

# Einstein Events

*Growing Today, Preparing for Tomorrow*



September 2023

A Monthly Parent Newsletter

No. 1

*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,

Wow! The first four days were a huge success as students were, for the most part, excited to get back in the swing of things. Most of the students I spoke to had a hard time adjusting to waking up earlier than usual ...and so did the staff.

I enjoyed meeting and speaking with many of you during our August Open House. It's always a pleasure to welcome returning families as well as new families to our middle school. Our school community is a special place with a history of excellence and numerous opportunities that you can join us at and get involved in. Thank you to all of the club volunteers who donated their time during the open house and for your generous donations for our Un-fundraiser. It is greatly appreciated.

This past week, we conducted our fire and tornado drills, educated our students about our PBIS matrix "teach to's" on how to act in all school settings and handed out the student planners to all students.

This Wednesday, Harmann Studios will be on site to take student pictures for the yearbook and student ID's will be printed on-site.

Bonding day for all teams is scheduled for this Friday, September 15. This event provides an opportunity for staff and students to make meaningful connections with peers on their team so that a positive tone is set for the rest of the school year.

We understand a growing number of families are experiencing financial hardships due to the current challenging economy. Einstein has financial support available for students in need. **Project Starfish** can cover a myriad of fees including ski outings, dances, field trips and various activities. Simply contact our main office should a need for financial support arise.

Even though there is construction in the main parking lot, entrance G, for the multi-purpose room is still operational the entire school day and during our sporting events. The view is blocked by fencing from the parking lot vantage point, but it's still operational.

The bike racks are also available for students to use, even though it may take them an additional two minutes to walk around the fenced-in area facing Florida Avenue.

Both, the commons and classroom wing additions, are expected to be completed in April, 2024.

I would like to let 7th grade parents know that when dropping off your student in the morning in the 7th grade semi-circle, please use the left lane and pull all of the way up to make room for other vehicles entering off of Durkee St. The right lane is strictly for buses. Thank you for your cooperation.

Our entire staff wants every child to receive the best education possible and we will need your ongoing support and communication to reach this goal. As we move through the course of the school year, don't hesitate to call if you have any questions. Our staff looks forward to a productive and enjoyable school year.

Respectfully,

David B. Mueller, Principal

**Einstein Middle School, 324 E. Florida Avenue, Appleton, WI 54911 ~ 832-6240**

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**Joe Bernhardt, Associate Principal**



**From the Desk of Mr. Bernhardt**

**September 2023**

Welcome back! It's great to see the students back in the building, finding their classes and getting to class on time. Please reinforce with your child if they have any issues to talk to their teacher or someone in the office.

### **i-Ready**

Just an FYI we will start the fall i-Ready math and reading diagnostic on Thursday, September 14 and will continue the week of September 18 – 22 during Eagle Time. There will be no testing on Friday, September 15 due to bonding day.

### **Drop Off**

When dropping off your child in the morning in the half circle please use the left lane. Please remember to pull all the way up to allow more cars to enter the drop off area. Remember, have your child be quick getting out of the car. 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](https://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. To get the year started, we want to share September and October's incentive.

### **Attendance Incentive** (Sept. 5th-29th)

- Attendance checks throughout September
- September 22nd plus two other random days
- Students in attendance on those days will receive a surprise at the end of the school day
- **Eagle Buck Drawing:** Drawing for football pass (West/North Homecoming - 20 winners. 10 West/10 North)

### **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

## **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](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](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1rqSvCZxulTEbYamA9gsWv_aTn_DdYIXR9DXCn9L9gDk/edit)

## **Boys Basketball**

Please have your child be on the lookout for an announcement from Mr. Gilbert regarding boys' basketball tryouts. He will have an informational meeting on Wednesday, September 27 during the lunches in a location to be determined. Contact Mr. Gilbert if you have questions regarding basketball.

## Medication Forms

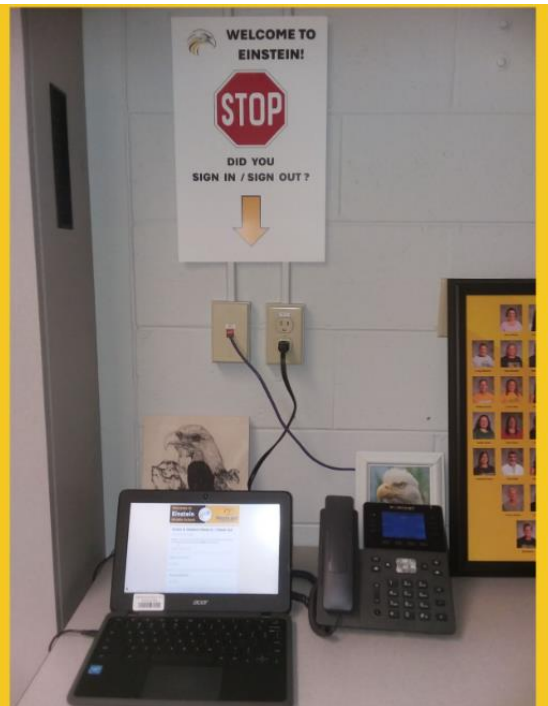
In compliance with Wisconsin State Law, the Appleton Area School District has adopted a policy for the administration of medications. For school personnel to administer medication safely and efficiently, parents/guardians and/or adult students must comply with district policy.

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](https://www.aasd.k12.wi.us/families/student_health/medication_forms)

## **New office kiosk!**

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



*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) (<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](#)

(<https://www.aasd.k12.wi.us/common/pages/DisplayFile.aspx?itemId=14365360>),

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



**REGISTRATION**

*Now Open!*

**FAMILIES,  
ENROLL NOW!**



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.

## **High Academic Honors 2023-2024**

### **Einstein Middle School**



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

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# Soaring Eagle Award 2023-2024

## Einstein Middle School

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.

## Calling all skiers and snowboarders!



Einstein's ski club will be starting up before you know it. There will be information available during the week of Oct. 2-6. Packets of information will be available to take home explaining the club. In a nutshell, it is a 4-package trip whereby we go to Nordic Mountain on Friday nights in December, January and early February. Ski Club is open to all 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders at Einstein, even if they've never skied before. Bus fees will need to be turned into Mrs. Mick **before October 26th**, but all Nordic fees are now paid **ONLINE** through their new registration system. No late forms will be accepted. We do cap the number of students at 150, so turning in forms early will give students a better chance of being able to take part. We hope to have a full load of students participating this year, so come and join the fun!

**FIRST SKI TRIP: Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**SECOND SKI TRIP: Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**THIRD SKI TRIP: Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**Fourth ski trip: Friday, February 9th**  
**MAKE-UP DATE: Friday, February 16th**



Einstein Service Club will be welcoming home the Old Glory Honor Flight participants at the Welcome Home Reception on Sunday, October 1st at the Appleton airport. We would love for your family to join us! The students will be presenting the veterans with tissue paper flowers, poems, and a small gift. Join us in the celebration by thanking these veterans for their service. We will meet at the Appleton airport with our posters at 11:30 AM with the expected arrival of the plane at 12:15 PM. Remember to wear red, white and blue! Questions? Contact Ms. Aldana at

[aldanasara@asd.k12.wi.us](mailto:aldanasara@asd.k12.wi.us)

