

KEEP IN TOUCH

EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING CENTER PARENT NEWSLETTER – December 2023



PRINCIPAL NEWS

First, I'd like to wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving! I can't believe it is that time of year already. Thank you for sharing your children with us. Everyone at the ECLC is thankful for each one of them.



Thanksgiving vacation will be from November 23rd - November 27th. Students will return to school on November 28th.

Reminder:

PM K4 students should be accompanied by an adult at drop off while waiting for the front door to open. Please do not let students out of the vehicle without supervision. There is no adult to monitor them until the door opens at noon. Thank you for this in advance.

INCLIMATE WEATHER

We have seen some snowflakes, and I am sure that we will see many more. With all the snow comes some possible problems.

Depending on the road conditions, busses could be a few minutes late. The bus drivers do their best with the conditions while placing the highest importance on getting your child to school safely.

School closings, early dismissals, and 2-hour delay days do sometimes happen. These important announcements will be posted to the district website, emailed, text, and come through phone calls. They are also broadcasted on local radio and television stations as early and as soon as possible. If there is a 2-hour delay, school will open at 10:00 a.m. There will be no K4 AM classes in the event of a 2-hour delay. PreK Counts students should still report to school at 10:00 am.

On a 2-hour delay day, the school doors will open at 9:30 a.m. for drop-off.



Remember that kids do need to dress for the weather. Coats, boots, hats, and gloves are needed at bus stops and for recess. Thanks for your help.



PTG

The December PTG meeting will be on Wednesday, December 6th at 8:15 am. We will celebrate Holiday Parties with the children at school on December 20th.

HOLIDAY NIGHT

Our annual Holiday Night/Title I Night celebration will be Thursday, December 7th from 6-7:30 pm. We will have games, crafts, snacks, holiday music, literacy games, a storyteller, and a special guest (Santa...shh). This is such a fun, exciting time for kids, we hope you can join us.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

For December, classroom counseling lessons will be utilized for the Women's Services Child Abuse Awareness Program (CAAP) in Kindergarten (K5). The CAAP presenters will be at the ECLC on Dec. 11 and 13. Paperwork will be sent home to give more details about the program.



Pre-Kindergarten (K4) will be focusing on our All-School Rule - "Be Responsible", and will reinforce a variety of responsible behaviors across school settings.

With Christmas approaching, and the demands of weather and higher utility bills, please reach out if your family needs support. The Titusville Area School District works cooperatively with a Community Resource Coordinator, Courtney Master. Courtney is available to assist families with a variety of supportive services. Please let me know and I can make a referral to connect you with the Resource Coordinator. Happy Holidays!

MUSIC NOTES FROM MISS H



The K5 students are so excited for their concert on December 1st! Please have students wear their "Christmas Best" attire to school that day. Parents should plan to arrive early for the best parking and seating. Doors open at 1:10 pm. If you need handicapped accessible seating, please contact Miss H as soon as possible to make any necessary arrangements. At the conclusion of the concert, students may be signed out in their classrooms. The K5 students will also get to practice being a good audience when they see the high school choir for a holiday performance later in December.

The K4 students have been working hard! We've learned about instruments like the banjo, fiddle, and musical washboard with Thanksgiving songs. We have so many exciting things planned for December, starting with the K5 concert. The K4 students will be the audience for our rehearsal the day before the concert and will practice appropriate audience behavior.

SAFETY

As busy moms and dads, the mornings can be hectic. You may be in a hurry, but please err on the side of caution if you are driving in front of the building. If you are dropping your child off at the ECLC in the morning, please slow down, drive as far forward as you can, park carefully, and be respectful of others. We have **very precious people** being delivered to us. We want everyone to get here safely. Thank you for helping out with this and doing your part. I cannot even express how much I appreciate this.

DECEMBER VACATIONS

Please remember that our last day of school before the holiday is December 21st. WINTER BREAK will be December 22nd-January 1st. Kids will return to school on Tuesday, January 2nd!

A HOLIDAY THANK YOU TO:

1. The staff at the ECLC for their work in classrooms, the office, cafeteria, and on busses.
2. Mr. Stearns and Miss Maseman for their hard work keeping the ECLC sparkling.
3. All the PTG board members and volunteers who work so hard for the ECLC's students.
4. All parents and adults that help us with homework, motivation, and discipline.
5. **All men and women serving in the military.**



Have a Safe and Happy 2024!!




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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i><u>ECLC Mission Statement</u></i> <i>The Early Childhood Learning Center is a community-based educational partnership that prepares children and families for a positive beginning to the school experience. It is our mission to ensure that each child attains the skills necessary to develop the whole self, including social, emotional, intellectual, physical and language skills by providing a rich array of experiences which nurture student success.</i></p>					1 K5 Holiday Concert @ 1:30pm K4 Orange Day	2
3	4	5	6 PTG Meeting @ 8:15am	7 Title 1/ Holiday Night 6-7:30pm	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 K4 Green Day	16
17	18 "Winter Wonderland" Day- Wear Christmas or Winter Shirt	19 "Mad About Plaid" Day- Wear a Flannel or Plaid	20 "Tree Topper" Day- Wear a Santa Hat, Winter Headband, or Reindeer Antlers <i>Winter Parties</i>	21 "Keeping it Cozy" Day- Wear Your PJs <i>Movie Day</i>	22 Winter Break No School	23
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DECEMBER NEWS



NOTES FROM THE NURSES

HOT SPOTS FOR GERMS

With winter weather comes winter germs. Popular places germs like to hang out:

- Smart phones
- Shopping carts
- Kitchen sinks
- TV remotes
- Door handles
- Faucets
- Light switches
- Appliance handles
- Salt and pepper shakers

Clean these items frequently, at least once a week, with a disinfecting cloth. Most importantly, teach your student to wash hands frequently.

COUGH DROPS

Remember: Students are not permitted to bring cough drops to school in their backpacks. To do so is a violation of district policy. Parents may bring in personal cough drops but we do stock cough drops in the health office.

NOSE BLEEDING

If your student gets nose bleeds in the winter, try using a cold-mist vaporizer, saline nose drops or vaseline. If it is frequent, consult your healthcare provider.

HATS, GLOVES

Send your kids to school dressed for weather. Make sure they have hats, gloves and boots. Assistance is available if needed—please call the school.

STAYING HEALTHY

Eating well, like cutting back on sugary snacks, getting the proper amount of sleep, and exercising daily help strengthen resistance to winter illness.

CLOTHING

Please put extra clothes in your student's backpack in case needed. We have a very limited supply. Return borrowed clothes ASAP.