

# Einstein Events



*Growing Today, Preparing for Tomorrow*

December 2023

A Monthly Parent Newsletter

No. 5

*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,

I hope that all of you had a safe and eventful Thanksgiving break by spending quality time with friends and family.

For the 21st consecutive year, Einstein presented a tribute to Veterans titled "Animals in the Military" on November 10.

In keeping with tradition, 8th-grade students made posters to commemorate the service of Veterans living in our community and abroad. These posters were located on the expandable wall in the LMC. In order to complete this student-led project, students needed to speak with or research their Veteran and gather information about his or her service. Our hope with this project was that students gained a greater awareness of the Veterans among us and the sacrifice that they have made for our nation.

The 8th grade orchestra students performed "To Dance in the Fields of Glory." Our 7th and 8th grade bands performed the "Armed Forces Medley." Our choir performed "America the Beautiful."

and an interview of Mrs. Ennis on "We Are Green Bay.com" was posted on their site. Here is the link:

[‘History needs to be something that comes alive’: Einstein Middle School hosts record-setting Veteran’s Day ceremony | WFRV Local 5 - Green Bay, Appleton \(wearegreenbay.com\)](#)

The Service Club is conducting a canned food drive, for the Salvation Army, for the month of December titled, "The 12 Days of Giving Canned Food Drive." More information is located in this newsletter.

Nominations for the 5th Annual Excellence in Education Shining Stars Award, are open and the Fox Cities Chamber is thrilled to recognize our outstanding population of teachers. Nominations close on Wednesday, January 10, 2024 @ 3PM. Recipients will be celebrated on March 21 2024. If you have questions, email Aimee Herrick at [aherrick@foxcc.net](mailto:aherrick@foxcc.net). Here is the [link](#) to nominate a teacher.

In addition, students raised a record amount of \$14,000 for the Old Glory Honor Flight and Patriot K9's of WI. Thank you to all of the Einstein students and parents for their support of this worthy cause!

The entire Veterans Day program was recorded and linked to our Facebook site:  
<https://www.wevideo.com/view/3239247089>

Respectfully,

David B. Mueller, Principal

Einstein Middle School, 324 E. Florida Avenue, Appleton, WI 54911 ~ | 920-852-5420  
David B. Mueller, Principal ~ Joseph T. Bernhardt, Associate Principal



**From the Desk of the Associate Principal, Mr. Bernhardt**

## **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 the student's absence or tardiness and the reason for it. If we do not receive a call from you, your child is marked unexcused.

Students have 10 days that they can be absent during the school year. Please do not use all those days up right away or do not use them if you do not need to. Research has shown there is a high correlation between school attendance and academic performance. By attending class regularly, your child will be more likely to keep up with daily lessons. These lessons tend to build upon the lesson the day before. It is very difficult for students to make up experiments, discussions in class, or even lectures by the teacher.

As a parent, here are a few things you can do to make sure your child is successful:

1. Make sure your child goes to school regularly and gets to school on time.

2. If your child starts to “miss” school or does not want to go, please contact the school right away. We will work with you and your child to develop a plan on how to help your child out.
3. Although it is not always possible, please try to take family vacations or schedule appointments while students are off from school.

Remember, regular attendance is a necessary factor in achieving success!

## **Athletics**

Girls’ basketball starts on Monday, December 18, 2023, and wrestling will begin on Monday, January 8, 2024.

If your son or daughter will be participating in those sports. I encourage you to get the following things done ASAP so your child will be able to participate in the sport they are going out for and not have to sit on the side and watch practice or tryouts.

1. Please get a physical and have it on file in the office. If your child has a physical on file from last school year, in the Einstein Office, please fill out an alternate waiver form.
2. Fill out the Concussion Form
3. Fill out the Code of Conduct Form
4. Please pay your \$40 Participation Fee (for those trying out, this can be done after you made the team)

## **PBIS Incentive**

### **Behavior Incentive** (Dec.1st- Dec.21<sup>st</sup> )

- No major behaviors, No ISS, No OSS
- Dodgeball or Movie Incentive

### **Eagle Buck Drawings:**

- December 1, 8, 15 – Feeling festive bags - 3 winners / Hot chocolate (end of day) - 5 winners.

**On Thursday, December 21st (Last day before break)** - all students who qualify will be able to participate in the organized afternoon activities.

