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Eastin-Arcola November Parent Newsletter

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Principal's Message

It's November, and we completed our first quarter of the 2020-21 school year. The first quarter was filled with many challenges for all of us, yet we also had many successes in many areas. We will continue to work together as a cohesive team to make the very most of our current distance learning model, and do our best to celebrate each day we are given to connect with our school community. Thank you for partnering with us through this journey and working each day to improve.

Please remember how important it is to do all you can to make sure your child is fully prepared for each day of school. Here are some reminders that we sent out, as a good guide to each of our responsibilities.

Make sure your child(ren):

- Get plenty of sleep at night, so they are well-rested for the school day ahead
- Wake up with plenty of time to eat breakfast and get ready for school
- Have their chromebook fully charged and all of their school supplies and resources ready for the day
- Log on to their zoom instructional block on time, or a few minutes early
- Stay actively engaged in each of their zoom blocks each day, for the entire block
- Make up work that is missed in a timely manner, and communicate with your teacher if you need further help.

Also, as parents please be sure to:

**OUR CHARACTER
TRAIT FOR THE
MONTH OF
NOVEMBER IS
"CITIZENSHIP"**

UPCOMING EVENTS

**11/1 - 11/4 READING
INVENTORY (RI)
ASSESSMENT WINDOW** (3rd
- 8th grade EL students only)

11/1 - 2 Dia de los Muertos

11/3 Election Day 2020

**11/2 - 11/6 Parent
Conferences continued**

**11/4 Spanish Placement Test
(8th grade only) @ 10:00am**

**11/4 Monthly school
supply/resource drive-thru,
including 1st quarter**

- Check on them to see how they are doing and that they are participating in their zoom lessons (either in person if you're home, or by phone calls during the day)
- Have your child take part in teacher office hours for extra help if needed (9:00-9:30, 1:45-2:15 on Wed), and per each teachers' schedule throughout the week
- Have your child take part in our after school program for extra help if needed, from 2:30-6:00 each day, via Zoom (links are in your child's google classroom)
- Contact our school office to let us know if your child is going to be absent all day or part of the day, and why (illness, appointment, etc.)
- Communicate with your child's teacher

Make each day the VERY BEST it can be by being fully prepared and ready for your day! Thank you to all of those students who are on time and prepared each day for your classes. We know when our students are prepared and ready for their day, it's because of the support they're receiving to encourage them to do so. Thank you!!

With much hope, care, and encouragement
Mrs. Guglielmana (Mrs. G)

Here is a link to our Eastin-Arcola introduction video, produced by our district communications department. A video was produced for each school. This was linked last month, and is linked again for those who may not have had a chance to view it. We're so proud of our school!!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Huos70CagGg&t=33s>

SCHOOL NEWS

RED RIBBON WEEK & FALL FUN DRIVE THRU

The last week in October we enjoyed Red Ribbon Week. Along with teaching our students about living a healthy, drug-free lifestyle, we also enjoyed some fun dress-up days. We had a lot of fun dressing up and seeing our students dress up during their Zoom classes. Here was our schedule:

EA Red Ribbon Week dress up days

We also enjoyed a Fall Fun Drive-thru to go along with our Wednesday costume day. Our staff dressed up in costumes and greeted our students (who optionally dressed in costumes) as they came through our Wednesday drive-thru. We handed out treat bags, coloring/craft/game packets, and Red Ribbon Week wristbands and pencils. It was a lot of fun, and we enjoyed this school community event. Here is a link to the photos below:

Academic Awards, and weekly meal distribution drive-thru @ 11:00 - 12:30

11/6 Wildcat Spirit Day!

11/9 School Site Council Meeting (SSC) @ 3:00 pm, via Zoom

11/11 NO SCHOOL, Veteran's Day Holiday

11/12 Weekly meal distribution drive-thru @ 11:00 - 12:30 (notice change of day due to Veteran's Day Holiday yesterday)

11/13 Wildcat Spirit Day!

11/16 Wildcat Parent Club Mtg (WPC) @ 3:00 pm, via Zoom

11/18 ENGLISH LEARNER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ELAC) Meeting @ 3:00 pm, via Zoom

11/20 Wildcat Spirit Day!

11/23 - 27 NO SCHOOL, Thanksgiving Holiday Week

NOVEMBER ASSESSMENT CALENDAR

READING INVENTORY (RI), 3rd - 8th grade EL's thru November 4

**SPANISH PLACEMENT TEST,
any interested 8th grade
students on November 4 at
10:00 am, via Zoom.**





ATTENDANCE / PARTICIPATION / GRADES / HEALTH

GRADES

Our 1st quarter report cards were mailed home the week after our quarter ended, and our teachers are also going over report card grades with our parents during their parent conferences. Some of our students really worked hard and earned some great grades for the 1st quarter. Way to go Wildcats!

We also have some students who didn't put in as much effort in completing their daily assignments and making sure to submit them for credit. We're encouraging them to be more focused and responsible this quarter to make sure they stay on top of their assignments, to get them completed and makeup work turned in.

