

# Einstein Events

*Growing today, preparing for tomorrow*



February 2024

A Monthly Parent Newsletter

No. 7

*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,

Time is racing along at Einstein Middle School. Incredibly, we are now in our second semester of the school year. Our first semester has proven to be successful with a considerable amount of student academic and social growth. Our staff certainly appreciates the work ethic of our students and the importance placed on education by our parents.

Our spring **Parent/Teacher Conference** session is scheduled for Thursday, March 7 from 4:15 to 6:30 p.m. Our primary mission for this shorter spring conference session is to meet with parents and guardians of students who continue to struggle in school and are not achieving academic success and/or may be experiencing social or emotional challenges impacting school performance. Invites will be sent out by team, to families, this month.

Ms. Dreyer and Ms. Braun are SO excited to get started Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>, after school, with an informational meeting for the next musical at Einstein. Auditions for cast and crew will take place Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>. If you haven't noticed, the new commons will be completed soon and will be operational for our students to each breakfast & lunch sometime next week. This space will open up our multi-purpose room for physical education class during our lunch hours. The fire alarm system is the last piece of the puzzle before it can be in full use. Faceplate bricks are being added to the outside of the structure this week to match the rest of the building. The 10 classroom addition, located on the southeast side of the school, will be completed in April.

- David B. Mueller  
Principal



*Commons*



*Outside of Building*

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**From the Desk of 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.

### **Forward Exam/i-Ready Assessment**

The window for the Forward/DLM Assessment is from March 18 – April 26. We will be taking the Forward Assessment on March 18 – 20 (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade) and April 3 – 5 (8<sup>th</sup> Grade). We will then be taking the Spring i-Ready Assessment on May 6 - 10. Please try to avoid appointments during this time. Thank you in advance!

### **Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) Summative Incentive** (Feb. 1st - 29th)

- All summative assessments must be completed on time.
- Students will receive an iReady pass.

### **Eagle Buck Drawings:**

- Weekly Funko February (2, 9, 16, 23) drawings on Fridays
- Weekly Resource Drawing (gum, hearts, sucker, etc.)

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

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### **Soaring Eagle Award 2023-2024**

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### **7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls’ Volleyball and 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Track**

If your son or daughter will be participating in track or 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls’ volleyball, 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. Track will start

Tuesday, April 2. There will be optional speed and agility trainings on March 18, 19 and 20 from 3:30 – 4:30. The starting date for 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls' volleyball is Monday, March 11. More information to come.

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)

### **The Musical – Matilda the musical jr.**

Informational Meeting is Tuesday, February 6 from 3:30 – 4:30 in the auditorium.

Auditions: February 12 and 13 (for cast and crew)

For any questions please email:

Ms. Dreyer- [dreyerleah@asd.k12.wi.us](mailto:dreyerleah@asd.k12.wi.us)

Ms. Braun - [braundanielle@asd.k12.wi.us](mailto:braundanielle@asd.k12.wi.us)

### **Boy's Intramural Volleyball**

We will have a two-week opportunity for boys interested in learning the fundamentals of volleyball. That opportunity will run from February 26 – March 8 after school. A meeting will be scheduled for students to sign up and learn more information.

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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!

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## **Spelling Bee**

**Congratulations** to all school spelling bee participants!

Einstein's top five spellers are Levi Douglas, Avery Olearnick, Bentley Campbell, Max Ray, and Ben Rhodes.



Our top two spellers, Levi Douglas and Avery Olearnick, will represent Einstein Middle School at the regional spelling bee on February 14 in Kimberly!

## **Wisconsin Herd**

Come spend a night with your family, friends, and peers at a Wisconsin **Herd** game and catch not only some high-level basketball but high-level entertainment as well!

The Wisconsin Herd will face off against the Rip City Remix on Saturday, February 24th @ 7:00 pm. This game will celebrate Black History Month as the team will be wearing a Black History Month Theme Jersey that night.

