

KEEP IN TOUCH

EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING CENTER PARENT NEWSLETTER –January 2024



PRINCIPAL NEWS –School Director Recognition Month

January is *School Director Recognition Month*. Our school board members put in countless hours to benefit our students. We appreciate all that they do for the children at the ECLC. They are special people who should be recognized for their service.

THANK YOU Titusville School Board Members!!!

Lynn Cressman, Jim Come, Marc Ross, Jack Roberts, Kevin O’Neill, Carol Shaffer, Monica Chatham, Krista Steinbuhler, and Jill Neely

MUSIC NOTES

The K5 students had an amazing performance! Since our concert, both K4 and K5 students have been using the Boomwhackers in the music room. Boomwhackers are pitched plastic tubes that we can use to play songs. We have discussed traditional music we hear in December and looked at instruments like sleigh bells, temple blocks, and whip. In January, K5 students will begin musical notation and composing rhythms. K4 students will begin copying rhythms and singing independently. I hope everyone has an amazing Christmas break!



PTG

The next PTG meeting will be Wednesday, January 10th at 8:15 am in the school library. We look forward to seeing you.

ATTENDANCE

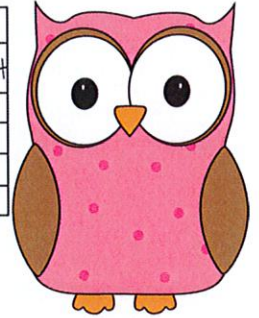


Attendance is very important for students to learn and be successful in school. If they are not present, they are not able to gain the most from their school experience. The early years and skills that are being taught are crucial for developing successful readers. Research shows that these early literacy skills are predictors of strong readers later in life.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

1. School districts are required by law to keep track of student attendance.
2. Students may miss ten (10) days of school with an acceptable reason.
 - a. Acceptable reasons are: illness, doctor/therapy appointment, quarantine, family emergency, court, death in the family, religious holiday, and/or trip that has been approved by the school principal.
 - b. Doctor's excuses will be accepted for any absences that a doctor has been seen during the absence.
3. Once a child reaches the 10-day limit, every day following without a doctor's excuse will be considered unlawful.
 - a. An unlawful letter will be sent for each unlawful day up to three (3) days.
 - b. After three (3) unlawful absences, the principal will contact you to set up a meeting to discuss attendance and how we can work together. This is called a Student Attendance Improvement Plan (SAIP).
4. Any further absences will then be filed through the District Magistrates office.
5. Please send in an excuse for any absence. Otherwise it is marked as an unlawful day.

Month						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat



Thank you for your support and help with attendance. We appreciate all that you do!

COUNSELOR'S CORNER



Did you know?

Love, INC is a local agency that supports our community in many ways. One program offered to students is the Backpack Program; a bag delivered weekly to the school packed with food and drinks. A second helpful Program is Bare Necessities; a bag delivered monthly that includes a variety of hygiene and toiletry items.

This is FREE for families.
Call Love, INC at 827-4882
if you would like to sign up
your child(ren) for either program.

IMPORTANT DATES

January 2 – Students return to school
January 10 – PTG meeting at 8:15 am in the school library
January 15 – No School – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 18 – Last day of second nine weeks
January 19 – No School for students – Teacher Workday
January 22 – First day of second semester
January 26 – K4 White Day



TWO HOUR DELAY AND SCHOOL CLOSINGS

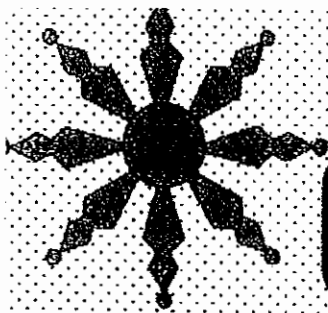


School closings, early dismissals, and 2-hour delay days do sometimes happen. If an important announcement like this were to occur, you will receive a call, text, or email as early and as soon as possible. If there is a 2-hour delay, school will open at 10:00 a.m. If you transport your child personally, please have your child to school by 10:15 a.m. on a 2-hour delay. Morning K4 will not be held on a 2-hour delay. PreK Counts students will still report at 10 AM.

Please listen or watch for these announcements when the weather is not favorable.

No School for Students – January 15 and January 19





JANUARY NEWS



NOTES FROM THE NURSES

SUGAR SHOCKERS

*Children should have less than 6 tsp of added sugar/day. Some foods, like fruits and dairy products, contain natural sugars.

*Sources for high amounts of added sugar are: soft drinks, fruit drinks, flavored yogurts, cereals, most processed foods and desserts.

*Tooth decay is caused by acid made by bacteria that grow in sugar. Teach your child to rinse with water after eating a sugary snack

*Too much sugar can increase the risk of obesity, heart disease, high cholesterol and high blood pressure.

SCREENINGS

We have completed the health screenings, height, weight, hearing and vision, at the elementary schools. If you received a letter stating your student did not pass and need assistance with the referral, please call the health office.

DENTAL HEALTH

Make sure your student is brushing his or her teeth twice a day for two minutes and flossing once a day. Please assist the younger ones with proper technique.

ITEMS NEEDED

Please consider donating gently used sweat pants to the health office. We are always in need of these.

ACT OF KINDNESS

Over the break, have your student help you do something nice for someone. Teach them to be kind!

WINTER BOOTS

If your student wears boots to school, please make sure he/she has a change of shoes for the day.



Mrs. Beck Principal

ECLC January 2024



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 New Year's Day	2 School Resumes!	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 PTG Meeting @ 8:15am	11	12	13
14	15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day NO SCHOOL!	16	17	28	19 Professional Day NO SCHOOL!	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 K4 White Day	27
28	29	30	31	Holiday Break Dec. 22 - Jan.1 School Resumes January 2nd Happy New Year!!		