

East Elementary



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Dear Families,

Happy October! It is hard to believe we are almost to the 1st Quarter mark! We have had an amazing start to the school year, some have even said the best start of any year. Our students have already learned so much! We have celebrated great things like 0-1 celebrations, Student Positive Office Passes, Staff Positive Office Passes, Students Of The Week, and great classroom accomplishments. None of these celebrations would have been possible without our amazing students and families. We hope your family has a great second quarter and we can't wait to see you at some of our upcoming events.

Upcoming Dates

- October 7th - PTG Meeting @ Eunice Smith - 6:00 PM
- October 11th - End of 1st Quarter
- October 14th - No School - Columbus Day
- October 17th - October 23rd - Book Fair @ East
- October 21st - Dental Safari
- October 21st - Trunk Or Treat @ AHS - Everyone Is Invited!
- October 22nd - Family Reading Night @ East 6:00 - 7:30 PM
- October 24th-1:00pm-7:00pm- Parent Teacher Conferences- No School for Students
- October 25th- 8:00am-1:00pm- Parent Teacher Conferences- No School for Students
- October 31st - Early Dismissal Day

Student Absences

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.

East Spirit Wear

Don't forget that we are selling our East Spirit Wear! Our shirts are great for all students, families, and alumni! ALL SHIRTS ARE ONLY \$10 Click the link below to order your shirt today!

East Spirit Wear Order Form 19/20





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.

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.

School Pictures

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

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.

October Character Trait Word of the Month: Responsibility

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 October character trait is Responsibility. We have introduced the meaning of being responsible throughout the day to our students. We have talked to students

about what responsibility looks like in the classroom, throughout the school, and at home. We are working to teach students that responsibility

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.

0-1 Reward Recap!

We held our 0-1 Redbird Games for September and had a fantastic time! Students got to spend part of their morning working together as a class team to solve problems and compete in relay races! Both students and staff had a great time celebrating the hard work our students put in throughout the month!



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