EAGLE CLIFFS ELEMENTARY

Mission: To foster Successful Open-Minded Achieving Respectful learners
Vision: Soar With Us Towards Lifelong Learning

PARENT NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2023

October

2nd	Custodian Day
4th	Spirit Day & Early Release PTA Meeting 6:30 pm
6th	Houses
9th	School Pictures
11th	Spirit Day & Early Release
12th	PTA Popcorn Presale
13th	Houses
18th	Spirit Day & Early Release PTA Food Night
19th-20th	No School MEA Days
25th	Spirit Day & Early Release
27th	Houses
28th	Trunk or Treat 2:00 pm
31st	Halloween

November

1st-3rd PT Conferences-Dismiss at Noon

Reminders

*__Check__ your child's breakfast/lunch account balance on Mealtime Online https://www.mymealtime.com/
*__Connect__ with your child's classroom teacher on Seesaw
*__Picture__ Day is October 9th
*__Update__ contacts in Parent Portal

October Birthdays

Braxton Madelyn Emily Aurora Aria Lainey Aries Grayson Cullen Ronnie Hayden Nate Aubree Kasen Colton Tommie Whit Kane Mya Kellyann Ivy Ona Kaydyn Paisley Phoebe Simon Eli Joseph Gabe Vinnie August Ms. Shannon Mrs. Ekberg Mrs. Bacon Mrs. Buss Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Kirkman





A Note from the Principal

Welcome to fall and the outstanding month of October. Lots of great things happening this month. (See calendar to the left!)

This is one of our best starts to the school year, and it has been such a joy to observe students and teachers doing great things every day! Students are really getting in the routine of doing school and there are so many amazing things going on in the classrooms I visit.You would be incredibly impressed by the active engagement of teachers and students.

Ask your child about Zones of Regulation, Kelso's Choices and what it looks like to be a PAX Leader. These are great strategies for self regulation, managing big and small problems as well as being a leader.

Soon you will be receiving a link via email to sign up for Parent Teacher Conferences which are Nov, 1st-3rd. School is dismissed at noon on these days

Thank you for continuing to partner with us to make our school the best! Together we are better. #eaglestrong
Mrs. Julie Hornby



Parent Portal in PowerSchool

The 2023-2024 update forms are now live on PowerSchool. It is critical to keep this information current, especially the CONTACTS Update, as this is how we notify you in the event of an emergency or illness regarding your child.
**This update must be done annually. If you have trouble signing into your PowerSchool account, please call the office at 281.6210 and Ms. Lindsay will reset your password.
Please sign into your PowerSchool for Parent Account @ https://www.billingsschools.org/parent-portal
1. Click PowerSchool for Parents on the left and log into your account.
2. Choose one of your children from the top left corner. This must be done for each child. 3. Click "Forms." 4. Click the "General Forms" tab.
5. Complete the three listed forms on that page:
1.) 2023-2024 Elementary School Annual District Policies and Permissions Sign off 2.) Contacts Update 3.) Demographics Update
Thank you for completing this update by October 28th. You are greatly appreciated!

Caramel Apple Sales

The Caramel Apple fundraiser has begun! Order forms were sent home last week. If you've had a Martinson's caramel apple, you know how delicious they are! We'll be selling them now through Wednesday, October 11th. They will be available for pick-up at Eagle Cliffs on October 25th at the end of the school day, just in time for Halloween treats. All order forms and exact cash or checks are due on October 11th. Also, please note that apples need to be delivered to buyers on October 25th or refrigerated.

Typically, our Caramel Apple proceeds benefit our Technology fund, but we've had a last minute change of plans for this year's fundraiser. Our playground equipment was in need of repairs. They've been completed, but we need to replenish our budget.Thanks for helping us raise funds for the playground. We know your friends and family will love Martinson's Caramel Apples! Cost: $6.50/apple

PTA Information

PTA meeting is October 4th at 6:30 pm in the Eagle Cliffs lounge.

Popcorn Sales will be sold on October 12th (popcorn will be delivered on the 13th)).

Family Food Night is October 18th at Makenzie River. A percent of the sales goes to Eagle Cliffs!

"Trunk or Treat" will be on Saturday, October 28th from 2:00 pm until the candy runs out!

PTA Board

President-Jenna Rae
Vice President-Amy Martin and Kylie Hartse
Treasurer-Rebecca Rickett

Drop Off and Crosswalk Guard

We continue to give a shout out for parents at drop off before school. When you DROP and GO, the line moves quick and easy. If you want to get out of the vehicle to assist your child, please do so on the street or in the parking lot. Your continued cooperation is so greatly appreciated.
Also, if you are interested in being a crosswalk guard from 7:30-8:00 each morning at Governors and Constitution, apply online!

