



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 work that they are doing here at East Elementary as we work towards the end of this school year.

Upcoming Dates

- March 3 - District Young Authors Celebration - East Elementary
- March 7 - Casimir Pulaski Holiday - No School
- March 11 - End of 3rd Quarter
- March 11 - Deadline for the 5Essentials Survey
- March 15 - School Board Meeting - AHS 6:00 PM
- March 18 - Spring Picture Day
- March 18 - Issue Report Cards
- March 21 - EELPTG Meeting 6 PM - Zoom link can be found [HERE](#)
- March 30 - Early Dismissal for students - 12:25 Dismissal at East
- April 4 - April 14 - IAR testing
- April 19 - April 22 - ISA testing - 5th grade only
- April 14 - Issue Progress Reports
- April 15 - Good Friday Holiday - No School
- April 18 - No School
- April 19 - School Board Meeting - AHS 6:00 PM
- April 27 - Early Dismissal for students - 12:25 Dismissal at East

Picture Day

We have scheduled our Spring Pictures for Friday, March 18. More information to follow.

5Essential Survey

Attached you will find the information on the 5Essential Survey. Please fill it out to help us better serve our students and families. These submissions will be completely anonymous and are no way tied to your child. When you do the survey please keep in mind that it does not count unless it is filled out completely. The deadline to fill this out is March 11, 2022. You can find the information about the survey [HERE](#).

IAR Testing

IAR is the required state test we will be taking the first week in April. Our testing window is Monday, April 4 - Thursday, April 14. It is very important that your child is at school and on for the testing session. 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 be to 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 (page 15 & 16) 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 the 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.

COVID Update

Following the JCAR vote to reject the extension of the Illinois emergency regulations for masking students and staff and exclusion of close contacts can only occur through court order or an order from the Madison County Health Department. Starting February 16, we moved to masks strongly recommended for our students and staff, but not required. Please note that **masks are no longer required while on public buses**. On Friday, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced that they will no longer require students or staff to wear masks while riding on public school buses. We will still be offering optional weekly COVID screenings in the schools. Please note that if your child is participating in the weekly screenings they will need to wear a mask while they are in the testing area.

Sincerely,

Lanea DeConcini
Principal

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