

Einstein Events



Growing Today, Preparing for Tomorrow

October 2023

A Monthly Parent Newsletter

No. 3

Our mission at Einstein Middle School is to empower each student to become a respectful, caring, responsible person by providing a challenging academic program which promotes success, fosters a life-long love of learning and encourages community service.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our Open House held in August, was a big success with many of our parents and guardians attending. I know our teachers enjoy this evening given the opportunity to match a name with a face. I would like to thank you for supporting our teaching staff and being closely involved in your child's education. It is very true that an essential component to successful schools is strong parent involvement. Certainly, the evening illustrated a solid commitment on the part of your participation.

Conferences are just around the corner, Oct. 3, 5, and 9 from 4:15-8:00pm. An email was sent to all parents on Wednesday containing team links to sign-up. If you have any difficulties with this our secretaries can assist when you call 920-852-5420. Thank you in advance to those parents who have contributed to the conference dinners-we appreciate your support!

Our first Activity/Dance Event is today right after school from 3:30-5:00pm. Tickets are sold at the multi-purpose room entrance for \$3 per person.

Great News! Our Veterans Day Committee met recently to plan our fundraising to support Patriot K9's of WI and the Old Glory Honor Flight on November 10, 2022. We will be hosting our Veterans for breakfast in the multi-purpose room that morning, from 7:30-8:20 a.m., followed by the Veterans Day Program from 8:30-9:30 a.m. in the gymnasium.

Celebrations like this help to instill in our students gratitude for Veterans and a lifelong respect for the contributions Veterans have made. Thank you so much for helping celebrations like this be successful at Einstein! Stay tuned for more details.

I want to reemphasize our commitment to providing the best possible successful school experience for your child. Our entire Einstein staff takes this responsibility very seriously. In order to accomplish this, we need your continued support and communication. If you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to stop in or call our main office number at 920-852-5420.

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David Mueller, Principal

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David B. Mueller, Principal ~ Joseph Bernhardt, Associate Principal



From the Desk of Mr. Bernhardt

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Drop Off

Thank you to everyone for really doing a nice job dropping your child off in the morning. Just a reminder that if you are dropping your child off in the turnaround/horseshoe area on Durkee Street, please remember a few things:

1. Please stay to the left of the buses. Do not use the right lane.
2. Please pull all the way up to the crosswalks in front of Entrance B (this avoids congestion on Durkee Street).
3. Please have your child **“pick up the pace”** by getting their things out of the car and move to their entrance door.
4. **Please do not go around cars in the left lane, wait patiently**, students are crossing and they may not see you or you may not see them.
5. Finally, **please do not pick your child up in the parking lot after school**. Due to the number of cars entering and leaving students are not safe in the parking lot.

Thank you for keeping our students safe!

Attendance

Just a reminder that if your child is going to be sick or tardy please call the school office at 920-852-5420 between 7:00 – 8:00 AM to inform school officials of your child’s absence or tardiness and the reason for it. **If a student is not called in, those students are marked unexcused.** Those students who are not in their appropriate classroom and ready for class when the bell rings at 7:50 AM are considered tardy. Students that receive 3 tardies will then serve a detention. These tardies can be to school or to classes during the day. If tardies become chronic, additional measures will be taken.

Students are also allowed to miss up to 10 days during the school year. **Please don’t use all of those days up right away.** After 10 missed days of school, we will ask for a doctor’s excuse. Regular attendance is a necessary factor in achieving success. Work missed can never be made up in a completely satisfactory manner because the value of class activities is missed forever.

Bully & Incident Reporting – Speak Up, Speak Out

If you think there's a threat to you, a friend, your school, or the community, don't wait. **SPEAK UP, SPEAK OUT** with an anonymous tip that can bring much-needed help. The **SPEAK UP, SPEAK OUT** School Resource Center isn't just for students. Parents and community members can submit a confidential tip when they notice unsafe or risky behaviors that might be putting their child, other children, or the community in danger.

Students, parents, school staff, or any community members can submit a school safety concern or threat via a website, mobile phone application, or toll-free number. We recommend typing in "AASD" into the search field to see all AASD schools.

- [Submit a tip now](https://speakup.widj.gov) speakup.widj.gov
- You may also make a report using your smartphone by downloading the **SPEAK UP, SPEAK OUT** app from the [Apple Store](#) and [Google Play](#)
- or by calling 1-800-MY-SUSO-1 to speak to a resource center analyst.

Call 911 if this is an emergency or a crime in progress.

This system can be used to identify not just threats to schools, but also other daily safety concerns students encounter, such as bullying, drug use, self-harm, suicidal thoughts, and more. Resource center staff work around-the-clock to respond to tips and to deploy a response locally by communicating directly with school administrators, law enforcement, and counselors.

Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS)

Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) is the framework that we use to teach our school-wide expectations to prevent unwanted behaviors. We have set up monthly incentives that focus on a targeted skill. We will share the monthly incentives with you in our newsletters. Here is October's incentive.

Thank you for being here! – (October 2nd - October 18th)

- No major behaviors, No ISS, No OSS
- Free Greenville Passes - **10 winners total**

Eagle Buck Drawings:

Grab Bag Incentive (sponsored by teachers) - 5 winners per week (October 6, 13, 20, and 26)

What Is Needed To Play Sports

The majority of the paperwork that has been filled out in the past with paper/pencil will now be done online electronically in a google form. Please click the link below for the online form that you can fill out if your child is going to take part in a co-curricular/sport at Einstein Middle School during the 2023-24 school year. Each athlete has to have one completed form each school year. If you have multiple children participating, you will

need to fill out one form for each. A \$40 participation fee for each sport should be turned into the office before each season.

- **Hard copy still needed for...**
 - Physical forms (good for 2 years)
 - Physicals have to be signed and dated by your medical provider.
 - **Physical forms need to be on file with Einstein Middle School before a student can practice**

- **Forms that are now electronic**
 - Concussion/Cardiac Arrest
 - Code of conduct
 - Liability waiver
 - Alternate year form (needed in year 2 of a physical)

As stated above, we will still need a doctors' signature on a WIAA physical form in order for your child to try out and participate in athletics. The sports form can be found here:

http://www.aasd.k12.wi.us/families/athletic_forms

- **Fall Sports:** Cross Country, 8th Football (ONLY), Girls Softball, 8th Grade Girls Volleyball
- **Winter:** Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Wrestling
- **Spring:** Track, 7th grade Girls Volleyball

Middle Level Athletic Agreement Forms :

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1rqSvCZxulTEbYamA9gsWv_aTn_DdYIXR9DXCn9L9gDk/edit

Boys' Basketball

Boys' basketball tryouts will be the week of October 16 – 18. Players will be notified if they have made the team after practice on October 18. There will be a parent meeting on Thursday, October 26, from 4:45 – 5:15 in the gym.

High Academic Honors 2023-2024

Students who earn a cumulative GPA of 3.66 and higher with no failing grades on report cards (through 3rd quarter) will be invited, along with their parents, to the Einstein High Academic Honors program in May. Students with a 4.0 GPA will receive special recognition.

Soaring Eagle Award 2023-2024

Students who earn all 3's and 4's in Career and Life Skills (through 3rd quarter) AND have no more than one major behavior / NO ISS or OSS (entire year) will be acknowledged at the end of the school year during a grade-level celebration.

2023 Fall Parent Teacher Conference Dates

Our fall parent-teacher conferences are literally right around the corner. We look forward to meeting with you and have scheduled several different dates and times in order to accommodate everyone's busy schedules so that each of you have an opportunity to meet with your child's teachers.

We will be scheduling conferences through [online conference sign up](#). We ask that you go to:

Blue Team:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4DAFAD2DA3F58-44541798-blue>

Orange Team:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080C4AAAA929AA8-einstein2#/>

Purple Team:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0449A8AF2DA64-44585280-einstein>

Red Team:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E44AEA722A2F5C61-44647729-redteam>

Yellow Team:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E44A8AE2DABFEC34-44556574-2023>

Green Team:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D44A4AD2FA4F58-44612788-green#/>

Sign up for **ONE** of the available times for your child. All directions for signing up online are contained within the link provided by team. We have also posted this link onto Einstein's facebook and district homepage so we encourage you to ask your child to show you how to access team information through this venue. From that link, you will be able to sign up for your preferred conference time. An "alert now" message with all team's links for sign up will be sent out this Thursday as a reminder.

If you are unable to sign up online please call the main office (852-5420) between 7:00 am and 4:00 pm, to set up a time. Please be prepared to provide your child's name and the preferred dates and times that you would be available to attend conferences.

Again, we strongly encourage parents to take every opportunity to meet with their child's instructors this fall. Our staff members are excited to meet with you to discuss your child's achievement. Listed below are the conference dates/times. On the reverse side you will find a listing of our part-time teachers along with their available conference times. This will assist you in choosing a conference date and time. Please understand your confirmed conference time is the time in which you will meet with your child's Science, Social Studies, ELA (English Language Arts), and Math.

Family and Consumer Education, Tech. Ed, Art, and Physical Ed. Teachers, Music and World Language teachers can be seen prior to or after your confirmed conference in the Library Media Center.

