

# School Picture Day

It's that time of year again! We're excited to welcome **Legacy Photography** back to our school to capture those special smiles and memories of the school year. Picture Day for Early learning through 8th Grade will be Friday, September 25, 2026. Picture Day flyers with more information will be coming home today, so be sure to keep an eye out for those!

## Hearing Screenings

Our annual hearing screening will be conducted on Thursday, October 8th and Friday, October 9th. As in previous years, all kindergarten, first, and fifth grade students will be screened, as well as, all students new to our district. Watch for permission slips coming home today with 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 6th grade students. If you would like your student to be screened, simply sign and return the permission form by Wednesday, September 30th, 2026. There is no cost for the screening, which is provided by Cabient Mountain Cooperative.

## LOST and FOUND

Missing a jacket, water bottle, lunch box, or favorite sweatshirt? It might be waiting for you in our Lost & Found! We encourage students and families to check the Lost and Found regularly. Please remember to label personal belongings with your child's name to help lost items find their way home. Not sure where Lost & Found is located? Just ask the office, and we'll be happy to help! Unclaimed items will be donated periodically, so don't wait come take a look and help your lost items find their way home.

## School Safety

Periodically we will perform a number of different safety drills at school (fire, earthquake, lock downs, etc.) Our first school-wide fire drill will be tomorrow September 18th, 2026. Often our younger students are quite surprised by the loud alarm, but they get used to it very fast. So, if your student comes home talking about "the fire", it was just a drill.

## Electronic Devices & Toys

While electronic devices can be great asset for parents to stay in communication with their children, please remember, they are not allowed in school during instructional hours. This includes cell phones, smart watches, etc. Too often, the devices become a big distraction, get lost or stolen, etc. Our student handbook clearly states *"Student cell phones, smart watches, and other electronic devices must be off and put away at all times during the school day, unless the classroom teacher has given permission for the student to use it."* In addition, the handbook also addresses toys and other items by saying *"Toys of any kind, playing/ trading cards, blankets, personal electronic devices should not be brought to school unless a teacher has given special permission through a note or a letter sent home."*

## Important Happenings

### September

- 9/18 School-wide Fire Drill
- 9/18 Early Dismissal- 2:05PM
- 9/23 Mid 1st Quarter
- 9/25 EL-8 Picture Day by Legacy
- 9/25 Early Dismissal- 2:05PM
- 9/28-10/2 Homecoming Week
- 9/28 **Minions Day**
- 9/28 Elementary Fun Run- HS- 1:00-3:00PM
- 9/28 Fun Run- Boys- 1:45PM
- 9/28 Fun Run- Girls- 2:15PM
- 9/29 **Crazy Socks & Shoes Day**
- 9/30 **Class Color Day**
- 9/30 **EL-Rainbow, K- Orange, 1st- Yellow**
- 9/30 **2nd- Green, 3rd- Blue, 4th- Purple**
- 9/30 **5th- Pink, 6th- Red**
- 9/30 Olweus Assembly
- 9/30 PTO Meeting- 5PM- Staff room

### October

- 10/1 **Crazy Hair Day**
- 10/1 Flu Vaccines consent forms due
- 10/1 REACH ( after school program 3rd-8th Gr 3:15-5:00PM)
- 10/2 **Blue & Yellow Day GO Blue Hawks!**
- 10/2 Homecoming Parade 1:00PM
- 10/2 Early Dismissal- 2:05PM
- 10/5 REACH ( after school program 3rd-8th Gr 3:15-5:00PM)
- 10/7 REACH ( after school program 3rd-8th Gr 3:15-5:00PM)
- 10/8 REACH ( after school program 3rd-8th Gr 3:15-5:00PM)
- 10/8-10/9 Hearing Screenings
- 10/9 Early Dismissal- 2:05PM
- 10/13 Flu vaccines w/signed consent form
- 10/14 REACH ( after school program 3rd-8th Gr 3:15-5:00PM)

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## **Teaching Kids Accountability and Self-Control**

### **Expect Kids to Solve Their Problems**

Whenever kids encounter difficulties, ask lots of questions like, “What do you think you’re going to do?” and “What’s your plan?” You can also add, “I’m interested to see how you solve this.” As kids experience challenges, convey the expectation that they will work through them. This will prevent them from expecting someone else to solve all their problems.

### **Expect Kids to Contribute**

Chores are the #1 antidote to entitlement. Kids who contribute appreciate what they have and are far less likely to take the contributions of others for granted. Get them contributing to the household and family, and watch entitlement disappear.

### **Expect Kids to Earn the Things They Get**

This doesn’t mean we don’t give kids gifts or commit unsolicited acts of love. But for things they often ask for, we can ask how they plan to pay for them or earn them. From purchases, to playing sports, to driving, avoid making things free. Instead, expect kids to work to earn all or part and see if they don’t appreciate those things the most.

***Each week we share Love & Logic tips here. We also have many Love & Logic resources available for loan.  
Contact our school counselor, Ms. Jessy Lewis, for more info.***