



# News from the Nest

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## Dates to Remember

Feb 15	Winter Ball – 6:30 p.m.
Feb 19	Presidents' Day – NO SCHOOL
Feb 20-Mar 3	Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences
Feb 22	Jump Rope for Heart/Health Fair 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Feb 22-23	Early Dismissal – 2:30 p.m.*** Please note change in dates
Feb 27-Mar 2	ISTEP Testing, Grades 3-5
Mar 8	Math Club Parent Night, 6:00 p.m.
Mar 13-14	IREAD Testing, Grade 3
Mar 19-30	Spring Break – NO SCHOOL

## Note to Parents



Valentine's Day is coming up and we want to remind you that candies, cookies, or treats of any kind are not permitted to be passed out in the classrooms. This is due to the

number of students in our building with food allergies. We do not want to put anyone at risk. We appreciate your understanding.

## ISTEP/IREAD Upcoming Testing Dates

ISTEP Testing, Grades 3-5: February 27-March 2  
 Tuesday, February 27 – Grades 3-5  
 Wednesday, February 28 – Grades 3-5  
 Thursday, March 1 – Grades 3-5  
 Friday, March 2 – 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grades Only  
 IREAD Testing, Grade 3: March 13 & 14

Testing throughout the day, beginning at 8:15 a.m. Please make sure students are on time and refrain from appointments during the day within the testing window.

## The Winter Ball is Coming!

We hope you can join us, Thursday, February 15 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the café/gym. Admission is \$2 for students with \$1 going towards Arts for

Learning. **Students must be accompanied by an adult.** This fun event is for **current** Eagle Creek students only!

## Order Your Yearbook Now!

You may order online at [www.interstate.com/yearbook](http://www.interstate.com/yearbook) and enter code: **23406B** or return your order form with cash, check or money order payable to: Eagle Creek Elementary School in the amount of \$13.00. Ordering is available until March 16, 2018.

## ECES PTO Helping Parents

Mr. Kroon, ECES' Instructional Coach, shares how parents can help their kids be successful this year academically - <http://bit.ly/eces-pt0-kroon-successful-kids>

## FYI on activities for kids:

February 10, 2pm - 4pm, Lego Madness, free at Pike Library

March 17 - 18, Brickworld, use offer code **PIKE18** by March 11 for \$2 discount:

<http://bitly.com/2018-indy-brickworld>

## Shopping at Kroger or Amazon Smile can help support ECES PTO activities

Did you know you can support the ECES PTO just by shopping at Kroger or on Amazon? For Kroger, enroll your Kroger Plus Card in Kroger's Community Rewards PROGRAM. Create or login to your Kroger account (<http://bit.ly/kroger-signin>) and then enroll your card at <http://bit.ly/kroger-card-enroll>. 11288 is the Kroger number for Eagle Creek Elementary PTO. For Amazon Smile, visit <https://smile.amazon.com>, and select "Eagle Creek Elementary School PTO" in Indianapolis.

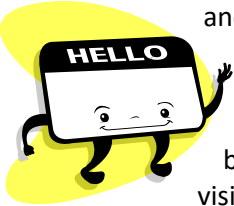
Follow the PTO on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/EagleCreekPTO>

Sign-up to stay connected to PTO activities:

<http://bit.ly/eces-email-update-signup>

### Visitors to School



The Board welcomes the active interest of parents and citizens in their public schools, and invites the community to visit at any time. However, since schools are a place of work and learning and must be secure, certain limits must be set to visits. The building principal is responsible for all persons in the building and on the grounds. For these reasons, the following policy applies to visitors to the school:

- ♦ *Anyone who is not a regular staff member or student of the school will be termed a "visitor".*
- ♦ *Any visitor to the school must report to the office of the principal upon arrival at the school.*
- ♦ *Parents or citizens who wish to observe a classroom while school is in session are expected to arrange such visits in advance with the teacher and inform the principal.*
- ♦ *Teachers should not be expected to take class time to discuss individual matters with visitors.*
- ♦ *The principal has final authority on permitting/ approving school visitations.*

*Children who are not enrolled at the school **are not permitted** to visit classrooms during regular school hours. Due to security reasons we ask that parents not enter a classroom once students have been dismissed for the day unless they have an appointment or are accompanied by a school employee. Parents should always make arrangements with the teacher prior to a visit.*

**\*\*** We know there are times when parents want to meet directly with Mr. Kempton, the Principal or the Assistant Principal, Mrs. Guevara. However, they may not be available immediately due to other meetings, appointments, or situations that need their attention. It is best to set up an appointment through the office staff to meet with them at a time when they can give you their full attention. Thank you for your understanding. prior arrangements have been made with the teacher.

### Balanced Calendar Applications

Balanced calendar applications for the 2018-19 school year are available online at the Pike website at [www.pike.k12.in.us](http://www.pike.k12.in.us). These applications are for students new to Pike Township or students who want to

transfer from a traditional calendar school to a balanced calendar school.

**If you have a student already attending Eagle Creek and are enrolling a KG or new 1<sup>st</sup> grade sibling, you will need to fill out an application for any new sibling you are wanting to enroll.**

If you have a returning student to Eagle Creek and do not have an incoming KG or 1<sup>st</sup> grade student, you do not need to fill out an application. This also applies to families that have 5<sup>th</sup> grade students at Eagle Creek going to New Augusta North.

Registration for **all** returning students will be online starting April 16.

### MSD of Pike Township Mission Statement

The Metropolitan School District of Pike Township aims to develop students who:

- develop an intrinsic passion for learning in and beyond school
- take ownership and develop independence through choice and participation in authentic learning environments
- challenge their intellectual curiosity using inquiry, critical thinking, multiple perspectives and problem solving
- communicate their thoughts and ideas effectively through shared dialogue and collaboration
- develop global understanding and respect of various cultures
- reflect on their learning and see innovative possibilities

**Universal Breakfast is served to all students each morning in the classroom (No Cost)**

**Student Lunch - \$2.30 – Reduced Price - \$.40**

**Adult Lunch - \$3.40**

Lunch Menu	
Feb 12	Breaded chicken drumstick w/WG dinner roll OR WG banana muffin w/strawberry yogurt, Boston baked beans, steamed broccoli florets
Feb 13	Pancakes w/turkey sausage patty, syrup OR Turkey & cheese wrap, tater tots, blueberry crisp
Feb 14	Roasted turkey w/gravy & WG dinner roll OR Cereal Fun Lunch, mashed potatoes w/gravy, savory green beans
Feb 15	Italian meatball sub OR Chicken Caesar salad wrap, seasoned peas
Feb 16	Cheese pizza OR Pineapple parfait w/granola, cinnamon glazed carrots