To purchase your tickets click on this link <https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/HerdStar>

Hope to see you there! - From Ms. Hardin

## **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>)

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.

## **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.

We're looking for hand sanitizer and cleaning wipes for classrooms, any assistance is appreciated!

**WE NEED  
YOUR HELP**

## Community Opportunities for Students

The AASD shares local, community opportunities for students. These community opportunities include upcoming events and activities such as art and music camps, youth athletics, cultural events, enrichment programs, and more. We encourage AASD families to regularly review these opportunities for students of all ages. Check out the [AASD COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS WEBPAGE](#) for a current list of opportunities for students.



# AASD Einstein Middle School Summer School

June 10-July 3 (No class June 19) 8:45-11:45

Open to students entering 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Grade in the fall

School Site Coordinator: Laurie Frisch [frischlaurie@aad.k12.wi.us](mailto:frischlaurie@aad.k12.wi.us)

AASD Summer School Director: Todd Kadolph [kadolphtodd@aad.k12.wi.us](mailto:kadolphtodd@aad.k12.wi.us)

AASD Summer School Coordination Specialist: Karrie Kadolph [kadolphtarrie@aad.k12.wi.us](mailto:kadolphtarrie@aad.k12.wi.us)

AASD District Summer School Office Phone: (920) 852-5332 ext. 60350

## Einstein Summer Schedule

8:45-11:45 Summer School Classes

11:45-5:30 Summer BOOST Program To enroll, 920-731-0555

8:45AM - 9:45AM Class (grade next fall)	9:45AM – 10:45AM Class (grade next fall)	10:45AM – 11:45AM Class (grade next fall)
Math Reinforcement (7)	Math Reinforcement (6)	Math Reinforcement (8-9)
English Language Arts (8-9)	English Language Arts (7)	English Language Arts (6)
Welcome to Middle School (6-7)	Welcome to Middle School (6-7)	Welcome to Middle School (6-7)
Extraordinary Experiments (6-9)	Rocket Building and Launching (6-9)	Rocket Building and Launching (6-7)
Summer STEM (6-7)	Summer STEM (6-9)	Science Exploration (6-9)
Cooking (6-7)	Cooking (6-9)	Cooking (6-9)
Tied Trends (6-9)	Art Studio (6-9)	Let's Get Crafting! (6-9)
Strength and Conditioning (6-9)	Gym & Outdoor Games (6-9)	Gym & Outdoor Games (6-7)
Creative Writing Club (6-9)	Graphic Novels, Comics & Bullet Journals (6-9)	Memory Makers (6-9)
Keyboards, Boomwhackers & Handbells (6-9)	Ukulele & Guitar (6-9)	Fun Run Club (6-9)
School Spirit (6-9)	Mindful Arts and Games (6-9)	Strategy Games (6-9)

## Summer School Registration will be conducted online

[www.aasd.k12.wi.us/families/summer\\_school\\_information](http://www.aasd.k12.wi.us/families/summer_school_information)

**Current AASD students and private school students that attended last summer:** Parents/ guardians will receive an email or message on the parent portal on April 8<sup>th</sup> to view what school site that the student will have enrollment access to for summer school. Enrollment will be open to the school the student will attend the next school year. Private school students will have access to the site that they attended last summer. If the student would like to attend a different school for summer school, please contact [kadolphtarrie@aad.k12.wi.us](mailto:kadolphtarrie@aad.k12.wi.us) or 852-5332 ext. 60350.

Course registration opens April 15<sup>th</sup>. Parents/guardians will register for summer school courses via the Infinite Campus Portal. Student's finalized schedules and fees will also be available for viewing in the Portal within one week after registering the student. Fees may be paid online, also through the portal. Online registration will close on June 3<sup>rd</sup>; however, registration forms may be dropped off at the school site after that time. If assistance is needed logging on to Infinite Campus, please contact the Helpdesk at [helpdesk@aad.k12.wi.us](mailto:helpdesk@aad.k12.wi.us) or 920-852-5555 ext. 63159.

