



East Elementary School



September 2017 Newsletter

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Dear Families,

Welcome Back East Redbirds! We would like to thank you for helping this school year get off to a wonderful start! The turn out at Meet the Teacher Night was incredible. The teachers really appreciated the opportunity to speak with you and share information about classrooms. It is very important that teachers and parents function as a team. At East Elementary, we are dedicated to providing you with additional opportunities throughout the year to ensure we establish positive home-school connections. Thank you for all you have done to make this a fantastic beginning of the school year!

Upcoming Dates

- September 1st- PTG Discount Card orders and money are due to the main office
- September 1st- School-Wide Zero-1 Referral Celebration: Popsicles
- September 4th- No School- Labor Day Holiday
- September 11th-15th- East Elementary School Safety Week
- September 19th- 7:00pm School Board Meeting
- September 20th- Early Dismissal for Students at 12:25pm
- September 22nd- Progress Reports Go Home
- October 2nd- 6:00pm EEL PTG Meeting at Eunice Smith
- October 6th- No School- Madison County Institute for Teachers
- October 9th- No School- Columbus Day Holiday

Visiting the Building

Building doors remained 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. There is no supervision available during this time. 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.

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

Any time 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 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

School pictures will be taken on Monday, October 16, 2017. The retake day is scheduled for Friday, November 17, 2017.

Character Trait Word of the Month: Respect

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. The September Character Trait is Respect. 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.

East, Eunice, Lovejoy PTG News

Our next PTG Meeting is at 6pm on October 2nd at Eunice Smith Elementary School- 2400 Henry St. If you are interested in being a volunteer or want to be involved, please contact our PTG at eelptgreddbirds@gmail.com.

Safety Week: September 11th-15th

We are planning a Safety Week at East Elementary from September 11th through September 15th. The purpose of this week is to familiarize students with our most frequently used drills early in the school year. The drills will take place at the start of the school day. We will continue to practice

onsite drills throughout the year to remind students of the procedures. More information on Safety Week will be coming home with your child(ren). The drills are listed below.

Monday- Severe Weather Drill

Tuesday- Earthquake Drill

Wednesday- Lockdown Drill

Thursday- Bus Evacuation Drill

Friday- Fire Drill and Reverse Evacuation Drill

Safety Aide Position Opening

East Elementary is looking for a Safety Aide for 3.5 hours a day. If you are interested, please contact Rosie Young at 474-2600.

Home & School Connection

Want to build your child's reading skills and help them learn to love books? Below are some suggestions.

- Read regularly
- Take turns choosing books
- Let your child participate
- Be playful

Here are some sample conversation starters that will help you stay involved.

- "Tell me what you learned that you'd like to know more about."
- "What's the best thing that happened today?"
- "What was the most creative thing you did?"
- "How were you kind or helpful today? Was anyone kind or helpful to you?"

Technology Resources

Please visit our East Elementary website at: <http://east.altonschools.org/>. Below are some educational websites to use at home:

- www.scholastic.com/parents
- www.abcya.com
- www.funbrain.com
- www.arcademics.com
- www.mathplayground.com
- www.roomrecess.com