



Unity Day: Wednesday, October 22nd

We will recognize Unity Day by **wearing orange** and focusing on the ways we are connected and take care of each other. ❤️



This week in classroom meetings or CREW, we will be focusing on bullying prevention by highlighting ways we can take care of our classmates and ensure our school is safe and comfortable. **Students are invited to join us by wearing orange this Wednesday (10/22) to recognize Unity Day.** *(If not wearing orange, students should follow our typical dress code.)*

Children's Grief Awareness Day: Thursday, November 20th



ECS will be participating in [Children's Grief Awareness Day](#). All ECS students are invited to wear all **BLUE** (while following dress code guidelines) to raise awareness for the needs of

grieving children. Throughout the week, students will be participating in developmentally appropriate discussions around how to support those who are grieving or sad. For information about support services for grieving children, check out [The Caring Place](#) and/or reach out to a school social worker or counselor. #CGADHOPE #CGAD2025 Families can participate virtually by adding a Hope Butterfly to [The Caring Place's Illuminating Hope virtual display here](#).

October is Dyslexia Awareness Month



Dyslexia is a common learning difference that affects how the brain processes written and spoken language. It can make reading, writing, and spelling more challenging, even for bright and motivated students. Signs of dyslexia can include difficulty sounding out words, slow or inaccurate reading, trouble with spelling, or avoiding reading activities altogether.

Early support can make a big difference! If you have concerns about your child's reading development, please reach out to your child's teacher. They can help guide you toward resources and, if needed, connect you with specialists such as school psychologists or outside professionals.

Together, we can build understanding and ensure every child has the tools they need to become a confident reader.

Attendance Reminder

As the Holiday and Winter Season approaches, we recognize that trips may be planned in the coming months, as well as some unplanned sickness. As a reminder, each student gets 10 excused absences from a parent per year. This includes trips. You can complete the online excuse form [here](#). Any additional absences must be excused by a doctor. If your student is going to be absent for a pre-scheduled trip, please email your building principal for approval.

We are grateful!

The ECS Student Services Team is here to help, but we couldn't do it without you! *It takes a village*, and we are very grateful for our partnership with ECS staff and families. Together, we are stronger. Thank you for standing with us and for trusting us as we work together in the service of our students. We will be reflecting on gratitude throughout the month of November in our classroom meetings and CREW lessons.