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

**New out of district or private school students:** Please complete and return the form for the specific school to the school your child wishes to attend for summer school.

# **Global Awareness Week 2024**

## **Military Care Packages...We need your help!**

This year's Global Week is quickly approaching! Our service project this year will be creating military care packages.

More details of the week will be sent home soon by your student's world language teacher. We will be learning about our military's humanitarian missions throughout the world (past and present).

However, we have some planning to do in advance and we need your help!

We would like to send the military care packages to active service members representing our Einstein families and community. If your student is related to an active service member, we would like to send them a care package. Please email Ms. Aldana ([aldanasara@aasd.k12.wi.us](mailto:aldanasara@aasd.k12.wi.us)) with their name and military address or send that information with your student to be given to his/her world language teacher.

Next, are you a Thrivent member? If so, would you be willing to donate one of your two Thrivent Action Team Grants? We are in need of donations to pay for the sending of the care packages. Each package costs \$16.00 to ship. If you are a Thrivent member, but are unaware of Action Team Grants, please contact Ms. Aldana and she can walk you through the process. It is SO easy!

Finally, we will be looking for donations for the care packages. We are hoping that a group of 4 students will be able to create one care package. This would allow us to make and send 110 care packages! The students will determine their groups as we get closer to Global Week, but here is a list of commonly requested items (based on suggestions provided by the US Department of Defense Community Relations) in case you wanted to start shopping now.

**Items in PURPLE are the MOST NEEDED & REQUESTED!**

### **FOOD and SNACKS:**

- **Beef Jerky / Slim Jims**
- **Coffee (Ground or whole; instant or drip),**
- **Instant Drink Mixes (Gatorade, Kool-Aid, Crystal Light)**
- **Pumpkin Seeds / Sunflower Seeds**
- **Tuna in foil pouches (no cans)**
- **Protein Powders / Protein Bars / Cliff Bars**
- **\*NO CHOCOLATE PRODUCTS to be mailed from MARCH to OCTOBER (it will melt in high temperatures!)**
- Hot Chocolate packets, Herbal teas, Powdered Energy Mixes
- Hard Pretzels / Cheetos / Fritos / Chex Mix / Wheat Thins
- Gum / Hard Candy (must be individually wrapped in large bags)
- Granola Bars / Power Bars / Cereal Bars
- Small Packs of Fig Newtons, Oreos, Cheese & Crackers
- Trail Mix, Dried Fruit, Granola, Fruit Roll-Ups / Fruit By The Foot / Fruit Gummies
- DRY SOUP: (Ramen Noodles / Cup-O-Soup: just add water)
- NUTS: Peanuts, Mixed Nuts (salted preferred)
- MICROWAVE FOOD (Popcorn, Chef-Boy-R-Dee, Mac'n'Cheese...)
- COOKIES / Girl Scout Cookies (with chocolate: Oct. - Feb. only!)
- Rice Krispie Treats (Store-bought only)
- Little Debbie® & Hostess® cake products
- Oatmeal Packs (Instant: just add water)
- Cereal (Small, individual boxes)
- Condiments, Spices; Sugar; Salad Dressing (no glass jars)
- Caffeinated gum or candy (to stay alert)



**TOILETRIES...please no hotel samples as some troops have allergies & need Brand Name toiletries which list all ingredients.**

