# East Elementary

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### Dear Families,

We survived the winter! The students have been so excited to see the sun shining and be able to enjoy the outdoors again! We hope you have had a great start to your spring!

### **Upcoming Dates**

- April 8th 12th IAR Testing
- April 19th April 22nd No School
- April 23rd BoBo's Pizza Limo Ride
- April 24th Lego Club Field Trip
- April 25th Spring Picture Day
- April 25th Autism Field Day
- April 25th Band / Chorus / Orchestra Concert 6:30 PM
- April 26th K.I.S.S. Picnic (During your students lunch period)
- April 29th 4th & 5th Spring Concert 4th Grade = 6:00 PM / 5th Grade = 7:15 PM
- April 30th 5th Grade J.A. Field Trip
- May 1st Spelling Bee
- May 6th PTG @ Eunice 6:00 PM
- May 10th 4th Grade Field Trip: LCCC
- May 16th 5th Grade Party
- May 17th East Field Day
- May 21st Last Day For Students

# Music Department Update

East Elementary Band/Chorus/Orchestra students will present their spring concert on Thursday, April 25th at 6:30 pm. This is a mandatory concert. All band/chorus/orchestra students are expected to attend.

All 4th and 5th Grade students are preparing for their spring concert on Monday, April 29th. 4th grade will perform at 6:00 pm and 5th grade will perform at 7:15 pm.

# East, Eunice, Lovejoy PTG News

Our next PTG Meeting is at 6pm on May 6th at Eunice. If you are interested in being a volunteer or want to be involved, please contact our PTG at <a href="mailto:eelptgredbirds@gmail.com">eelptgredbirds@gmail.com</a>.

### Field Trips

Please remember that students cannot attend any field trips this spring from school grounds without permission from parents / guardians. It is important that you respond as quickly as possibly by sending in permission slips so teachers can make necessary arrangements.

### **Excellence in Education Dinner**

Congratulations to the following fifth grade students. These students will be recognized at the Excellence in Education Dinner on April 15th.

Chanel Clemons - Ms. Maly & Mrs. Herring's Class Leigha Cole - Ms. Huette's Class

These students are being recognized for their academic achievement, good attendance, exemplary behavior, leadership skills, positive attitude, and good citizenship. Congratulations!

### Illinois Principals Association Student Recognition Breakfast

Congratulations to Grace Rezabek in Mr. Burnside's class and Melliyah Edwards in Ms. Huette's class. They will be recognized at the IPA Breakfast on April 18th for their dedication to academic achievement and leadership skills. Congratulations!

## April Character Trait Word of the Month: Integrity

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 April character trait is Integrity. We are introducing students to the idea of doing the right thing even if no one is watching. We're going to be talking about what integrity means, how we show it, and why it is important.

### **East Elementary School Store**

Our school store is open Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 7:15am-7:55am. We offer pens, pencils, highlighters, notepads and much more! Students are able to purchase items during their morning routine on these days. Prices range from \$0.25 to \$2.00.

### Alton 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.

- 1. Regular attendance is CRUCIAL to every student's success.
- 2. It is important that your student be 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 an absence. Schools request a phone call before 9:00 a.m. on the day of absence.

 please refer to your Alton School District calendar (pages 3 & 4) for guidelines concerning excused and unexcused absences. A calendar copy is also available 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 STUDENT ON THE DAY HE/SHE RETURNS.

MEDICAL OFFICES CAN ALSO FAX IT TO (618) 463-2121.

Most importantly, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call the Truancy Office at (618) 474-2244.

# March Character Trait Word of the Month: Honesty

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 March character trait is Honesty. We are introducing students to the idea of being honest in both good times and bad. We're going to be talking about what honesty means, how we show it, and why it is important.

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