

# Einstein Events

*Growing Today, Preparing for Tomorrow*



November 2023

A Monthly Parent Newsletter

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*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,

This is the twenty-first year that the students have honored Veterans through a formal program. Each year grandfathers, grandmothers, fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, and neighbors who have served attend this event. Two years ago we hosted approximately 200 Veterans.

Our students are participating in raising money for the Northeast Wisconsin Old Glory Honor Flight Network to send Veterans on an Honor Flight to visit the War Memorials in Washington, D.C. In addition, we will be donating to the Patriot K9's of Wisconsin. We are hoping to top last year's over \$10,000 donation towards helping Veterans.

Also, we will be holding a breakfast at Einstein for Veterans on Friday, November 10. We are in need of many different food items to be donated to make the breakfast successful for the Veterans. There is a sign up on our Facebook site or in the initial email. All donations are needed by 7:15 a.m. on November 10.

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!

Our fall sports season ended in October. Our softball, volleyball, cross country and football teams experienced great success while advancing their fundamental skills in their respective sport. Congratulations goes out to all student-athletes and our dedicated coaches. We are especially proud of the many acts of sportsmanship our student-athletes exhibited over the course of the fall sport season.

Miron Construction provided an educational opportunity last week when they gave some of our 8th graders a lesson in structure building via brick and mortar. Einstein students had to follow safety protocols, wore hard hats, eye protection and gloves. It was a great experience with more opportunities in the future.

Sincerely,

David B. Mueller

Principal



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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 of 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!

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE EDUCATION LESSONS**

In collaboration with the Appleton Police Department and Outagamie County Youth and Family Services, AASD middle schools will be providing Attendance Education Lessons for students and their families beginning in November. Families may receive a letter as determined by the school site's attendance team once their student reaches five unexcused absences. A student is considered habitually truant if they are absent from school without an excuse for part or all of five or more days on which school is held during a semester. With the letter, the family will be asked to attend a meeting with the school to develop a plan for attendance. Part of that plan will include a requirement for the student and family to participate in an Attendance Education Lesson, which will be held at each middle school monthly. Information will be shared and discussed regarding attendance requirements, state law, school obligations, the importance of attending school, and available resources to improve attendance.

### **Athletics**

Finally, I know we are in the middle of boys' basketball, but girls' basketball and wrestling are just around the corner. **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.20th)

- No major behaviors, No ISS, No OSS
- 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**

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### **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!

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### 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.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)

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### 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.

If your child becomes ill in school, we will need to be able to reach you. Please make sure to notify the office of any work or phone number changes as they occur. If you have further questions, please contact your school nurse through the school office.



Love to act and perform? Excited to learn the ins and outs of technical theatre? Just want to learn more about what it takes to put on a play? Whether you're a theatre veteran or entirely new, we'd love to have you!

This winter's production is a one act adaptation of Lewis Carroll's *Alice in Wonderland*. Based solely on the original novel, this production brings Carroll's imaginative story and characters to life. From the White Rabbit to the Cheshire Cat, the Mad Hatter to the Queen of Hearts, the characters leap from the pages of Carroll's timeless tale. Get ready to fall down the rabbit hole into a world that teaches us the importance of imagination and growing up.

All wishing to be involved, whether as an actor or a backstage technician, should attend one of the informational meetings after school from 4 to 6 on Tuesday November 21 or 28. During the meetings, after some introduction games, we will discuss the process (including rehearsal schedule and performance dates), some background information, and auditions.

Please consider joining this fun theatrical adventure!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me: [dreyerleah@aasd.k12.wi.us](mailto:dreyerleah@aasd.k12.wi.us)

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