

Einstein Events



Growing Today, Preparing for Tomorrow

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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.

Happy New Year Parents and Guardians!

The Holiday Season has almost concluded, providing us time to reflect on all the special gifts we have. This time of year affords us lasting memories of family, friends and neighbors. Working with your children is a special gift our entire staff greatly values. We all look forward to working with your children during the new year and throughout our second semester.

During Einstein's 12 Days of Giving Can Food Drive, our parents, students and staff filled 49 boxes for the Salvation Army. A huge thank you to the Einstein Community but especially our Service Club students for organizing and facilitating this event every year. Thanks to all for your generosity!



We appreciate your support of the fine arts, as family members packed the Appleton West High School auditorium during the winter choir and band concerts. The winter orchestra concert was hosted at Einstein.

Mr. Bernhardt and I will present to the entire school during Eagle Time on Jan. 2nd, a review of 2023, areas of improvement and outstanding accomplishments in our school.

We will talk about academic and social strategies, iReady winter testing strategies, behavioral areas of focus and setting personal goals for the year.

From a civic mindedness perspective we note how parents and students "payed it forward" to needy families during the Thanksgiving break and before the Christmas break by donating to the Salvation Army and adopting 2 families by providing gifts for the holidays.

We are blessed to have dedicated staff, students and parents who give back to the community (service club, adopt a family, eagle leaders, Veterans Day) in so many ways throughout the year and find ways to celebrate our successes (PBIS incentives & drawings, random acts of kindness, citizenship awards).

Thank you to all of the parents who have made Einstein a great place for our students. Your volunteerism, support and preparation of your students has been a blessing this first semester. As we turn the corner nearing second semester on January 23rd, I look forward to seeing the growth of students academically and socially.

Enjoy the start of the 2024 season!

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David B. Mueller, Principal – Joseph T. Bernhardt, Associate Principal



From the Desk of Mr. Bernhardt

Hope you and your family had a relaxing break and enjoyed the holidays!

Attendance

Just a reminder that if your child is going to be sick or tardy please call the school office at 852-5420 between 7:00 – 8:00 AM to inform school officials of the student’s absence or tardiness and the reason for it.

i-Ready and Forward Exam

Students will be taking the winter i-Ready assessment on January 4, 5, 8 and 9. Also, just so you have a heads up, the window for the Forward/DLM Assessment is from March 18 – April 26. More information to come on the FORWARD/DLM Assessment.

Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS)

The PBIS Attendance Incentive will run from January 2 – 31. At the end of the day on January 12 and two other random days students will receive a surprise just for being at school. We will also have 5 winners per week that will receive a Tom’s Drive In Kids Meal. Einstein Middle School would like to thank Tom’s Drive In for their continued support!

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 a 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!

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 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.

Strength Training Club Schedule 2024

Students can work out from 3:30-4:15. Students must sign up with Mrs. Burkert.

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>
Jan 8	Jan 10
Jan 15 No club	Jan 17
Jan 19 No club	Jan 24
Jan 29	Jan 31
Feb 5	Feb 7
Feb 12	Feb 14
Feb 19 No club	Feb 21
Feb 26	Feb 28 No club

Annual Hanging Basket Sale

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

Order form and details: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EY4IrpGNVvjXlzFWPkBLflEyz4_aVeW/view?usp=sharing

Note from Amy: don't worry about turning in the money right now- we know it's the holidays. We just need your orders.



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!

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 \(https://www.aasd.k12.wi.us/common/pages/DisplayFile.aspx?itemId=14365360\)](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.