



East Elementary School

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Dear Families,

Happy March! Spring is on its way - we hope! Please continue to encourage your students in their learning and the work that they are doing here at East Elementary as we work toward the end of this school year. Please also note that our yearbook sales online have closed, but you can send a check or cash into the office and still place your order until Friday. They are \$18, and make checks payable to East Elementary School.

Upcoming Dates

- March 6 - Young Author's Celebration - Alton High School
- March 8 - End of 3rd Quarter
- March 12, 13, 14 - Illinois Science Assessment - 5th Grade only
- March 19 - School Board Meeting - AHS Library at 6pm
- March 20 - Early Dismissal for Students - East Dismisses at 12:25 pm - No 21st Century Program
- March 22 - Report Cards Issued
- **March 25 - PTG Meeting at East Library at 6 pm - Please come see what is happening at your child's school**
- March 29 - No School - Good Friday Holiday
- April 1, 2 - No School - Spring Break
- April 3 - School Resumes
- April 6 - Math Team Competition at Alton High School
- April 8 - Eclipse
- April 9, 10, 11 - IAR Testing Week - Grades 3, 4, 5
- April 16 - School Board Meeting - AHS Library 6pm
- April 22-25 - Kindergarten Enrollment (Please click [HERE](#) for more information)
- May 3 - KISS Picnic at East ([Flier](#))

5Essential Survey

You will find the letter explaining the 5Essentials survey [HERE](#). This is a survey that is sent to parents each year, and we thank you in advance for taking the time to fill it out. These submissions are completely anonymous and are in no way tied to your child. Please keep in mind when you are doing the survey, that it does not count unless it is completely filled out and submitted. Please make sure you fill one out for each child's school where you have children enrolled. The direct link to the survey is [HERE](#). Thank you in advance for taking the time to provide your feedback.

IAR Testing

IAR is the required state test we will be taking the week of April 8. Our testing days will be Tuesday, April 9 - Thursday, April 11. It is very important that your child is at school and on time for the testing sessions. We will be starting in the morning, and once the testing session has started no one will be able to enter the testing room until the testing session is complete.

ISA Testing

Please click [HERE](#) for more information. ISA is the required state testing in the area of science and is only given to 5th grade students. This will take place March 12, 13 and 14. It is very important that your 5th grade child be at school on time for the testing sessions. We will be starting in the morning, and once the testing session has started no one will be able to enter the testing room until the testing session is complete.

Alton School 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. Our day starts at 8 am and we dismiss at 2:25 pm.

1. Regular attendance is crucial to every student's success.
2. It is important that your child is 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 absences. Schools request that you please call before 9 am on the day of the absence.
4. Please refer to your Alton School District calendar (pages 3 & 4) for guidelines concerning excused and unexcused absences. A copy of the calendar is also available online 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 child on the day they return. Medical offices can also fax it to (618) 463-2121.

Student Absences/Transportation Changes

It is the Alton School District's practice to permit a change to a student's transportation plan for daily dismissal on a limited basis (for example: changing from riding the bus to parent pick-up or the reverse) when a parent/guardian contacts the school prior to 11:00 a.m. on the day of the change or before. Recently, we have experienced an increase in parents/families contacting school offices after 11:00 a.m. and still requesting to change transportation plans for that same day. Unless it is an emergency, schools will no longer be able to accommodate same-day transportation changes after 11:00 a.m. Receiving transportation changes later in the school day can cause additional safety concerns when staff members are trying to ensure students are dismissed to their proper locations. In prioritizing student safety to the highest degree, it is imperative that any changes to a student's transportation plan for dismissal be received by the school office no later than 11:00 a.m. on that same day. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

PTG

We will meet at 6 pm in the East Library on Monday, March 25. We invite you to come and hear about what is happening at your child's school.

- March 5 - McDonald's dine-out event at Homer Adams location from 4-8 pm. Must dine-in and a portion of the proceeds will be donated back to the East, Eunice, and Lovejoy PTG
- The game truck from the Bobo's fundraiser is currently being scheduled for each school. More information will be shared when it is available.
- May 3rd - East's K.I.S.S. Picnic

Arbor Management - District Food Service

- District menus can be found [HERE](#). They can also be found on the website.
- [Food Allergy Form for Doctors](#) to fill out - Our food service provider has asked if your child has any food allergies that you please have your child's doctor fill out this form for their system.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR 5th GRADE PARENTS

- From the Nurse:
 - Please click [HERE](#) for all requirements for all 6th-grade students for the 2023-2024 school year from the Nurse. There is also the information about the Growth and Development presentation that will take place in your child's 5th grade classroom on March 28.
- Illinois Science Assessment
 - Please click [HERE](#) for more information.
 - Testing for 5th grade students will take place on March 12, 13 and 14

East's Social Media

Please watch for our emails, but you can follow us on [Facebook.com/East.Redbird](https://www.facebook.com/East.Redbird) or Instagram [@East_Redbirds](https://www.instagram.com/East_Redbirds) for important information.



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We are excited to serve you and your family! Our door is always open, please do not hesitate to reach out if you have questions, concerns, or ideas.

Sincerely,
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