 Tremont Street. If you are interested in being a volunteer or want to be involved, please contact our PTG at eelptgredbirds@gmail.com.

[District Procedures for Winter Weather Conditions](#)

Weather conditions can change rapidly in the winter months. When weather is potentially threatening, Alton administrators constantly monitor forecasts and the condition of roads, parking lots and sidewalks. With this in mind, we would like to provide parents with information on district procedures in the event of school closures or early dismissals due to inclement weather. In the event that local weather conditions deteriorate rapidly during the school day, the District may be forced to dismiss early in the best interest of the safety of our children.

EARLY DISMISSAL SCHEDULE

East Elementary 12:25 p.m. release time

Early dismissal notification procedures are as follows:

*Parents receive phone call from the automatic dialer.

*Email notifications are also sent

*Notification will be posted on the district website (altonschools.org)

DELAYED START SCHEDULE

East Elementary 10:00 a.m. – 2:25 p.m.

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSING

In the event that the Alton School District elects to close schools for the day due to poor weather, information will be provided through the following means: phone call from automatic dialer, district website, Facebook posting, parent email, and through local media including WBGZ Radio – 1570 AM, KMOX Radio – 1120 AM, KMOV Channel 4, KSDK Channel 5 and Fox 2 Now.

As a final reminder, please contact our East office if you need to update contact information such as phone numbers, emergency contacts or email addresses. Having the correct contact information on file will ensure you receive prompt notification for these events.