

East Elementary



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Mrs. Lanea DeConcini - Principal / Ms. Jordan Anderson - Assistant Principal

Dear Families,

Welcome back East Redbirds! We would like to thank you for getting this school year off to a wonderful start! Our staff was so excited to meet everyone at Meet The Teacher Night and Mrs. DeConcini and Ms. Anderson had so much fun meeting everyone at Popsicles With The Principals! We want to work together with you to make this school year the best for our kids!

Upcoming Dates

- September 9th - PTG Meeting @ East - 6:00 PM
- September 10th - BoBo's Pizza Kickoff @ East
- September 16th - 20th - Safety Week! (More Info Coming Next Week)
- September 20th - Progress Reports Issued
- September 25th - Early Dismissal Day - Dismissal @ 12:25 PM)
- **September 30th - School Picture Day**
- October 7th - PTG Meeting @ Eunice Smith - 6:00 PM
- October 11th - End of 1st Quarter
- October 14th - No School - Columbus Day
- October 21st - Dental Safari
- 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

Attendance Fact Of The Month

Did you know that 50% of students that miss 2-4 days of school during 1st Quarter go on to miss an average of 1 month of school! Attending school is important so that we can build upon the things we learn each day!

Absences are excused for:

1. **Illness Of A Student**
2. **Death In The Family Or Of A Close Friend**
3. **Critical Illness Of A Near Relative (Mother, Father, Brother, Sister, Grandparent)**
4. **Dental Or Medical Appointment When Prior Arrangements Have Been Made**
5. **Absence Due To Bus Problem Beyond Students Control**

Absences Are Unexcused For:

- 1. Running Errands For Family**
- 2. Staying Home To Care For Younger Children**
- 3. Working At Or Away From Home**
- 4. Visiting Friends Or Relatives**
- 5. Shopping With Parents**
- 6. Minor Aches And Pains (Persistence May Indicate A More Serious Problem)**
- 7. Ordinary Weather Hazards**
- 8. Vacations, Day Trips, Or Other Days When A Parent Electively Decides To Remove Their Student From School During Attendance Days**

We want to ensure that our students are safe at all times. 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.

School Pictures

School pictures will be taken on Monday, September 30th, 2019. The retake day is scheduled for Friday, November 15, 2019.

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.

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.

September 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. 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 September character trait is Respect. We have introduced the meaning of respect and how to use it throughout the day to our students. We have read stories about different students that used Respect in their lives and we have worked on understanding what respect looks like at different places in our life. Our students have had great conversations about these social and emotional skills!

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 September 9th at East Elementary School: 1035 Washington Ave.. 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 Popsicles On The Playground for August and had a fantastic time! Students got to celebrate this reward by enjoying a popsicle on the playground with their class. 100% of students at East got to participate in August's reward!



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