

# News From the Nest

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## Eaglets to Eagles We Soar on the Wings of Knowledge

### Campbell's Corner

Hello Eagle River Elementary Families!

Welcome back to what will be our best year yet! What a great start it has been. Students are happy to be here and ready to hit the ground running!

We have some exciting news to share. Eagle River Elementary is one of ten PBIS schools this year. What is PBIS you are wondering? PBIS stands for "Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports". We have a team of staff that met of four days this summer for training and planning. Training and meetings will be ongoing throughout the school year as we strive to implement systems that support all our learners to be successful.

One of the ways we will be doing this is through our matrix. The matrix is below and attached to this Newsletter. When everyone is clear on the expectations and school routines, we are supporting students to be successful, and behaviors decrease. Most of these routines were already in place. Now we are focused on consistency with staff implementation and explicit training of these routines to our students. Classes have been developing their classroom matrix to mirror the schoolwide matrix. Teachers will be sharing these with you soon.

As a school we are focusing on arrival and dismissal procedures. This is a schoolwide process that we all take place in together. Our goal is safety first! Everyone has a role to play in the successful and safe arrival and dismissal to school.

Two things to make note of are that we will no longer be letting students or families return to classrooms for left items. Teachers have systems and routines in place for student success in this area. Sometimes items are left behind and they will need to be retrieved the next day. This has also been our policy. Admittedly we were not consistent on this but will be now. We will also be enforcing our 9:00am tardy bell. If your child comes through the door after the tardy bell, they will get a tardy slip before being admitted into the classroom. If busses are late, students are not marked tardy.

If you are interested in more information about PBIS, please visit the following website: [www.pbis.org](http://www.pbis.org). I will also be providing information and updates each month in our school newsletter.

We are hoping to get a PTA up and running at ERE this year. Please let me or the office know if you are interested in more information. I am planning a ZOOM meeting in September. I will send out

information ahead of time.

If you have questions or concerns, please reach out to me. Unless it is an immediate concern, the best way to reach me is on e-mail at [Campbell\\_dawn@asdk12.org](mailto:Campbell_dawn@asdk12.org).

Happy new school year!  
Dawn Campbell

## Daily Schedule

Below is Eagle River Elementary's usual schedule. Our schedule is subject to change without warning, but we will do our best to communicate any unanticipated, sudden schedule changes.

### Monday:

- School doors open at 9:45 for students and school begins at 10:00. Students arriving before 9:45 will be directed to the MPR aka lunch room where they will wait until 9:45 with the option of sitting quietly or reading a book

### Tuesday through Friday:

- School doors open at 8:45 for students and school begins at 9:00. Students may not be dropped off early to wait.
- Breakfast begins at 9:50 and is eaten in the classroom
- 11:30-11:50 lunch for Hemphill, Eads, & Jones then recess 11:55-12:15
- 11:30-11:50 recess for Kindred, Cano, McCloud, Snell then lunch 11:55-12:15
- 12:25-12:45 lunch for King, Hahn, Spain, & Sorensen then recess 12:50-1:10
- 12:25-12:45 recess for Reynolds, Dolan & Long then lunch 12:50-1:10
- Dismissal is at 3:30 each day

School grounds are closed from 8:30 to 4:00. After dismissal, students must go home first and then are welcome to return after 4:00 to play on the playground.

## Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

### *Arrival*

**On Monday, school begins at 10:00 am instead of 9:00 am.** If your student arrives before 9:45 am on PLC Mondays, they will be brought into the building and students will sit in the MPR/lunchroom with the choice to read or sit quietly until 9:45 am when the bell rings. Our breakfast service will continue and will start at 9:45 am.

**On Tuesday through Friday, students will be let in at 8:45** and there will be no supervision until then. **Students will not be allowed to wait before 8:45. Please time your child's arrival so they are here no earlier than 8:45.** We appreciate your help with this so we can make sure students are supervised and safe!

