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Newsletter Incentive

October 2, 2026

Week 5: Celebrating Students & Celebrating Eagle Pride!

What another great week at Eddington Elementary School! Our students and staff continue to work hard, build positive relationships, and demonstrate what it means to be an Eddington Eagle. We have several exciting celebrations and activities happening as we head into October!

🏆 Our First Monthly Assembly

We held our first monthly school assembly! This is a wonderful opportunity to bring our students together and recognize those who have demonstrated one of our six RSU 63 Core Values: Honesty, Kindness, Respect, Compassion, Responsibility, and Courage.

Students will be recognized by their teachers for demonstrating these values throughout the school day. We will also take some time during our assembly to celebrate our student birthdays! We are looking forward to making these monthly assemblies a positive tradition that celebrates our students and builds Eagle Pride throughout our school.

🦅 The 3D Eagles Are Back!

We are also excited to bring back our 3D-printed Eagles! Each week, students will have the opportunity to earn an Eagle to proudly keep on their desk for the week as another way to recognize positive choices and behaviors.

We will also continue our weekly newsletter and Eagle sticker drawings, providing even more opportunities to celebrate students who are demonstrating Eagle Pride throughout our school!

🍒 Cherrydale Fundraiser – October 1

Our Cherrydale Fundraiser begins on October 1! We are excited to kick off this fundraiser and appreciate the continued support of our families and school community. More information will be coming home with students.

💻 Internet Safety & Enrichment

We are excited to announce that our Elementary Librarian will be adding Internet Safety to student enrichment! Learning how to be safe, responsible, and respectful online is an increasingly important skill for our students. We are excited to provide students with opportunities to build these skills as part of their enrichment experience.

🔥 Fire Safety Week

We are excited to celebrate Fire Safety Week on October 6th! Members of the Eddington Fire Department will be joining us right here at Eddington Elementary in our gymnasium to teach students important lessons about fire prevention, emergency preparedness, and staying safe. A big thank you to the Eddington Fire Department for taking the time to visit our Eagles and help teach these important lifelong safety skills! 🚒🔥

🎶 Looking Ahead to Winter Concerts

We know our students and families are looking forward to our winter concerts! Dates are currently being reviewed and finalized, and I hope to share additional information with families in the coming weeks.

🦅 Eagle Stickers

A limited number of Eagle Stickers are awarded each week and students who receive a sticker are entered into a weekly prize drawing. If your child brings home an Eagle Sticker, please help us celebrate them by asking them how they earned it! The winner of this weeks' drawing is: Milo Maniscalco.

Thank you to our students, staff, and families for another wonderful week and for continuing to make Eddington Elementary such a positive place to learn and grow!

Go Eagles! 🦅💜

Matthew Zavala
Principal
Eddington Elementary School

Newsletter word of the week: Assembly

Curriculum Corner



Back to School Tips for Success!

Dear Families,

As we start another new school year together, we are so excited to have everyone back, and to welcome our new students and families. The classrooms are busy, and the students are engaged and interacting with the teachers and one another. To help our students and families have the most successful year possible; we have provided a few useful tips here:

Set Goals Together:
Encourage your child to set personal and academic goals. Maybe establish a small reward plan, like a sticker a day, and a week's worth of stickers earns a little treat. This can foster a sense of ownership over the course of their learning journey.

Create a Home Study Space:
Designate a quiet, well-lit area for homework and studying. This can be a fun space to decorate together. A dedicated home learning space can enhance focus and productivity and help build student confidence for completing tasks in a timely manner.

Establish a Routine:
Create a consistent daily schedule that includes time for homework, independent reading, and play time with friends and siblings. Routine helps students feel organized and helps them keep tasks manageable.

Stay Engaged:
As parents/guardians, ask your student(s) about their day, attend school events, participate in parent-teacher meetings, and communicate regularly with your child(ren)'s teacher to stay informed and hear all the great things happening during the school day.

Together let's make it a great year!

Sheila Caldwell
Superintendent of Schools
Director of Curriculum and Instruction

Dear Families,

As we settle back into our school routines, we are beginning our district and state assessments. These assessments help us better understand student learning, inform our instruction, and identify students who may benefit from additional support.

i-Ready Inform District Assessments

Students will first complete their i-Ready Inform district assessments in Reading and Math. These assessments will be administered from **September 8 – 22, 2026**. While we have a longer testing window to make sure every student has enough time to complete the assessments, each assessment typically takes 1–2 class periods/sessions to complete.

NWEA and Maine Through Year Assessments

- **Grades K–2**: Students will complete their NWEA assessments.
- **Grades 3–8**: Students will complete their Maine Through Year state assessments.