## **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.

### **Spot Vision**

The Appleton Area School District, in collaboration with the Appleton Noon Lions Club, will provide vision screenings for students at Einstein Middle School on January 10, 2024. Volunteers from the Appleton Noon Lions Club will be doing the screening with a SPOT camera, an automated vision screening technology. The screening time for a student is typically less than 10 seconds, and parents are provided with a printed summary of the vision screening results. If your child currently wears prescription eyeglasses or contact lenses, please be sure he/she is wearing the prescription lenses for this screening. If you do not wish to have your child participate in this vision screening, please contact our school office at 920-852-5420. Thank you!

### **i-Ready Exam**

Students will be taking the winter i-Ready assessment January 4 – 10. The schedule is listed below. Please try to avoid those days when scheduling appointments.

Thursday, January 4 - Eagle Time and ELA Class (Reading)

Friday, January 5 - Eagle Time and Geo/History (Reading)

Monday, January 8 - Eagle Time and Math Class (Math)

Tuesday, January 9 - Eagle Time and Science Class (Math)

Wednesday, January 10 - Make Up (7th Grade AM)/(8th Grade PM)

Happy Holidays!!!

Einstein's main office phone number has changed as of August 1, 2023. Please update your contact information for the **NEW 920-852-5420** number. Thank you!

**5th and 6th Grade Parent Orientation**

**Thursday, December 7, 2023**

**Current 5th grade parents**

6:30-7:15 p.m. — Start in the auditorium (presentation from Admin)

7:15-8:00 p.m. — Meet in the MPR (guided tours, social)

**Current 6th grade parents**

6:30-7:15 p.m. — Start in the MPR (guided tours, social)

7:15-8:00 p.m. — Auditorium (presentation from Admin)

**Annual food drive collection**

Einstein's annual food drive collection will take place December 1-18. This year our theme is: The Twelve Days of Giving. See the attached calendar for the speciality item of the day. These items will be worth 5 points on their special day! Students should drop off their can food items at their designated team room before heading to homeroom each day. Thanks in advance for your support! We love making a difference at Einstein!

Einstein Middle School Presents...The 12 Days of Giving!

December 2023

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Each item is worth 1 point but each daily super item is worth 5 points!

\*Ramen is always 1 point

\*Kool-Aid packets/Crystal Light packets are always 1 point

The winning teams at each grade level will receive a popcorn party!

Help us stock the shelves of area pantries.

**SUPER ITEMS OF THE DAY: 5 POINTS EACH!**



Macaroni & Cheese 1

**MACARONI  
CHEESE  
AND  
YES PLEASE**

Canned Vegetables  
4 & Baby Food



Rice and Bottled  
Water 5



Baked Good Mixes 6  
(boxes, muffins, cookies,  
cupcakes)



Meals in a Box 7  
(Hamburger Helper,  
Tuna Helper, etc.)

**Hamburger  
Helper®**

Pasta and Sauce 8



Canned Soups,  
Stews and Chili 11



Pork and Beans 12



Canned Fish or  
Meat 13




Cereals, Oatmeal & 14  
Granola Bars



Peanut Butter and 15  
Nutella



Canned Fruit & Juices 	18	Team Collection Location						
		Blue	Mrs. Weber	Room 140		Red	Ms. Scheuer	Room 221
		Purple	Dr.. Parker	Room 107		Green	Mr. Soddy	Room 121
		Orange	Mr. Schakelford	Room 103		Yellow	Mr. Hicks	Room 123

### **Annual Hanging Basket Fundraiser**

Einstein Parents,

The Greenhouse Club at Einstein is promoting our **6th Annual Hanging Basket Fundraiser** again this year. All proceeds will benefit the building of our Outdoor Classroom and Community Garden located on the corner of Florida Avenue and Durkee Street. Phase Four will be completed this spring with the planting of many flowering perennials, wildflowers, a couple more trees and the start up of our raised garden beds that will be designed collaboratively by the greenhouse students and the residents at the assisted living center across the street. The plants/vegetables for the raised garden beds will be grown in the greenhouse. The assisted living residents will take care of the raised beds all summer and eat what they grow!

All of the hanging baskets are \$25 a piece and are 10 inches in diameter. There are a variety of sun and shade loving plants to choose from. Our annual hanging basket sale is back- with a NEW order due date. Basket orders will now be due by Friday JANUARY 12th. Baskets will be available for pick up on Friday, May 10th, just in time for Mother's Day.

See the attached links for more information, including order form and basket type details.

