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EPS PONY ROUND-UP

Dear families,

We don't underestimate the difficulty of eLearning. Many of you saw your teachers caring for their own children while teaching yours this week! While it was the best option for what turned out to be a doozy of a winter storm, I am glad to inching back into a regular routine while our snow mercifully inches down.

A reminder that to be counted present for this week's eLearning days, all classroom work must be completed by Monday. Here are a few other updates from EPS this week!

I-READ Testing Window

All second grade students in the state participate in I-READ testing. I-READ is a measure to ensure students are meeting third grade reading criteria, but students who **pass** the test in second grade are not required to take it in third. Students whose test results show they are **on track** to pass in third grade will receive additional reading interventions in the last quarter of second grade and can re-test at the end of the school year. Students whose test results demonstrate they are **at risk** of not passing in third grade will be offered a place in our summer school program and the opportunity to re-test at the end of summer school. This year's testing window is **March 2-13**. Pre-arranged absences will not be excused for second graders during this window.

Valentines Parties

Because school will now be in session on February 13, classroom Valentines Parties will be moved to that date.

Data Meetings

With our middle-of-year data and the first few weeks of second semester progress monitoring in hand, our teachers will hold data meetings over the next week to evaluate each student and consider whether summer school and/or retention might be of benefit. If we are considering these options for your student, you'll receive a message from us that describes the rationale for our recommendations, as well as the interventions we'll implement and the growth we'll look for as the semester progresses.

K5/Kindergarten Welcome Week (March 30-April 3)

Over the next few weeks, you'll see more information and sign-up options for Welcome Week. Incoming K5 and kindergarten students for the 2026-27 school year will participate in a brief assessment, a couple fun activities, and tours of the building as we prepare to welcome the Edgewood class of 2039! Kindergarten is open to students turning five before August 1, and K5 is open to students turning five between February and September 1, 2026.

We wish you a wonderful weekend!

Matt Wooden
Principal

Alisa VanDeusen
Assistant Principal

OUR PLEDGE

EPS is a place where we feel safe, care about each other, and learn. I will pledge to be respectful of myself, others, and property. I will do the right thing; I will treat people right.

FEELING SAFE

Are we living up to our pledge to make our school safe? Give us kudos or concerns below!



The thumbs link to an anonymous form.



CARING & LEARNING

Are we living up to our pledge to care about you and learn from you? Please let Matt and Alisa know what's on your mind. You have a voice in your child's education!

ANONYMOUS FEEDBACK FORM

A WORD OF THANKS

Is there an EPS teacher or staff member who is living up to our pledge in a special way for your student? Share a good word [here](#) (up to 50 good words, actually!) and we'll put their picture along with your words on our front office monitor to celebrate their impact!

UPCOMING CALENDAR

February 2 | eLearning Classwork Due

February 5 | PTO Meeting (6:30pm in Cafe)

February 13 | Valentines Day Parties

February 16 | Teacher Work Day (No School)

Reminder that the Ellettsville Boys & Girls Club is offering programs this day.

March 2-13 | I-READ Testing Window

There will be no excused pre-arranged absences for second grade students during this testing window.

March 5 | First Grade Music Program (7:00)

March 16-20 | Spring Break (No School)

March 30-April 3 | K5/Kindergarten Welcome Week

Information and sign-ups to be shared at a later date.