These assessments will take place between **September 14 – October 23, 2026**. The extended testing window allows us time to provide make-up opportunities for students who are absent. These assessments typically take 1–2 class periods/sessions to complete.

How Can You Help at Home?

You can help your child feel prepared and confident by:

- Making sure they get a good night's sleep.
- Encouraging them to eat a healthy breakfast.
- Reminding them to take their time and carefully read each question.
- Offering positive encouragement and reminding them to simply do their best.

These assessments are just one piece of the larger picture of your child's learning. Your encouragement and support at home can make a big difference!

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. We are excited to see how much our students have grown and look forward to celebrating their progress!



Dodie's Corner

Hello RSU #63 Families!

During Eagle Time this week, in Pre-K and K, we started the Social Explorers Curriculum by reading the first book, Thinking Thoughts and Feeling Feelings, written by R. Hendrix, K. Zweber Palmer, N. Tarshis, and M. Garcia Winner. Please see the attached family letter. This will help you understand the curriculum and different strategies you can use at home to introduce your child to his/her thoughts.

In First Grade, we started the You Are a Social Detective Curriculum written by Michelle Garcia Winner and Pamela Crooke. Please see the attached family letter. This will help you understand the curriculum and different strategies you can use at home. Each child colored their own detective poster, and we watched an excerpt from a detective show to understand what detectives do when they work.

We finished our time together with a Burning Energy, Danny GO movement break, and GO Noodle Melting Exercise. As always, I have attached the letter, song, and activities. I hope you enjoyed this first glorious week of fall!

Sincerely,

Ms. Dodie, LMSW/CC



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Kid Detectives | S1E1 | Spilt Milk Splatter
"Burning ENERGY!" ⚡ Don't-Stop-Moving Challenge | Danny Go! Dance Songs for Kids
Melting Exercise - Learn To Destress | Guided Meditation For Kids | Breathing Exercises | GoNoodle



A Note from Your New School Nurse



Hello, Families!

My name is Julianna Page, and I am excited to introduce myself as your new school nurse! I have been a school nurse for the past four years, and I truly love working with students and being part of a school community. I look forward to getting to know your children and working with all of you throughout the school year!

I wanted to share a few important health reminders to help keep our students and staff healthy:

When Should Your Child Stay Home?
Please keep your child home from school until they are:

- Fever-free (100°F or below) for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication.
- Free from vomiting or diarrhea for 24 hours without medication.

These guidelines help prevent the spread of illness and allow students the time they need to fully recover before returning to school.

Medication at School
For the safety of all students, children may not transport medications to or from school themselves. Any medication that needs to be kept or administered at school must be brought to the school office by an adult and given directly to me (Julianna Page) or Mrs. Smith.

Thank you for helping us keep our school community healthy and safe! Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns. I am looking forward to a wonderful school year with all of you!

Warmly,
Julianna Page, RN
School Nurse



SEPTEMBER



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 First Day of School for First Grade	2 First day of School for Kindergarten	3	4	5
6	7 Labor Day NO SCHOOL	8 PreK First Day of School	9 PTG Mtg at Holden School at 7:00 pm	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 PTG Fall Frolic at Holden School 11:00 am
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Eddington School Closure Info. Session at Holden 5:30 pm School Board Mtg at Holden 6:30 pm	29	30 STUDENT ASSEMBLY 9:00 AM			



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OCTOBER



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 SCHOOL FUNDRAISER ASSEMBLY 1:15 PM	2	3
4	5	6 FIRE PREVENTION DAY	7	8	9	10
11	12 HOLIDAY NO SCHOOL	13 PreK Field Trip 9:45-12:00	14 PTG Mtg at Holden School at 7:00 pm	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 School Picture Day	23	24 PTG TRUNK OR TREAT AT HOLDEN SCHOOL 3:30 PM
25	26 School Board Mtg at Eddington 6:30 pm	27	28	29	30 Dental Clinic	31 Happy Halloween





