



East Elementary School

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Dear **East Elementary** Families,

Happy October! It is hard to believe the end of 1st Quarter is almost here. We have had an amazing start to the school year, and our students have already learned so much! We have started celebrating classroom accomplishments, Positive Office Passes, and Students of the Week. We are gearing up for even more learning and fun this month.

Upcoming Dates

- September 22 - BOBO's Fundraising Event Began
- October 3rd - McTeacher Night from 4-8 pm at the Broadway McDonalds (EAST, EUNICE & LOVEJOY)
- **October 9th - No School - Columbus Day Holiday**
- October 13th - BOBO's fundraiser ends - All order forms and money are due
- October 9-13 - Homecoming Spirit Week - [FLIER](#)
- October 16th - 6pm Parent Teacher Group Meeting at East Elementary School Library
- October 17th - School Board Meeting
- **October 26th - 1:00pm-7:00pm- Parent Teacher Conferences- No School for Students**
- **October 27th- 8:00am-1:00pm- Parent Teacher Conferences- No School for Students**
- October 30th - Picture Re-Take Day
- **October 31st- Early Dismissal for Students - East Dismissal at 12:25 pm**
- November 5th - Daylight Savings Time - Fall Back 1 hour
- November 15th - BOBO's Pizza Delivery
- November 21st - Progress Reports Issued
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- **November 22-24 - Thanksgiving Break - No School**
- November 27th - School Resumes

Attendance

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
6. Mental Health Days - May use up to 5 for the year - Someone from the school will be in touch after the 2nd day

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 main office (463-2130).** If we have not received a call, you will be contacted to confirm the absence.

Transportation Changes

Anytime you need to make a change in transportation, please contact the main office at 463-2130. To ensure the safety of our students, family members will be required to contact the school before 11:00 am to make a change to their child's transportation for the school day. Should families encounter an unexpected emergency after this time on a given day, please call the school to discuss other transportation arrangements. Thanks for understanding as we work to ensure the safest dismissal and transportation process possible.

Morning Procedures

Please remember that parent drop-off begins at 7:30 am through the gym lobby doors. Please note that the doors will be closed promptly at 8:00 am. If your child is dropped off after 8:00 am, please drop them at the main lobby doors. If your child is going to eat breakfast at school they need to be here by 7:55 am.

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 do not arrive **prior to 1:45pm**. 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 from school.

PTG

Our Parent Teacher Group will be hosting their their first meeting at East Elementary on October 16th at 6pm.

BOBO's Pizza Fundraiser

This is a fundraiser for East, Eunice Smith and Lovejoy PTG. The profits from this fundraiser will be used to directly benefit students at all three schools. The fundraiser kicked off on September 22nd and all order forms are due back to the school with payments on October 13th. All Checks can be made out to EEL PTG. Pick up for your items that were ordered will be on Wednesday, November 15th. There are prizes available based on the amount of items sold.

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! Please consider donating to help our school and our environment! We will be collecting paper, plastic bags, and new/gently used shoes. Please just send them with your child and there will be bins to place them in our gym lobby. You can also drop them off at our main office. Thanks for your support.

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 being 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 8:15-8:40, 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.

Arbor Management - District Food Service

- [October Breakfast Menu](#)
- [October Lunch Menu](#)
- [Food Allergy Form for Doctors](#) to fill out - We have a new food service provider this year, so if your child has any food allergies they ask that you have your child's doctor fill out this form for their system.

Social Media

Please keep an eye out for our emails, but you can follow us on Facebook.com/East.Redbird or Instagram @East_Redbirds for important information.



Facebook.com /East.Redbird



@East_Redbirds

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 to share ideas.

Sincerely,

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