- **Student drop off will be at the stop sign at the front corner of the building and students will enter the front door. Students will not be allowed to be dropped off until 8:45**
- All students enter through the front door

- Students will enter the building and sit on the floor outside their classrooms where they will be supervised by staff until the 8:50am (Kindergarten Students will sit in the front hallway)

### ***Dismissal***

- Car riders will be called by tag number from the MPR or classroom to the pick up lanes
- Walkers will be dismissed at the bell
- Tae Kwon Do and Bright Beginnings and Boys and Girls Club will be dismissed at the bell to wait at the front entry benches
- Student attending the Y go to the gym at the bell
- Bus riders will wait in groups by bus number outside weather permitting or wait in room 3
- If bus is out front at dismissal, office will let staff know.
- Students and families will not be allowed to return to classrooms after the dismissal bell

*We need your help! If you are waiting for your child outside the front door with siblings, please remember that the blue concrete circles are for sitting only and not standing. Please also make sure that children are not climbing the blue columns outside the front door. Dogs may not be brought onto school grounds from 8:30-4:00 while students are present. If you walk your dog to school to drop off or pick up your child, please wait across the crosswalk or off school grounds.*

## **Cross Country Running Club - Starting Aug. 28**

Cross Country Running Club is about to begin! Start the school year off with a great opportunity to get out and exercise! Train with us for the annual Beach Lake Cross Country Jamboree coming up in September, or just join us for some healthy fun. Runners, joggers, and walkers of all abilities are encouraged to join. X-C Club is open to all students, Kindergarten – 6th grade. ***Kindergarten and first grade students must be accompanied by a parent or other adult.***

Practice is from 3:30-4:30 every Monday and Wednesday starting August 28 until September 20. Permission slips are available in the front office or from Ms. Kindred. There is also a copy attached at the end of this newsletter.

## **From Mrs. Victory - ERE Counselor**

Hello Parents, Guardians, and Grandparents,

My name is Tina Victory and I am the school counselor for Eagle River Elementary. I am in our building Monday-Friday from 12:00-4:00. The easiest way to contact me is through email at [victory\\_tina@asdk12.org](mailto:victory_tina@asdk12.org). I can answer email from any location which makes it easier for you to receive a quick response.

I am absolutely thrilled that school has started. It is amazing to see the changes in our returning students and I welcome families that are new to Eagle River Elementary. The beginning of school can be a difficult transition for some students. If your child is having a difficult time, please let me know so I can check in with them.

Teachers have shown students where my office is located, which is next to the Gym. For students in upper grades there is a window box where students can complete a "I need to see the counselor" form.

Students see the school counselor for many different reasons. For example: friendship issues, crisis, changes in families, self-esteem, anger difficulties, death of family member/pets, how to deal with conflict, school avoidance and many other reasons. I do not provide ongoing therapy for students, but I can visit/connect with them until outside counseling is found.

During our WIN time at school in the afternoons, I work with students in small groups on friendship skills, self-esteem issues, working together as a team, conflict resolution, empathy, and many other reasons. If your child is in a small group, the groups are formed by our teachers. Students who are put in groups with meet with me once a week for 20-30 minutes.

If you have any questions or concerns about a student, please contact me so that I can help you.

Thank you,  
Tina Victory  
School Counselor

## **Fill the Nest! Food Drive & Fundraiser**

Every year we have children who need support to be able to eat outside of the school hours. Our annual food drive will be from September 16th to the 30th. If the students are able to Fill The Nest with 2,000 items, the entire school will have a popcorn and a movie together in the MPR.

We need non-perishable items of all kinds from soups and canned vegetables to spaghetti sauce/noodles, rice, spices, and more. Everything helps. Items can be brought in each morning by the front office.

We will also be holding a community drop off day on Saturday the 23rd where we hope to get community donations from outside our school community. Please spread the word! If you would like to volunteer to cover a 1.5 hour collection shift, please email Mr. Barton at [barton\\_todd@asdk12.org](mailto:barton_todd@asdk12.org) as we will need the help throughout the day.

For the past two years we have feed our families in need but have never been able to provide perishable items. We have set up a 99pledges account that will accept cash donations. This will allow us to purchase milk, fresh fruit and vegetables, and proteins such as chicken, eggs, beef, etc. for our kiddos. Our goal is to be able to provide this at least once a month during the school year. If you would like to help, please go to <https://app.99pledges.com/fund/fillthenest> or scan the QR code below to donate.

Thank you for your support and let's help our eagles in need.

Todd S. Barton  
K-6 Classroom Music

# Fill the Nest!



Scan here to donate

## Note from Nurse Jen - Volunteers Needed!

Nurse Jen is looking for parent volunteers to take children's height and weight, help gather children to perform vision and hearing tests. She can work with your schedule. If you're in the medical field, you can even be taught to do vision and hearing tests and get volunteer hours for your license!

If you are interested and willing to volunteer, please reach out to Nurse Jen via email at [brushaber\\_jennife@asdk12.org](mailto:brushaber_jennife@asdk12.org). Thank you in advance!

