

East Elementary



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Dear Families,

Happy November! We are entering a busy time of the year filled with family gatherings and celebrations! We have so many things to be thankful for at East. Our amazing students and staff and our families that make each day better! We hope you have a great fall and are able to spend time with the people you are most thankful for!

Upcoming Dates

- November 4th - PTG Meeting @ Lovejoy @ 6:00 PM
- November 11th - No School - Veterans Day
- November 15th - Progress Reports Issues
- November 15th - Picture Re-Take Day
- November 26th - Early Dismissal Day
- November 27th - 29th - Thanksgiving Break - No School
- December 2nd - 3rd Grade Concert @ 6:30 PM

- December 11th - Band, Choir, and Orchestra Concert - 9:00 AM

School Pictures

Picture Retake Day is scheduled for Friday, November 15, 2019.

Music Dept. Update

We have two concerts coming up in December! Please see the information below!

3rd Grade Concert - Monday, December 2nd - Students should arrive by 6:15 pm and be seated on the risers by 6:20 pm. The concert will start at 6:30 pm!

Band, Choir, and Orchestra Concert - Wednesday, December 11th - 9:00 AM

Fall Weather

Please remember that even though the weather will be getting cooler, the students will continue to go outside for recess. Therefore it is important to continue to dress them appropriately.

Student Absences

Attendance at school is so important! Students that miss up to two days per month can be considered “chronic truant”. This month’s attendance tip is to educate your students!

Help your children understand why going to school every day matters. Talk about what they miss when they are out, how showing up every day is an important skill forgetting and keeping a job and how attending every day helps them learn what they need to know to achieve their hopes and dreams.

We want our students to be at school as much as they can! Studies show that children that miss school consistently can have gaps in their learning. Our goal each and every day is to prepare our students for their next step. 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.

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.

November Character Trait Word of the Month: Mindful

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 November character trait is Mindful. We have introduced the meaning of being mindful throughout the day to our students. We are going to talk about what it means to be calm, how to be mindful about our breathing, actions, and words. Ask your student what mindful techniques they have learned this month.

Recycling Initiatives

East Elementary collects many items for recycling as part of our Madison County Green Schools initiatives. All of these initiatives not only benefit our environment, but they are separate contests that we compete in throughout the year! The following items are recycled at our school. Please consider donating to help our school and our environment!

Used Markers

Soda Tab Tops

New and Gently Used Shoes

Plastic Bags

Box Tops

East, Eunice, Lovejoy PTG News

Our next PTG Meeting is at 6pm on November 7th at Eunice Elementary School: 2400 Henry Street. If you are interested in being a volunteer or want to be involved, please contact our PTG at eelptgredbirds@gmail.com.

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