Fall Conference Dates and Times

Tuesday, October 3rd from 4:15 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 5th from 4:15 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Monday, October 9th from 4:15 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

In addition, we also want to reemphasize that our spring parent-teacher conferences, like previous years, will not be pre-scheduled. This change in format for the spring session has gone very well for the past several years and has allowed parents an opportunity to visit with their child's instructors as needed in the spring. With only one date scheduled in the spring, we have purposely shifted more available conference time to the fall in order to have the greatest communication impact early on in the year. More information about spring conference times will be forwarded to you in the winter months.

Part-time teacher schedules for Fall conference dates:

Mr. Gilbert (Phy Ed) - Tues, 10/3 4:15-8:00 pm, and Thurs, 10/5 4:15-8:00 pm

Ms. Burdeau (Phy Ed) - Tues, 10/3 5:45-8:00 pm

Mr. Moua (Phy Ed) - Tues, 10/3 4:15-8:00 pm, and Mon, 10/9 4:15-8:00 pm

Mr. Grover (Exploratory Music) - Thurs, 10/5 4:15-5:10 pm

Mr. Heckner (Orchestra) - Thurs, 10/5 4:15-8:00 pm

Mrs. Juhl (Band) - Tues, 10/3 4:15-6:45 pm, and Thurs, 10/5 4:15-6:45 pm

Einstein Staff Conference Meals Fall 2023!!

Every year we appreciate all of the support and contributions we receive from our Einstein parents/families. This year, we will be putting on the following meals with your help:

Tuesday, October 3rd -- Taco Tuesday

Thursday, October 5th -- Zuppas Take and Bake Meals, Sides, Drinks, Desserts

Monday, October 9th -- Pulled Pork/Chicken, Sides, Drinks, Desserts

If you would like to contribute, please sign up below. Please have your item(s) to the Einstein main office by 2:00 p.m. on the day of your sign-up. Thank you so much - we appreciate it!!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A084AACA923A31-44639020-einstein>

K9 Searches at Secondary Schools to Resume

We will be reactivating our District's Safety and Security coordinated exercises with the K9 Unit from our law enforcement partners at the Appleton Police Department. APD will be bringing K9 Units to our secondary schools to check the building and grounds.

Prior to the pandemic, K9 searches of our middle and high schools occurred several times each school year. At no time will the canines or the search teams have direct interaction with students while searches are being conducted. This proactive step will be taken periodically to ensure our buildings are clear of any illegal substances and is part of regular procedures to ensure the safety and security of our students.

When this occurs we will put the school in a "hold" so students will stay in their classrooms and instruction can take place without interruption. In a hold, students and staff remain in their classrooms, even if there is a scheduled class change, until the all-clear is announced. Class continues as usual. Students in cafeterias or gyms remain there. Families will be made aware of the K9 search upon its conclusion.

Holds are part of the [Standard Response Protocol \(SRP\)](#), which the Appleton Area School District began utilizing this school year to respond to security incidents. Holds are used in different scenarios, including:

- Medical emergency (staff or student)
- Altercation
- Spill

Thank you for your support in keeping AASD schools a safe place for all of our students.

Einstein to begin a new Eagle Time Schedule

Response to Instruction: Mondays & Fridays

On Mondays and Fridays during Eagle Time (7:50 am - 8:35 am), **teachers** may request to meet with students who need additional learning/support, or who need to complete or retake an assessment. When not requested by a teacher, students are expected to work on assignments, independently read, and/or practice XtraMath, an online mathematical fluency program.

Response to Intervention: Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays

Tuesdays through Thursdays during Eagle Time (7:50 am - 8:35 am), **Math and ELA teachers** will be running intervention groups for students who need extra learning/support in these areas. If not in an intervention group, students are expected to work on i-Ready My Path lessons, read independently and practice XtraMath, an online mathematical fluency program.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Response to Instruction	Response to Intervention	Response to Intervention	Response to Intervention	Response to Instruction

Medication Forms

In compliance with Wisconsin State Law, the Appleton Area School District has adopted a policy for the administration of medications. For school personnel to administer medication safely and efficiently, parents/guardians and/or adult students must comply with district policy. Medications should be administered at home whenever possible. Parents/guardians are urged to consult with the prescribing practitioner to determine if medications can be scheduled outside school hours. In the event that this is not possible, designated district staff will administer medication according to district policy (453.4) Medication forms may be obtained from the school office or by completing forms found here: https://www.aasd.k12.wi.us/families/student_health/medication_forms

Visting Einstein? Please check in/out at the new kiosk!

New office kiosk!

Students, please check in and check out at the NEW office kiosk.