## Free/Reduced Lunch Program

ASD is still accepting applications for the Free/Reduced Lunch program. When applying for the program, please include **all ASD students in your household**, even if some students attend different schools. Families may apply for the free/reduced lunch program by going online to [schoolcafe.com/anchorage](https://schoolcafe.com/anchorage).

For questions and more directions on how to apply, please visit ASD Student Nutrition's main page about the program at <https://www.asdk12.org/Page/13246>.

## Breakfast and Lunch Menus and Payments

Below is the link to access the breakfast and lunch menus for Eagle River Elementary, as well as the rest of ASD's schools. Please remember that there may be substitutions as needed.

Did you know you may qualify for free or greatly reduced lunch prices? To apply for the free/reduced lunch program, families will need to go online to [schoolcafe.com/anchorage](https://schoolcafe.com/anchorage) and click "Apply for Benefits" after creating an account if you do not already have one. Paper applications may be mailed in to ASD Student Nutrition department or dropped off at the school/Student Nutrition Center. For more direct instructions please visit <https://www.asdk12.org/Page/13246>.

Families may add funds to a student's account by logging into ParentConnect/Q, clicking on their student's name, clicking "ASD Quick Links" and then "Online Payments". For direct instructions, please visit <https://www.asdk12.org/Page/13241>

Breakfast Cost: \$3.00 Lunch Cost: \$4.75

[Menus via SchoolCafe](#)

## Volunteering for ERES

If you would like to be considered for volunteer activities at Eagle River Elementary, please submit an application at <https://www.asdk12.org/Page/13771>. All interested in volunteering MUST submit an application, regardless if you were and approved volunteer last year. Once received online, applications take approx. 7-10 days to process. We highly encourage online applications as paper applications can take even longer and we will not be approving volunteer applications on site.

To figure out what volunteer opportunities there are, please reach out to your student's teacher to let them know you are interested in volunteering. Otherwise, look for communication from the school and/or your teacher for open volunteer opportunities.

At this time, only approved volunteers, staff, and students (of course!) may enter the school past our front office. If you are not an approved volunteer, we unfortunately cannot allow you to volunteer that day. We will not be able to approve applications on site and last minute. Thank you families for your willingness to help out at our school!

[Volunteer Sign Up](#)

## School Policy Reminders

Eagle River Elementary's policy for late drop-off is that families must come in and sign late students in. If families are picking a student up before the end of the day, then they must come to the front office to sign students out. The office staff will not call students down before an authorized pick-up person is physically in the front office.

For late drop-off and early pick-up, the bus lane may be used **only** from 9:30am to 3:00pm. Families that use the bus lane after 3pm will be asked to relocate their vehicle before taking their student. We understand that the parking lot becomes congested in the afternoon and encourage families to plan accordingly. Additional parking is available in the empty lot across from the First Baptist Church on Monte.

We are unable to microwave food for students for lunch. Please plan accordingly.

Lastly, cell phone use in the front office is strictly prohibited to maintain student confidentiality and FERPA regulations. Visitors using cell phones in the office will be asked to end their conversation or step into the vestibule to finish. We appreciate your understanding!

## **\*The information below will remain on the Newsletter for your reference**

### **How is Your Student Getting Home?**

The safety of our students is of the utmost importance to Eagle River Elementary, and we want to make sure our students get home safely. Please plan out and communicate to your student and your student's teacher how they will get home every day.

Any changes to the way your student is getting home at the end of the day **MUST** be reported to the office by 3:00pm. The end of the day is a hectic time and last minute changes are extremely difficult to communicate to students. We ask families to communicate changes directly to the office, not to your student's teacher. Teachers are busy instructing students and may not see emails, Remind messages, etc. before the end of the day, thus resulting in your student not leaving how they need to be. If you have a change to how your student is getting home that is long term, please make sure to let your child's teacher know as well as the office.

To help students understand how/where they will leave the building at the end of the day, Eagle River Elementary uses three groupings to differentiate their dismissal routine: parent pick-up, walkers, and bus riders. It is important families know the difference between these groups so students are not confused how they are getting home.

- If your student will be picked up in a car, then they are considered parent pick-up. Your student must be able to get in and out of your vehicle without assistance for parent pick-up. If they aren't able to do so, families will need to park and meet their student at the front.
- If your student walks home **or** you will meet them in front of the building, they are considered walkers.
- Students that ride a school bus, go to Bright Beginnings, Taekwondo, or go to the Boys & Girls Club are bus riders. Please make sure your student clearly understands how they are getting home.

ERES uses a car tag number system and each family is assigned a specific number. Please hang your car tag on your rear-view mirror so staff in the parent pick-up area know what students go to each car.

