

Oct. 5, 2026

Dear EPS Families,

Interested in helping our students at breakfast? Complete this [volunteer interest form](#), and I will contact you after fall break. Our students could use some help opening breakfast items, cleaning up the occasional spill and motivation to finish eating and get to class.

Picture Book Day is coming November 19! We will have a book talk with Dori Graham, author of Brave Miss Muffet ! If you would like to order the book so that Ms. Graham can sign it when she is here, please see the attached order form and send it back in by Oct. 30.

The [IU Science Fest](#) is on Saturday, Oct. 24th. Students will explore the sciences with a Data Detectives theme, over 100 hands-on activities, and a balloon launch. This event is completely free to families and is a wonderful way to get kids interested in the wide possibilities that science offers from a young age.

If you would like to opt your student out from photos within our school and district, complete this [form](#).

Have a great week!

Sincerely,

Lucy Fischman

Principal, EPS

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Counselor Corner: Practical tips for growing minds and hearts.

“I Can Do It!”

Small everyday skills build big independence! At school, children are practicing things like opening lunch containers and packages, managing backpacks, zipping coats, using classroom materials, and cleaning up.

These skills may seem small, but they help children feel confident and capable—especially during busy times like lunch and transitions.

Try This at Home: Let your child practice opening their own lunch containers, packages, and water bottles. If they get stuck, ask, “What could you try next?” before jumping in to help.

— Stephanie Schmalensee

Dear EPS Families,

Children's book author Dori Graham will visit our school on Thursday, November 19th, 2026! Dori Graham is a writer and librarian in Ft. Wayne, IN, where she was born and raised to climb trees, skip rope, and ride bikes until the streetlights came on. Dori has an MFA in Creative Writing for Children and Young Adults from Hamline University, and her debut book, *Brave Miss Muffet*, was star-reviewed by School Library Journal Xpress. Dori lives happily in a cozy cottage-of-a-house with her family and their many hundred books. **If you'd like to order a book for her to sign during her visit, please fill out the order form below and return it with payment by October 30, 2026.**

Title		QTY	Price
	Brave Miss Muffet (Paperback)		\$9.00
	Brave Miss Muffet (Hardback)		\$19.00
Personalization	Please write the name you'd like the author to address the book to here:		

Student's name: _____

Classroom Teacher: _____

We accept cash (exact change, please) or checks made payable to EPS. There is no tax. **Return form & payment to your child's teacher by Friday, October 30, 2026.**