

November 2026



Dear Parents and Guardians,
This month at **Neveln Elementary**, our Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) focus is **gratitude**. Throughout November, we will encourage our Neveln Knights to recognize and express gratitude at school and in our community.
You can support this important skill at home by:

- Writing a thank-you note
- Telling someone why you appreciate them
- Praising positive behavior
- Making a gratitude list
- Performing acts of kindness

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. We are grateful for all you do to help us inspire, empower, and accelerate our students.

Mrs. Hemann

Strategic Priority Updates

1. Safe and Welcoming Learning Environment

Celebrating Positive Behavior with Golden Shields! 🛡️💎
At Neveln Elementary, we are committed to creating a safe, welcoming, and positive learning environment where every Knight feels valued and successful!
Through our **PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports)** program, students earn Golden I CAN Cards by demonstrating our Knight Code of Honor:

- **Be Respectful**
- **Be Responsible**

- **Be Safe**

Classes work together to earn Golden Shields, and when our school reaches **10 Golden Shields**, we celebrate as one big Knight family!

🎉 **In October, our Neveln Knights earned a schoolwide celebration!** Students enjoyed a special **Recess Dance Party**, complete with music, dancing, laughter, and chalk with lots of smiles!

We are proud of our students for making positive choices, showing kindness, and working together to make Neveln a great place to learn.

2. Packer Profile for all learners

Our Neveln Knights are proudly demonstrating the Packer Profile traits — being Responsible, Contributors, Learners, and Communicators — both in the classroom and throughout our community.

These included visits to the Nature Center and the Austin Symphony Orchestra. These experiences provided meaningful opportunities for our Knights to extend their learning beyond the classroom and strengthen their connection to the Austin community.

A highlight for our fourth graders was watching our very own Ms. Beaver perform in the Austin Symphony Orchestra — an inspiring reminder of the talent and creativity that exists right here within our Neveln family!

In addition, students are sharing their growth through the Seesaw platform, where they upload work samples in reading, math, and writing. Families can view these artifacts throughout the year to celebrate their child's progress and stay connected with classroom learning.

Parents — please remember to check Seesaw regularly!

3. District -wide multi-tiered systems of support



Our **attendance goal** this year is **90% overall**. Consistent attendance helps students stay engaged, build strong relationships, and achieve their personal best. Every day counts toward success!

Be On Time!

The school bell rings at **8:00 AM** each morning. All of our **Neveln Knights** need to be **inside the building by this time** and ready to start the day.

We are proud to celebrate our students who have shown outstanding commitment to being at school **on time and all day, every day**:

Week of October 5 – October 9: 94.7%
Week of October 12- October 13: 91.8%
Week of October 19 - October 23: 93.5%
Week of October 26 - 30 : 94.2%

Month of October 93.7%

Perfect Attendance = On time and at school **all day** with **no early outs** for any reason.

Way to go, Knights!

Your dedication to learning and showing up each day makes a big difference. Keep up the great work!

4. Excellence in resource management.

We are excited to welcome **Marijane, new lunchroom supervisor**, to the Neveln Elementary team! Our lunchroom supervisors play an important role in creating a **safe, welcoming, and positive environment** where students can enjoy lunch, build friendships, and practice being respectful, responsible, and safe.
We are grateful for the care, patience, and encouragement our lunchroom supervisors provide to our Neveln Knights each day.
Welcome, Marijane! Thank you for joining our Knight family and helping make Neveln a great place for students!

To learn more about the Packer Profile and the district's long-term strategic plan, please visit AccelerateAustin.org.

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Brr It's Cold Outside



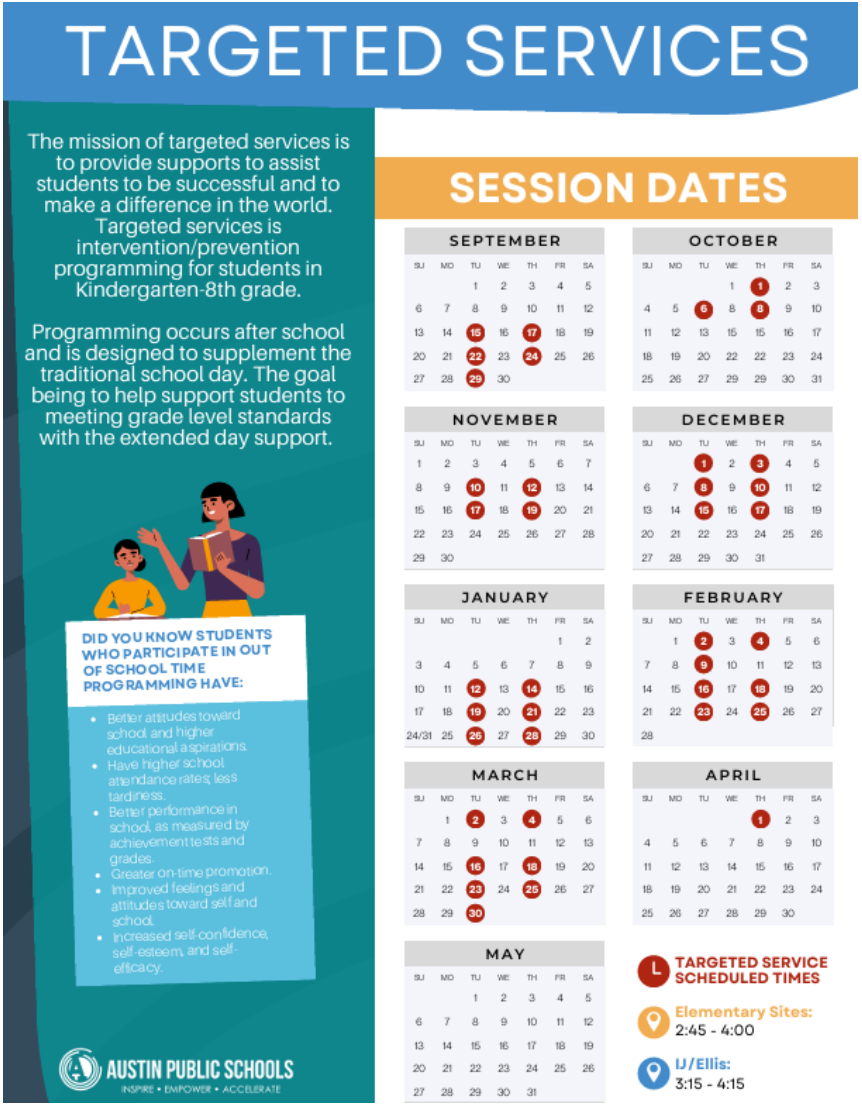
The weather is getting colder, and we want all of our Neveln Knights to stay warm and ready for outdoor play! Please make sure your child comes to school **each day** with:

- A **warm coat**
- **Hat and gloves/mittens**
- **Snow pants and boots** (when the snow begins to fall!)

We go outside **every day** for recess, so dressing appropriately helps your child stay comfortable, safe, and ready to have fun with friends.

Targeted Services Session #2 - November 10th - December 17th

The next session of Targeted Services begins Tuesday, November 10th and continues through Thursday, December 17th.
Targeted Services is an after-school program designed to give students extra support in mathematics while building confidence and problem-solving skills in a fun, small-group setting.
If you have any questions about enrolling your child in Targeted Services, please contact your child's classroom teacher or the Neveln Office at 507-460-1600 — we're happy to help!



Attendance Matters



At Neveln Elementary, we believe that **attendance matters**—every day counts toward your child's success!

When students attend school regularly, they:

- Build stronger relationships with teachers and classmates.
- Learn important academic skills and knowledge.
- Develop routines that foster responsibility and resilience.

Missing just a few days of school can impact your child's learning. Studies show that consistent attendance leads to better academic performance and social-emotional growth. Our goal is to help every student thrive, and attending school every day is a key part of that success.

We understand that sometimes absences are unavoidable due to illness or emergencies. If your child is absent, please notify the Neveln office as soon as possible 507- 460- 1600.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's attendance or need support in ensuring they are at school consistently, please feel free to contact us. We are here to help!

Thank you for your continued partnership and commitment to your child’s education.





Birthday Treats

Individual classrooms will observe birthdays with special activities planned by teachers, such as allowing children to wear a "Birthday Hat" or by singing to them. If students choose to share a treat with the class on their birthday, food must be an individually wrapped and purchased treat. Examples of such treats are fruit snacks, individual packages of cookies or crackers, etc.... **Parents should contact the teacher to make them aware that they are sending a treat for the class.** Please do not distribute personal party invitations at school.

If you do not want your child to participate in holiday or birthday celebrations for personal or religious reasons your desires will be honored. Please contact the classroom teacher to discuss the activities in which your child should not participate, and to decide what he or she will do during these events.



Example of a snack that meets our policy.



Example of a snack that meets our policy.



Does NOT meet the snack policy

Reminder- Neveln Dismissal Procedures

Students that are **picked up by parents/caregivers** are walked in a line to the basketball hoop area and they are supervised by classroom teachers until a parent arrives to pick them up from the line. Any adult picking up a child must exit the car and walk onto the school property to meet the teacher and student. Please pick up your child at the basketball hoop area. Our teachers need to walk all students to the lines so they can be picked up safely by caregivers. **Do not pick up your child from the playground doors. Student safety is our first priority and if parents line up at the doors this makes our dismissal process difficult to follow. We appreciate all of your support with this so we can ensure students are walked to the appropriate locations.**

Students that are **walking or bike riding home** are walked outside by the classroom teacher and dismissed after they check out with the teacher at the end of the day.

On inclement weather days we will continue to walk our students to the dismissal lines by the basketball hoops. We do not change our process on rainy, cold, windy or snowy days.



Important Dates to Remember

November
November 25, 26, 27 - No School



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Please leave toys at home



We kindly ask that students leave their toys at home unless it is for a special, designated occasion at school. Bringing toys can be distracting during learning time, and we want to ensure all students are able to focus and make the most of their day.
If there is an upcoming event or occasion where toys will be allowed, we'll be sure to let you know in advance. Thank you for your support in helping us create a focused and productive learning environment!

Glasses



Reminder: Please Send Your Child's Glasses to School
Glasses are an important learning tool — just like pencils and books!
Please make sure your child brings their **glasses to school every day** so they can **see clearly, read confidently, and write successfully**.
If your child has recently received new glasses or needs a replacement, please let us know so we can help support them at school.
Questions? Call the Neveln Office at **507-460-1600**.



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8:00AM - 2:30PM