Information Letter: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EZOu2aVEes1WSAn7knRT8\\_j9acDkNy6U/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EZOu2aVEes1WSAn7knRT8_j9acDkNy6U/view?usp=sharing)

Order form and details: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EY4IrpGNVvjKXlzFWPkBLfIEyz4\\_aVeW/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EY4IrpGNVvjKXlzFWPkBLfIEyz4_aVeW/view?usp=sharing)

**Please send the completed form, with cash or check made out to Einstein M.S. by FRIDAY, JANUARY 12th. No late orders will be accepted. All orders can be turned in to the main office.**

Your orders will be available for pick-up at Einstein M.S. on Friday, May 10th (Mother's Day weekend) from 3:00-5:30 p.m. Please drive around to the back of school by the MPR doors. The Einstein Staff will be there to help you load up your baskets.

Thank you in advance for supporting the building of our Outdoor Classroom and Community Garden.

Sincerely,

Amy Hillesheim  
Science Teacher  
Greenhouse Club Advisor



**Einstein Ski Club**

Our first ski club trip to Nordic Mountain is coming up on Friday December 15th!

If you have not already done so....

Please make sure you purchase your lift tickets and/or ski/snowboard rental equipment on the Nordic Mountain website at: <https://shop.nordicmountain.com/groups> - Enter **Einstein24** as your group code. The price of the lift tickets (\$109) is for all 4 trips! Same with equipment rental fees (\$99 for ski rental and \$110 for snowboard rental). For example, if you are planning on skiing, you pay \$208 through the Nordic Mountain website and that covers all 4 Einstein Ski Club trips (rentals & lift tickets). If you have any questions please email me [micklaura@asd.k12.wi.us](mailto:micklaura@asd.k12.wi.us)

~Mrs. Mick

### **Reminder regarding illnesses**

First off, a big thank you to families that have been reaching out utilizing the automated absence system via phone or Infinite Campus!

If you're not familiar with **requesting absences** -

**Absence Request Process** <https://www.asd.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 \(https://www.aasd.k12.wi.us/common/pages/DisplayFile.aspx?itemId=14365360\)](https://www.aasd.k12.wi.us/common/pages/DisplayFile.aspx?itemId=14365360), on how to submit an Absence Request via the Campus Portal.

### **If your student is texting or calling you during the school day stating they are ill -**

- Between 7:50 a.m. - 3:20 p.m., students must have cell phones turned off and stored away in their lockers. During their 30 min. lunch period, students may use their phones (with the exception of taking video or pictures of others).
- Please direct your students to check in with the school office or school nurse with any illnesses or injuries.

**Homework requests** – please have your student check on Canvas & reach out to applicable teachers with questions regarding making up assignments.

### **Kiosk options**

**I am a parent/guardian here for my student** - picking up for or dropping off a student for any reason.

**I am dropping an item off for my student to pick up in the office** – you complete the process on the kiosk, put the item in a space and then you are able to exit the office.

**I am a student checking in or out** – choose the appropriate option (there are a lot, ask if you're not sure!) In = coming into office for something Out = leaving the office

**I am a visitor** – this is for anyone that is going beyond the office and into our building.

### **Is Your Child Well Enough to Go to School?**



It is not always easy to decide if your child is sick enough to stay home or well enough to be in school. Children who come to school are expected, with few exceptions, to participate fully in school activities.

Here are some guidelines that might help a parent/guardian decide if a student should stay home from school or not.

**Fever:** A fever of 100.0 degrees or more signals an illness that is probably going to make a student uncomfortable and unable to function well in class. Your child should stay home until their temperature is less than 100 degrees (without the use of fever reducing medication) for 24 hours and they are feeling better.

**Vomiting, Diarrhea or Severe Nausea:** These are symptoms that require a student to remain at home until a normal diet is tolerated for 24 hours.

**Infectious Diseases:** Diseases such as impetigo, pink eye with thick drainage, and strep throat require a health care provider's visits and prescription for medication. Contacting the health care provider and using the medicine as directed for the full recommended length of time are necessary. A student may return to school 24 hours after the first dose of an antibiotic and if they are feeling well.

**Rashes:** Rashes or patches of broken, itchy skin need to be examined by a health care provider if they appear to be spreading or not improving.

**Injuries:** If a student has an injury that causes continuous discomfort, the student should not attend school until the condition is checked by a healthcare provider or it improves. Injuries that interfere with class participation need a medical evaluation. If participation in physical education classes is not recommended, a health care provider's note which indicates the student's limitations and what they can do, is required.