



East Elementary School



May 2018 Newsletter

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Dear Families,

It is hard to believe it is already May! As we wrap up the final month of the school year, we wanted to say thank you to each and every one of you for the support you have given to your children as well as your support of East. We are pleased with the progress students have made and continue to make. With the collective efforts of parents and staff, our students have another school year filled with wonderful experiences! There are still several weeks left in the school year and it is important to continue to follow the rules and work hard.

Upcoming Dates

- May 2nd- Cook/Schulz- Field Trip to Two Rivers
- May 3rd- Klasner/Croxford/Tatum- Field Trip to Two Rivers
- May 3rd- Eveans/O'Brien/Smith- Field Trip to We Rock the Spectrum
- May 3rd- Last Day of 21st Century After School Program
- May 4th- Cowan/Belloso- Field Trip to Two Rivers
- May 4th- Third Grade Field Trip- Historical Sites Around Alton
- May 7th- 6:30 pm Band/Chorus/Orchestra Concert
- May 10th- Band and Orchestra school rentals due
- May 11th- Fourth Grade Field Trip - Lewis and Clark Historical Tour on Route 3
- May 11th- Fifth Grade Party/Airport Plaza Bowl
- May 14th- Ms. Franke's Third Grade Pen Pal Field Trip
- May 15th- 9:15 am District Spelling Bee
- May 15th- 7:00 pm School Board Meeting
- May 16th- Fifth Grade Field Trip- JA Biztown
- May 17th- Field Day at East
- May 18th- **CALENDAR CHANGE**- full day of student attendance due to snow days
- May 18th- Last Day of Boys and Girls Club
- May 21st- Last Day of Student Attendance-this is a full day of attendance for students

Online Registration

Online Registration is now open for the 2018-2019 school year! Please visit www.altonschools.org for the online registration link. You will need your login ID and password to your Family Web Access account. If you are unsure of your Skyward Family Web Access login credentials please call our office at 463-2130. Online Registration is only available for students entering 1st through 8th grade. Online registration is open until **May 10th**.

- Average time to register a student online is seven minutes.
- You do not have to upload proofs of residency if your address has not changed.
- Fees do not have to be paid at this time to complete the online registration.
- Calendars will be distributed during Open House and not at Central Registration.

Report Card Pick-Up on the Last Day of School

Students must be present on Monday, May 21st in order to receive their report card. If students are not in attendance, parents may pick up their child's report card between 2:40-3:15 pm on Monday, May 21st or after 9:00 am on Tuesday, May 22nd.

Band/Chorus/Orchestra

Our Band, Chorus, and Orchestra concert is May 7th at 6:30 pm.

- Band and Orchestra- This week is the last week of Band and Orchestra rehearsals before the concert on May 7th. Students should arrive by 6:00 pm on May 7th. Students will need their book and instrument for the concert.
- Chorus- Chorus students should arrive by 6:15 pm.

Our students have been working very hard to prepare for this concert. Please remember this is a required concert for all ensembles and attendance will be reflected in final grades. We are looking forward to performing for you! We hope to see you there.

School Calendar Change

There has been a change made to the district calendar due to snow days. The last day of student attendance is Monday, May 21st. The district institute day has been moved to Tuesday, May 22nd. There will be school for students on Friday, May 18th.

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.

PTG News

There will not be a May PTG Meeting. Our Field Day at East Elementary is on May 17th. We are in need of volunteers and Freeze Pop donations. A flyer was sent home today with more information.

Below are the new officers for the 2018-2019 school year.

New officers:

- Leslie Rezabek-President
- VP: Jennifer Purvis
- VP: Steve Doering
- Secretary/Bookkeeper-Kelly Davis

Liaisons:

- East- Jen Herring
- Lovejoy- Angela Kuchnicki
- Eunice- Sara Carter-Witt

May Character Trait Word of the Month: Patience

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 May is patience. During this month we will be teaching students that patience is a person's ability to wait something out or endure something tedious without getting upset. Students will be discussing how to have patience in the school setting as well as at home. Patience can help develop the ability to think through and resolve problems; it can counteract impulsivity and acting out behaviors.

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.