Happy Custodian Day!

October 2nd is a day to honor our amazing custodians. Sara and Heather do great things for our school each day and we are so grateful! If you see these gals around, give them a "shout out"!





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JUNE 2024

	First and Last Day of School
*	Vacation or Holiday
	Elementary End of Trimester
	Six-Week Grading Period for MS & HS

Graduation Date/Times

Sunday, May 26
West 10:00 am;
Skyview 2:00 pm; Senior 6:00 pm

Note: Nov. 1 is Parent Teacher Conferences for Elem. and PLC for MS & HS

Last Day of School - May 31 is early release for elementary, middle school and high school.

	Wed. Professional Learning Community Meetings - Dismissal 1 hour earlier than normal
P	PIR Days - Required
P	PIR/TRADE days - No school
SD	Snow Day - This will be a vacation day unless we are required to make up a school day lost due to poor weather earlier in the year. If we are required to make up a day, this vacation day will become a required day of attendance.
PTC	Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences - Elementary early release
	Middle School Early Release - October 5th Parent Teacher Conferences
	High School Semester Testing - HS early release

The Affects of Sugar on a Young Brain

There are not many places we can go without temptation from the sights and smells of ice cream, cupcakes, or other sugary treats. Even in the middle of the night, it's quick and easy to pass by a drive-thru and get your donut, muffin, or fruit juice fix. Sugar is taking a devastating toll on some children's health.

Sugar *hijacks* the brain. When sugar hits the brain at the reward center, it acts in the same way a drug does: it releases a surge of dopamine that makes us feel good initially, but that lift doesn't last. Over time, some people need more and more sugar to get that same boost. This starts the cycle of cravings, and in vulnerable children, addictions can be formed. Limit sugar intake!

Eagle Cliffs Elementary Elite 18

1. Be the best person you can be. **make good choices *be kind *be safe *be responsible*
2. When responding to any adult, you must respond respectfully.
3. Use your strategies to handle conflicts. Be mindful.
4. Always say "thank you" when someone gives you something.
5. Make eye contact or acknowledge you are listening when someone is speaking. Keep your eyes/attention on the person at all times. If someone makes a comment, turn and face that person.
6. If someone in the class wins a game or does something well, congratulate that person appropriately.
7. At times throughout the year, rewards will be given for good behavior, academic performances and other acts worthy of praise. If you ever ask for the reward, however, it will not be given.
8. While you are with any adult, you will obey the same rules that you follow when your teacher is present.
9. Follow classroom protocols, do what is asked, be organized, efficient, and on task.
10. We are a family, and we must treat one another with respect and kindness. Include everyone. If someone wants to join you, let him or her.
11. If a teacher or other adult in the school is speaking to or disciplining a student, look away and give them privacy.
12. Clean up after yourself. It is important to be responsible no matter where you are. For example, clean up after you eat and hang your coat on the hook.
13. If someone bumps into you, even if it is not your fault, say "excuse me".
14. Always be honest. Even if you have done something wrong, it is best to admit it.
15. Accept that you are going to make mistakes. Learn from them and move on.
16. During discussions, respect other students' comments, opinions, and ideas.
17. Use technology respectfully and responsibly.
18. Go out of your way to help others. For example, give compliments, hold the door and commit random acts of kindness.

Houses

All the students at Eagle Cliffs have been sorted into one of four house teams. Houses will give us a fun and engaging way to build community and foster positive relationships. The Houses are; Rêveur (blue) Altruismo (black), Isibindi (green), and Amistad (red). You can read more about our different Houses on the school website. ***Students** will meet with their class and engage in character building lessons every other week on Monday afternoons. In our meetings we will work on team building, ways to uphold our Elite 18, various schoolwide competitions and community projects. Every Friday will be House color day. We encourage all our team members to wear their blue on Fridays. ***Every** Eagle Cliffs student has been given a House t-shirt thanks to our various fundraising efforts throughout the year. Please take good care of your shirt and wear it with pride. ***Each** House will also be earning House points throughout the year. Students can earn House points by living the Elite 18. We are working hard to "catch" students being good and reward them for kindness, responsibility, and those essential "soft skills." The House point competition is designed to uplift us all in respect and manners. ***We** can't wait to see what our amazing students will accomplish! Once again, we are so happy to welcome you to the Eagle Cliffs Houses!