



East Elementary School

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Dear Families,

Happy December! We hope your family is enjoying this wonderful time of year and staying warm! We have so many things to be thankful for here at East this year. We are thankful for all our amazing students, staff, and families that make each day better.

Upcoming Dates

- Now - January 14 - We will be serving as a drop off location for FUNDS2ORG collecting gently used shoes to donate overseas
- December 20 - EEL PTG Meeting on Zoom at 6 pm
- December 21 - School Board Meeting at AHS
- December 22 - Early Dismissal at 12:25 for East Students - End of 1st Semester
- December 23-January 4 - Christmas Break - No School
- January 5 - School Attendance day for students - this is a change on the district calendar
- January 7 - Report Cards Issued
- January 17 - No School - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- January 20th - Science Fair at North Elementary School
- January 28 - Young Authors' Books due

Science Fair

The Alton Schools Science Fair projects have many due dates coming up. Please take note that abstracts, conclusions, and references are due to Ms. Herring on December 17th. The rough drafts are due January 7th with the final projects due January 14th. The Alton District Science Fair will be held at North Elementary School on Thursday, January 20.

Young Authors

The District's Young Authors' celebration of writing is underway this year. All books written will be collected by Friday, January 28. If your child is signed up to participate, please make sure they are working on their books. If you would like more information, please have your child request a packet from their teacher.

Student Absences

We want our students to be at school as much as they can. If your child is going to be absent for any reason, please notify the school (463-2130). If your child is ill and is out for isolation and/or quarantine your child's absence will be excused. Instructional supports, related services, and assignments will be provided to students. When your child is going to be out for this reason, please contact the teacher for assignments and work that they need. If your child will need a hotspot or Chromebook please let the teacher know and we will have one available to use while your child is out. We are linking the COVID decision tree that can be found on the district website [HERE](#).

Parent Drop-Off

If you are dropping in the morning, please note that our doors do not open until 7:30 am. If your child needs to eat breakfast they need to be here before 8:00 am. If your child is arriving after 8:00 am they will need to go to the main office to get a tardy pass to enter the classroom. Please note that if you are dropping your child off on Washington they will need to use the crosswalk by the main office doors so they are not crossing in front of the cars in the drop off line.

Community Christmas

The Community Christmas program is sponsored by The United Way. The students may bring in any of the following items: toys for children of all ages, new clothes, undergarments, socks, new coats, diapers, formula, baby essentials, blankets, winter hats and caps, gloves and mittens, personal hygiene items and non-perishable items. Students may place any items in the box located in the main lobby until Wednesday, December 6th.

Sock For Tots Drive

Rosetta Brown and the YWCA are kicking off the annual Socks For Tots for all school age children. The drive will be happening through the end of December. Socks will be distributed throughout the district when the second semester starts. New socks can be dropped off at East Elementary in the main lobby.

Weather

Please remember that even though the weather is getting colder we will still be heading outside for recess. Therefore it is important that your child continues to dress for the weather.

District Procedures for Winter Weather Conditions

Weather conditions can change rapidly in the winter months. When weather is potentially threatening, Alton administrators constantly monitor the forecasts, conditions of roads, and conditions of sidewalks and parking lots. With this in mind, we would like to provide you with information on district procedures in the event of school closures or early dismissals due to inclement weather. In the event that local weather conditions deteriorate rapidly during the school day, the District may be forced to dismiss early in the best interest and safety of our children.

Early Dismissal Schedule

East will release at 12:25

Notification procedures as follows: Parents receive an automatic phone dialer, email notification will be sent, and notifications will be posted on the district website.

Delayed Start Schedule

East Elementary will have attendance from 10:00 am - 2:25 pm

Remote Learning Day

When we know in advance of potentially threatening forecasts we will make sure that materials are sent home the previous school day. Students will work remotely for the day.

Emergency School Closing

In the event that the Alton School District elects to close schools for the day due to poor weather, information will be provided through the following means: automatic phone dialer, email, posting to the district website, social media posts, and through local media including WBGZ - 1570 AM, KMOX Radio - 1120 AM, KMOV Channel 4, KSDK Channel 5, and Fox 2 Now.

As a final reminder, please contact our East office if you need to update contact information such as phone numbers, emergency contacts, and or email addresses. Having the correct contact information on file will ensure that you receive prompt notifications in these events.