## **Attendance/Arrival Policy Reminders**

Students who arrive after the 9AM bell are considered tardy and will need to stop in the office to get a tardy pass before being admitted to class.

Please call the main line and press "1" for the attendance line if your child will be absent. Absences must be reported by 10:00am to ensure your student's attendance is entered. Families may also submit attendance requests through Q/Parent Connect. Automatic attendance calls alerting for unexcused absences go out at 10:45.

When leaving an attendance message for your student please leave these important details:

- 1) Student Name
- 2) Date(s) of absence
- 3) Reason for absence
- 4) Teachers Name
- 5) Grade Level

Many messages are left saying the student will be out but do not leave a reason. Without a reason, the student is automatically marked unexcused. When you know you will be on an extended absence like a family vacation, we can put a prearranged unexcused absence in the system so you do not get a daily phone call.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the office at 742-3000.

## **ASD Attendance Guidelines**

Here are the District Guidelines for Attendance:

AM (starts at 9:00 am)

- Tardy - up to 60 minutes after school starts
- Absent (.5 day) – If a student misses more than 60 minutes.

PM (starts at 12:15 pm)

- Tardy – arrives at or before 1:15pm
- Absent (.5 day) – student misses more than 60 minutes

## **Birthday Treats**

Please reach out to your child's teacher before sending/bringing in treats and they can fill you in on any classroom requirements including food allergies or sensitivities. Some teachers may prefer individually packaged items. In general, birthday treats must be store bought and pre-packaged (sealed store cupcakes for example).

# School Business Partners



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## EAGLE RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

# SCHOOL-WIDE BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

	Arrival & Dismissal	Hallway	Lunchroom	Recess	Restroom	Success Strategies	
S	Safety First <i>I will...</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walk directly to my destination</li> <li>• Stay put</li> <li>• Talk softly</li> <li>• Keep my hands, feet, and belongings to myself</li> <li>• Arrive after 8:45</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walk directly to my destination</li> <li>• Have permission and a hall pass</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Throw away my trash</li> <li>• Clean up my space</li> <li>• Stay in my seat</li> <li>• Eat only my food</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dress appropriately</li> <li>• Follow recess expectations</li> <li>• Report problems to staff on duty</li> <li>• Follow adult directions</li> <li>• Line up quickly and quietly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Get permission and a pass</li> <li>• Walk directly to destination</li> <li>• Allow for the privacy of others</li> <li>• Wash my hands</li> <li>• Report problems to my teacher</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "Stop and Think"</li> <li>• Talk to an adult</li> <li>• Ask for help immediately</li> </ul>
O	One Community <i>We will...</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Respect others' space</li> <li>• Set technology for learning (personal tech turned off and in backpack before entering the building)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walk</li> <li>• Keep quiet</li> <li>• Keep to the right</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be patient</li> <li>• Stay in line</li> <li>• Pitch in</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Include others</li> <li>• Share</li> <li>• Care for our playground and equipment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keep restroom clean</li> <li>• Conserve resources</li> <li>• 2/2 Rule: 2 pumps / 2 towels</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Move away from conflict or distractions</li> <li>• Use CHAMPS</li> </ul>
A	Accountability <i>I will...</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use appropriate conversation and/or language</li> <li>• Secure items and leave them in my backpack</li> <li>• Know my dismissal plan</li> <li>• Know my bus/car number</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walk directly to my destination</li> <li>• Stay in line</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain a clean space</li> <li>• Use appropriate conversation and language</li> <li>• Keep food on tray and in my mouth</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Return equipment</li> <li>• Use appropriate conversation and language</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Get permission and a pass</li> <li>• Use the sign out system</li> <li>• Manage my time</li> <li>• Go, Flush, Wash, Leave</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ask for help when needed</li> <li>• Calm body</li> </ul> <p>Remember to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be positive</li> <li>• Be responsible</li> <li>• Be safe</li> <li>• Be respectful</li> </ul>
R	Represent <i>Staff will...</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supervise students at all times</li> <li>• Know locations of students</li> <li>• Set technology for learning (e-mail, lessons, Class Dojo, Remind)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enforce safety</li> <li>• Monitor students by being at their doors and in the hallway</li> <li>• Provide passes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drop off/pick up students on time</li> <li>• Walk students directly into cafeteria</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drop off/pick up students on time</li> <li>• Actively monitor students in their station</li> <li>• Set technology for safety</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish and monitor sign out system</li> <li>• Provide passes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Practice expectations</li> <li>• Be consistent</li> <li>• Be engaged with students</li> <li>• Communicate</li> </ul>

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