ATTENDANCE

Remember, attendance is taken DAILY, even on Wednesdays!! Students must attend their Zoom sessions on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday in order to be marked present for daily attendance. On Wednesdays, students MUST turn in (submit) their assigned work, check in with their teacher, complete online expectations, etc. in order to be marked present for the day. If students don't turn in their work or check in with their teacher on Wednesdays, they are marked absent. Our primary classes are consistently showing great attendance each week, with weekly rates higher than 95%. Way to go primary students, for attending your class zooms each day!



PARTICIPATION

We ask that all students fully participate in their daily zoom lessons each day. We highly suggest students keep their cameras on to fully engage in their lessons, however it's not required. If students choose to keep their cameras off, they must participate verbally when called on to respond, and/or type responses in the chat box, through Pear Deck, etc. We need to know students are participating in the lessons each day, and most of all we enjoy interacting with them!

A NOTE FROM OUR NURSE

Here are some helpful health tips from our school nurse.

November Notes From Our School Nurse



SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING (SEL) & CHARACTER EDUCATION

Our students continue to receive **Second Step** instruction in social and emotional learning with units on skills for learning, empathy, emotion management, friendship skills, and problem solving. This month our K-5th grade class are focusing on "Empathy and Skills for Learning", and 6th - 8th grades are focusing on "Mindset and Goals". Take time to ask your child what they're learning in Second Step each week, and how they are using that in their daily lives.

Our character trait for the month of November is CITIZENSHIP. We're teaching our students the value of being a good citizen - at home, at school, in their community, and in our city/state/country. Here are some of our key points we're focusing on this month when learning about citizenship:

- ***Help your neighbors***
- ***Help to keep your community clean***
- ***Volunteer when you can***
- ***Follow rules and laws***
- ***Show honor to our country's flag***
- ***Be thankful for the soldiers who protect our freedom***
- ***Remember to vote when you come of age***

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

DIA DE LOS MUERTOS

The multi-day holiday that involves family and friends gathering to pray for and to remember friends and family members who have died. It is a celebration of life and death. This year it is celebrated on November 1st -



UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

2nd.

ELECTION DAY

For those over the age of 18, be sure to vote on November 3rd! The U.S. Constitution reminds us that voting is a right and a privilege, and allows us to participate in the process of allowing your voice to be heard. This supports our character trait of the month - **CITIZENSHIP!**



ASSESSMENTS

READING INVENTORY (RI): Our 3rd - 8th grade students are taking the RI district assessment, which measures students' reading comprehension levels. This assessment is being used as part of our English-Learner reclassification criteria.

SPANISH PLACEMENT TEST: All 8th graders in our district are given the opportunity to take the Spanish Placement Test, which will help to appropriately place students in higher level courses and provide access to higher level Spanish courses sooner. It also creates more room in their schedule in high school to take other courses, can help them waive the CSU/UC language requirement, and possibly receive a seal of biliteracy upon graduation. What a great opportunity. This assessment is being given by our Spanish teacher on Wednesday, November 4 at 10:00 am, via Zoom.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Our parent-teacher conferences are continuing for another week, November 2 - 6. We are thankful for these opportunities to meet with our parents and review the progress your child has made during the 1st quarter of school.



MONTHLY SUPPLY/RESOURCE DISTRIBUTION

Our monthly supply/resource distribution will take place Wednesday, November 4 during our regular weekly meal distribution. All students are receiving a new bag of school supplies to use at home, and some other curricular resources from their teacher. We've also included our monthly character information as well.



UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

1st QUARTER ACADEMIC AWARDS

We will present our 1st quarter academic awards to each student during our Wednesday drive-thru on November 4, and cheer them on as we announce their name and award. We're so proud of our students and all they have accomplished this 1st quarter. Great job!!



VETERAN'S DAY

Veteran's Day is a federal holiday in the United States observed annually on November 11, for honoring military



veterans, that is, persons who have served in the United States Armed Forces. We are so thankful to our Veterans' who have fought for our freedom.

WILDCAT PARENT CLUB

Join our Wildcat Parent Club (WPC) meeting on Monday, November 16 @ 3:00 pm, via Zoom. A notice will be sent out via Parent Square with the Zoom link. Spanish interpretation will be provided.

THANKSGIVING WEEK

November 23 - 27 is **Thanksgiving Vacation** week (NO SCHOOL), and therefore we won't have Zoom classes or school all week. We hope all of you have a wonderful Thanksgiving with your families and enjoy some much-deserved time of rest and relaxation, taking time to be thankful for your blessings.



WILDCAT SPIRIT DAYS

Each Friday we encourage our students to wear their Eastin-Arcola Wildcat t-shirts to their Zoom classes and show their school spirit. Whether at home or at school.... we love to show our WILDCAT PRIDE!! (We will have a new order of t-shirts coming in soon, with our new Wildcat design!



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