See the additional attached document for more details!

Reminder for student absences or appointments.

Absence Request Process <https://www.aasd.k12.wi.us/families/attendance>

It's very important that you notify the school when your child will be absent. This can be done by phone call, email, or parents/guardians can use the Absence Request found on Campus Parent/Parent Portal

(<https://appletonwi.infinitecampus.org/campus/portal/appleton.jsptool>)

to submit a request that informs the office in advance when their student is not going to be in school.

This new feature can be used as an alternative to the traditional phone calls to the school office. Please see the instructions, [found here](#), on how to submit an Absence Request via the Campus Portal.

ATTEND
Work Hard
REPEAT

ABSENCES CAN ADD UP QUICKLY.
A STUDENT IS CHRONICALLY
ABSENT IF THEY MISS JUST TWO
DAYS EVERY MONTH!

EMBRACE THE EVERY DAY

Reminder to online register

Annual student registration is required for students grades K - 12. Registration should be completed by the primary

household of current families each July via the **Infinite Campus Parent Portal** at:

<https://appletonwi.infinitecampus.org/campus/portal/appleton.jsp>

When logged into the Parent Portal, select "More" and then "Online Registration" located in the left side menu. Click "Start" next to "Existing Student Annual Registration" to begin registration.

For each section follow the on-screen prompts. Click "Next" and "Save and Continue" to move through each section. A red * indicates a required field and yellow highlights indicate missing information. When you have finished, click "Submit". You will then receive a confirmation email. Registration is not complete until "Submit" is selected.

For further questions regarding enrollment information please visit:

<https://www.aasd.k12.wi.us/families/registration> For technical support please contact AASD's helpdesk at 920-852-5555 extension 63159.

Veterans Day Program

Einstein will host its annual Veterans Day program on Friday, November 10, 2023. A free breakfast is provided for Veterans from 7:30-8:30 a.m. in the cafeteria. The program will follow in the gym from 8:30-9:30 a.m. In addition, a panel discussion will begin immediately following the program in the auditorium with any Veteran who would like to speak with 8th-grade students. The community and all Veterans are invited to attend!

We will once again be requesting food donations for the breakfast on Sign Up Genius. Please watch for the Facebook post and other announcements regarding this later in October. We appreciate your support and generosity.



Old Glory Honor Flight

Join Einstein Service Club, students, families and staff as they welcome home the Old Glory Honor Flight on Sunday, October 1st. We will meet at Appleton Airport's W6400 Hangar at 11:30am. Help us welcome home these vets! Einstein students will be handing out tissue paper flowers, medallions, a poem and candy to each vet. It's never too late to say thank you! Check out the details below.

Freedom to Liberty Tour: A Mission of Healing WELCOME HOME RECEPTION

Date: Oct. 1, 2023

Time: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

The Freedom to Liberty Tour: A Mission of Healing will head to New York City to visit the 9/11 Memorial, 9/11 Museum, the Freedom Tower and the Statue of Liberty. This multi-day tour is set for September 28 through October 1, 2023. The mission will include fifty eight veterans who served during the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT) as a means to honor and thank them for their service and to remind them that their service mattered. This mission, which is free to the veterans, will provide a meaningful opportunity for them to heal and bond with other GWOT vets.

Friends and Family, let's Welcome them home! Join us at Appleton Airport's W6400 Hangar located just south of the airport. Park in long term parking, parking fees may apply. The vet's will arrive on Allegiant Charter flight #4906 at 12:10pm. Doors open to the Hangar at 11:00am. Once the vet's arrive, we'll celebrate with a short presentation and then it's time to listen to the music of [American Platinum](#), plus we'll have beverages, snacks, Old Glory merchandise, giveaways and more!

Thank you to our partners at Konop Catering, General Beer, PepsiCo Valor and ATW!

Location: W6400 Challenger Dr., Located in Airplane Hangar just south of ATW



TOUGH KID CHALLENGE

Saturday, October 7, 2023

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Highlands Elementary School



Fox Valley Tough Kid Challenge (TKC) is an obstacle course event and fundraiser for the Appleton Area School District's physical education department featuring kid-friendly yet challenging obstacles.

It features a 1.55-mile course and 30 obstacles that challenge the agility and strength of our participants. This year the course has a few new twists and turns!

This event is for all kids ages 5 through 13 years of age.

Cost: \$15 per participant

After September 30th, the cost will increase to \$20 per participant.

To Register:

1. Go online.
2. Type in "**Fox Valley Tough Kid Challenge 2023 Eventbrite**" in your browser to direct you to the registration page.

OR...Use your camera app on your smartphone to scan the QR code to take you to the registration page.