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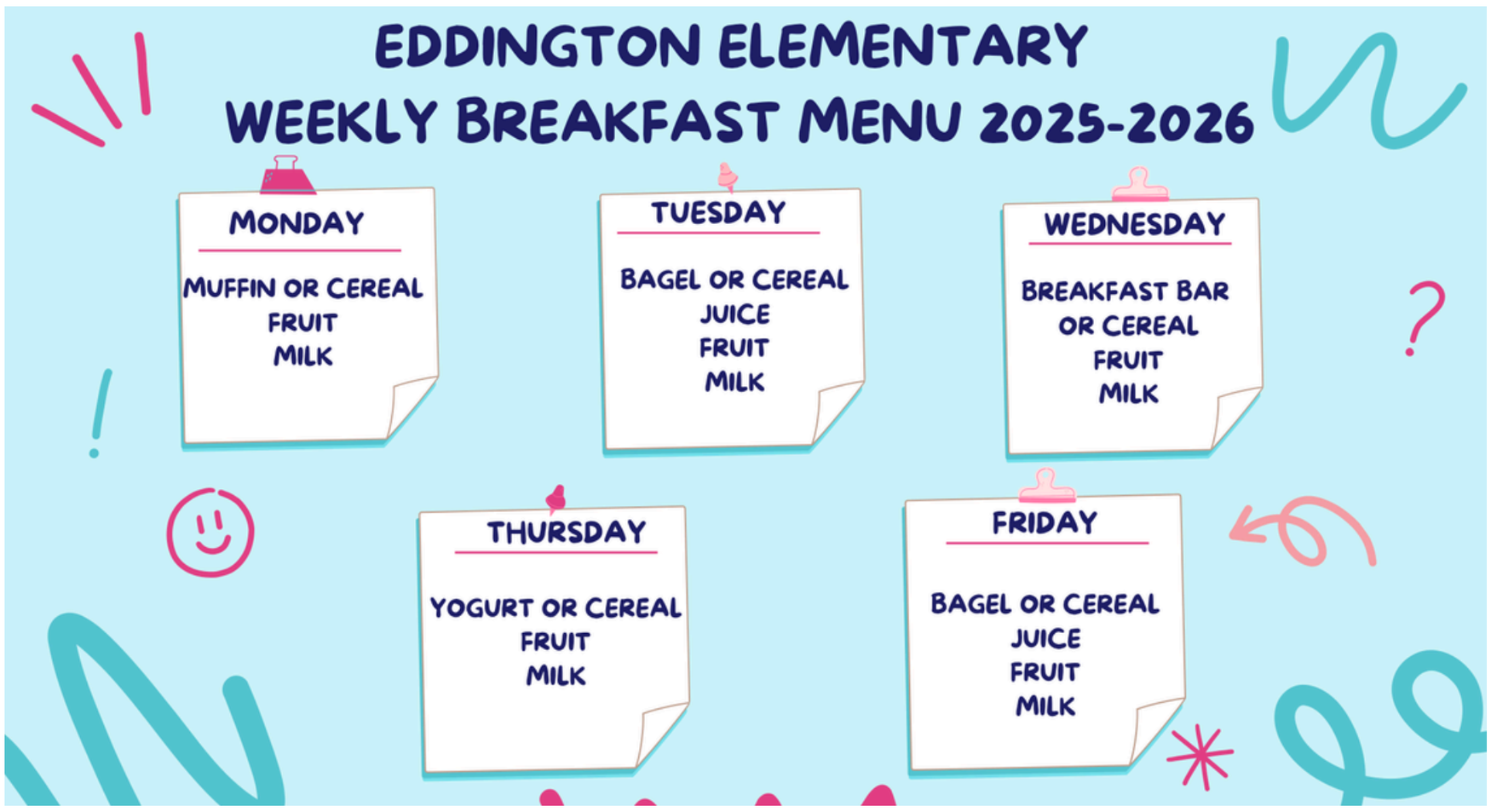
EDDINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

OCTOBER 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 Cheese Pizza Cucumbers Fruit Milk	2 Fish Sticks Potato Smiles Fruit Milk
5 Emoji Waffles Sausage Patty Vege. Baked Beans Fruit Milk	6 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Goldfish Fruit Milk	7 Cheeseburger Smiley Fries Fruit Milk	8 Cheese Pizza Carrot Sticks Fruit Milk	9 Chicken Nuggets Potato Stars Fruit Milk
12 **Holiday** **No School**	13 SunButter, Jelly and Fruit Roll Ups Gold Fish Carrot Sticks Fruit Milk	14 Chicken Corn Dogs Potato Stars Fruit Milk	15 Cheese Pizza Spinach, Cucumber and Tomato Salad Fruit Milk	16 Chicken Patty on WG Bun Cucumbers Fruit Milk
19 French Toast Sticks Bacon Vege. Baked Beans Fruit Milk	20 Chicken Nuggets Corn Fruit Milk	21 Fish Sticks Potato Stars Fruit Milk	22 Cheese Pizza Carrot Sticks Fruit Milk	23 Ham & Cheese Sandwich Chips Fruit Milk
26 Pancakes Sausage Patty Vege. Baked Beans Fruit Milk	27 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Goldfish Fruit Milk	28 Macaroni & Cheese Hot Dog Broccoli Fruit Milk	29 Cheese Pizza Carrot Sticks Fruit Milk	30 Cheeseburger Chips Fruit Milk

Breakfast and Lunch meals are free for all students. Lowfat white milk is served with all meals. Entrée may be substituted for SunButter Sandwich.
Snack Milk or Milk for cold lunch is .50 cents/each.
WG = Whole Grain
Menu is subject to change without notification.