- **Baby wipes (travel size)**
- **Liquid Hand Sanitizer (travel size)**
- Body Wash, Liquid Soap, Facial Cleanser
- Shampoo /Conditioner (travel size)
- Hair Gel (for female troops to pull hair back)
- Combs / Brushes / Bobby Pins
- Eye Drops (i.e. Visine)
- Nasal Spray
- Deodorant (travel size)
- Razors (disposable: "Intuition" or "Mach 3" type)
- Shaving Cream / Shaving Soap (*in boxes or tubes; NO CANS of Shaving Cream, please!*)
- Cotton Swabs (i.e. Q-tips)
- Band-aids, Gauze Pads, First Aid Kits
- Lip balm / Chap Stick / Carmex / Blistex
- Baby Powder & Foot Powder (travel size)
- Loufa Sponges / Buff Puffs / Washcloths
- Tissues (individual packs; travel size only)
- Sunblock, SPF 45, Zinc, Vitamin E, Aloe Vera Gel
- Bug Spray / DEET / Skin-So-Soft
- Hand & Body Lotion / Moisturizer (travel size)
- Mouthwash (travel size)
- Toothpaste & Toothbrushes & Dental Floss



Hygiene Drive Kicks Off February 12!

We are proud to share that this year we have district-wide participation in the annual Fox Cities "Help for the Homeless" hygiene drive organized through The Family Radio Network! All of our schools will be collecting NEW hygiene and cleaning items from February 12th to February 28th. Please send your donations to school with your student, or stop by to drop them off in the Help for the Homeless collection box located at your child's school by Wednesday, February 28th.

Donations received at our AASD collection sites are used within our AASD school community to stock our Basic Needs Care Closet for students/families in need. These donations are also the primary source of hygiene products provided to students and families experiencing homelessness. Our AASD homeless support program provides services and support to over 500 families each school year. Our school district collection efforts also contribute to the greater Fox Valley area crisis agencies.

The most frequently needed items are laundry detergent, hand soap, dish soap, shampoo/conditioner (especially children's products), cleaning supplies, toilet paper, and deodorant.

\*Financial donations can also be made (cash, checks made out to "The Family" with "Help for the Homeless-

AASD" written in the memo line or online [Help For The Homeless-The Family](#)

The goal of the drive is to supply a year's worth of products to each AASD school site and our district homeless support program. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

*When a family is experiencing homelessness and in survival mode, a kind helping hand means the world to them. Giving a family in crisis a Care Package with diapers, bath and shower supplies, toothpaste and toothbrushes, laundry soap, and toilet paper can allow them to feel supported and able to take care of their families needs. Sometimes parents struggle with the feeling that there is "no one to help us" and having a Care Closet in our school district allows me to help in a tangible, immediate way. Watching little kids' eyes light up having their own new toothbrush and fun bath soap and knowing their mom can wash their clothes for school at the laundromat reflects how much this community project impacts the lives of families in crisis.*

- Molly McGregor, Homeless Liaison, Appleton Area School District

### **Staff Appreciation Week**

Einstein Middle School is celebrating Staff Appreciation from February 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> instead of May this year to avoid the craziness of the end-of-year activities. If you would like to contribute, please take a look at the list and sign-up below. Thank you for your support and generosity!

Meals / Snacks will be serving 55-60 staff

Please feel free to drop off items prior to the assigned date (besides the items that need to be fresh/hot).

Monday: Staff Development

Tuesday: Make Your Own Trailmix

Wednesday: Soup/Salad/Bread

Thursday: Build Your Own Sundae

Friday: Breakfast

**Here is the sign-up:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A084AACA923A31-47807576-staff>

With much appreciation from all of us at Einstein:)

### **Birthday Treats, Uber eats, special luncheons etc...**

Parents & Guardians, we have noticed an increase of food items being dropped off for students during the school day. Bringing in food for your student and a friend(s) is considered a celebration. Per Einstein's handbook: *All celebrations must be approved by the principal prior to providing information to students or parents.* This also goes along with the board approved school wellness policy.

SCHOOL WELLNESS POLICY # 458

Recognition for special occasion without treats Recognitions for special occasions (birthdays, holidays, etc.) during the school day (starting at midnight the day before through a half hour after students are dismissed for the day) will not include students bringing in snacks/treats from outside of the District for other students and will instead take place through non-food practices.

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