



East Elementary School



November 2017 Newsletter

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Dear Families,

Welcome to November. It is a wonderful time to give thanks for the many blessings in our lives. We are certainly thankful for the opportunity to work with amazing children, parents, teachers, and support staff at East Elementary.

Upcoming Dates

- November 6th- 6:00pm EEL PTG Meeting at Lovejoy Elementary School
- November 7th- Fazoli's Dine Out Day
- November 8th- Cardinals Calendar Fundraiser forms and money due
- November 17th- Picture Retake Day
- November 21st- Progress Reports Go Home
- November 21st- 7:00pm School Board Meeting
- November 22nd-24th- No School- Thanksgiving Break
- December 1st- Science Fair list of references, typed abstracts, and conclusions due
- December 4th- 6:30pm Third Grade Music Program (East Gym)
- December 12th- 9:30am Band/Chorus/Orchestra Concert (East Gym)

Student Absences

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.

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.

Office Hours

Office hours are 7:15am to 3:15pm. If you call after 3:15pm, you will be asked to leave a message.

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

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 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 17, 2017.

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.

November Character Trait Word of the Month: Service

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 November character trait is Service. The idea behind service is doing things for others. Over the next month, encourage your child/ren to reach out into our community and do something for someone else. We will be discussing opportunities to provide service in our classrooms. Students participate in a weekly Social Emotional Learning lesson within their classroom on Wednesday

mornings. This month's focus of our Social Emotional Learning lessons will be service to others and our community.

21st Century

The 21st Century afterschool program is at Lovejoy Elementary this year. The program runs Monday through Thursday after school. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Angela Kuchnicki at the Board Office.

First Quarter High AR Points

The following students have the highest AR points for their grade level:

Lauren Cox - Ms. Chapman
Serena Caito - Ms. Klasner
Dakota Brown - Ms. Huetten

Community Christmas

East Elementary will be participating in Community Christmas to help families during the holiday season. A collection box will be in the office lobby for students to drop off items. Students may begin bringing canned or boxed goods, coats, gloves, socks, scarves, and toys for our Community Christmas drive beginning November 6th. These items should be new or in perfect condition. The Community Christmas drive will run from November 6th-December 6th. Please help us in encouraging our children to be caring.

Young Authors

The Alton School District is continuing the tradition of celebrating Young Authors. Students are invited to put their creativity to paper over the next few months. All student books will be collected by January 19th, 2018. It is not too late to request a packet. More information is available at altonschools.org under the Parents tab.

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 6th at Lovejoy Elementary- 1043 Tremont Street. If you are interested in being a volunteer or want to be involved, please contact our PTG at eelptgredbirds@gmail.com.

Thank you to all families who shopped our book fair! It was a huge success!!!

We have one dine out event in November. November 7th is our Dine out Day at Fazoli's (210 Homer Adams Parkway). Dine outs are a wonderful day to earn money for our PTG. Please consider dining out to support our schools.

East, Eunice Smith and Lovejoy Elementary Schools will be selling 2018 St. Louis Cardinal Calendars. This fundraiser will help supplement our classroom materials. It will also help pay for field trip transportation, mini art supplies, incentives and library materials. Please return all Order forms and money to your school no later than **Wednesday November 8th**.

These will make a great Christmas gifts for that Cardinal fan in your life. Each calendar is also packed full of coupons that can be used throughout 2018.

Please make checks payable to EELPTG. All checks must have a valid phone number and address imprinted on check. If you have any questions please feel free to email eelptgredbirds@gmail.com.