MY SCHOOL BUCKS — PAY FOR MEALS ONLINE — MySchoolBucks.com





HAPPY BIRTHDAY

October

Rylee Garriepy	Oct. 1	Kindergarten
Peter Shola	Oct. 2	First Grade
Lincoln Adkins	Oct. 2	Kindergarten
Bea Maniscalco	Oct. 4	First Grade
Milo Maniscalco	Oct. 4	First Grade
Emma Spencer	Oct. 8	First Grade
Milo Hutchins	Oct. 9	First Grade
Brody Moore	Oct. 9	Kindergarten
Ezra Whitney	Oct. 10	First Grade
Callie Webber	Oct. 13	PreK

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NEWSLETTER INCENTIVE

Last weeks' incentive winner drawing is Kolson Bell from Mrs. DeRoche's class.

DON'T FORGET TO CLICK THE INCENTIVE LINK IN THE PRINCIPAL'S CORNER TO ENTER.

Announcements & Events

Dismissal:

Please notify the office and your child's teacher of any dismissal changes BEFORE 2:00 pm (except in cases of emergencies). This helps us get everyone home safely!

Parents:

It is imperative that you send a change of clothing in your child's backpack. Children get wet or need to change clothes for a variety of reasons and we currently don't have many extra clothes in the office. Thank you.

Parent Volunteer Application

Parents who are interested in volunteering in the classroom, chaperoning field trips or joining us for our end of the year field day must fill out the volunteer form every school year. Please click on the link below to access the application. Please note a background check will be completed and you must be approved before volunteering. Return completed forms to Kelly in the office.

CLICK HERE

School Visitors

For safety purposes, any visitor must report to the office immediately upon entry into the building. They will need to sign the visitor log binder, and they will receive a visitor tag. The visitor tag must be worn and visible at all times while they are in the building. When they leave, the visitor must return the visitor tag to the secretary and sign out in the binder. Thank you for helping keep our school safe!

Morning Arrival

If kindergarten or first grade students are dropped off before 8:15 am, they need to be walked down to the outside playground. They may be dropped off at the front door ONLY if they are getting a school breakfast.

Parent/Student Handbook

The handbook can be found on our District website or by using the following link:

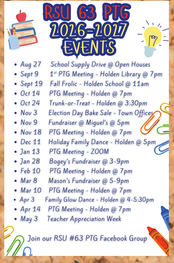
2026-2027 Handbook

School Fundraiser October 1 - 15

Please see flyer below. Packets were sent home this week with students. All order forms are due to the office no later than October 15

















Arrival / Dismissal Procedures 2026-2027

Arrival

For Kindergarten and 1st Grade students arriving between 8:00-8:15 am

- Drop off in the morning will be at 8:00 am. When students arrive at school they are to go directly to the playground behind the school unless there's inclement weather. Please drop your child appropriately for the existing weather conditions. If there is inside recess there will be a sign outside by the front door indicating inside recess and therefore students may be dropped off through the front door.

For Prek students arriving between 8:00-8:30 am

- Drop off your student at the front door where Ms. Leland and Mrs. Davis will greet them.

Any student arriving after the stated times above should enter through the front door and check in with Mrs. Smith.

Dismissal

Pick up by vehicle (or parents walking)

- Park your vehicle in our parking lot in front of the School. Walk up to the front door and your child will be brought out to you. Students will be released at 2:30 pm. Please be extremely careful when driving out of the parking lot as many children and parents will be walking to their cars.

School Bus Safety Reminder for Parents & Students

Please remember that the **school bus danger zone** is the area **within 12 feet of the bus**, where drivers may not always be able to see children clearly.

Parents, please review these important safety rules with your children:

- Stay at least **5 giant steps** away from the bus
- **Make eye contact** with the driver before crossing
- **Wait for the driver's signal** before crossing the road **You always need thumbs up!**
- **Never play on sawhorses or near the roadway**
- **Never pick up dropped items** — tell the driver instead

Important Reminder for Families of Students in Grade 3 and Below:
While **parent or guardian presence is required for bus drop-off,** we **strongly encourage parents to also be present at bus pick-up** whenever possible. Younger students are especially vulnerable to hazards such as distracted driving, and traffic visibility issues.

Staying alert, following bus safety rules, and working together helps keep every child safe.

Safety starts with awareness and teamwork — thank you for helping us keep our students safe!





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EDDINGTON SCHOOL

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VISIT YOUR CLASSROOM`S FAMILY WEBPAGE!

PRE-K KINDERGARTEN 1ST GRADE

Seesaw Seesaw ClassDojo

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