

Eisenhower Elementary Parent Newsletter

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News from Mr. Allen



Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 11

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As we near spring, we are excited about some of the results that we have seen with redesign. We gave a survey to our students that included questions about their social and emotional well-being, and we have seen gains. We will be surveying them one more time to make sure what we are doing is having a positive impact. One thing we are looking to add to our Jag Time and Morning Meetings is Family Fridays. Families will be comprised of 10-11 students from various grade levels plus one adult to oversee that group. We will more than likely start this after spring break and we are eager to see the benefits this will have for our kids. Other things happening in redesign are pilots of online platforms such as iready, dreambox, istation, RedBird, etc. We are exploring these opportunities to make our classrooms more efficient and to track data on a weekly basis

Another pilot we are implementing is project-based learning. These are projects that are student driven and focused on the process more than the end result. Multiple content areas will be embedded into PBL and many life skills will be learned such as critical thinking, communication, cooperation, responsibility, self-confidence, time management etc. Lastly, we are extremely happy to have Mrs. Simmelink, our music teacher, working with our staff and students full time. She has been able to provide experiences to our kids that she previously wouldn't have been able to provide. Overall, the redesign process has been time consuming and at times difficult, however, we are excited about the future of EES and the experience your kids will have after this process. Be on the look-out for a redesign parent night coming up soon.

Mr. Allen

Future Kindergarteners

It is that time of year when we start to prepare for Kindergarten Roundup.

Please fill out the attached form for children who will be entering kindergarten in the fall. Feel free to pass one on to a friend or neighbor with future kindergarteners. This will get your name on the mailing list for the Kindergarten Roundup to be held on Monday, April 30

PTO Book Fair hours
March 12-14
Monday and Tuesday
3:30-7:30
Wednesday
3:30-6:30

Ways to see what is going on at Eisenhower..

www.mcpherson.com - click on School - Eisenhower
Facebook:
Eisenhower Elementary School
PTO- little jaguar picture
Eisenhower Elementary School - school building picture

EMERGENCY CLOSINGS

The school district currently is utilizing a phone system (Power Announcement), which calls parents to inform them of closings or emergencies. The system will also send email alerts and/or text messages. The contact information is provided from each school's database. Consequently it is essential that parents update their information to their child's school when changes occur to their address, home and cellular phone numbers and additional contact information.

When there is an emergency or weather related closing in the school district, announcements via Power Announcement will be made as soon as possible. Information about school cancellations may be found on the district website, Channel 20, District Facebook page, and on the following radio and television stations:

KBBE 96.7 FM
KINGL 1540 AM
KAKE Channel 10 TV
KSN Channel 3 TV

When a tornado or other severe weather is threatening, students **will not be dismissed** until the all clear is issued by emergency management or a central office administrator.

