

News From the Nest

October 31st, 2024

Eaglets to Eagles, We Soar on the Wings of Knowledge

Principal's Corner

Dear ERE Families,

How is it November already? We are off to an unusual start to the 2nd quarter with a Remote Learning Day, but we know the 2nd quarter will be full of learning and progress.

We had such a fun time at our Trick or Treat the Hall Fall Festival. A HUGE thank you to all our families, staff, community members and PTO who helped with candy and baked good donations, decorating doors, handing out candy, running games, set up and clean up. We couldn't have done it without you!

Our Fall Fun Run Fundraiser raised over \$5,000! We are so incredibly grateful for the generosity of our school community and extended community for your donations. We are looking forward to funding field trips, musical instruments and after school activities and more! Stay tuned for updates on how the money is being spent.

With snow making its arrival, a reminder all students go outside every day for recess until the temperature hits -10 F. We want to make sure all students are dressed appropriately for the cold weather. If you do not have cold weather gear please let us know. Your child's safety is our number one concern.

Thank you for another terrific Parent Teacher conference! It was great to see and talk to so many. I enjoyed seeing our students and families engaging with teachers about student progress, both academically and socially. As a team we can accomplish tremendous goals!

Thanksgiving Break is right around the corner. I would like all to take a moment, during this Thanksgiving holiday, and recognize what we are truly thankful for. I am grateful for the community

that I am honored to serve every day here at Eagle River Elementary.

Volunteers are wanted, needed, and loved! Every school year we need you to fill out an online application to be approved to volunteer in ASD schools. Once you are approved, you can reach out to your child's teacher for volunteer opportunities. Your child's teacher must then put your name on our volunteer calendar. If you arrive and are not on the volunteer calendar, sadly we will have to turn you away and trust me, we do not want to have to do this!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me at 742- 3000 or email me: Campbell_dawn@asdk12.org.

Joyfully!

Dawn Campbell

Reminders

Remote Learning Day on November 5th - There is a specific learning packet for students to complete. Some teachers may have already sent the packets home with your student, but if not, they will be sent home by Monday November 4th. There is also a PDF copy in the Remote Learning folder (see the link below). Please use this specific packet and not the general remote learning packets.

No school on November 11th - Closed for Veteran's Day

[Click here for the Remote Learning Drive](#)

November 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3 <i>Daylight Savings "Fall Back"</i>	4 Class Colors Day Homework Club 2:30-3:30 Choir 2:30-3:30	5 Remote Learning Day No Students @ School	6 Battle of the Books 5th Gr 2:30-3:30 Choir 2:30-3:30	7 Battle of the Books 3/4 Gr 2:30-3:30 Student Leadership Meeting 2:30-3:30	8	9
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Fun Run Fundraiser - Final Remarks

On October 25th, our 3rd Annual Fun Run Fundraiser closed with a grand total of \$5,114! This is SO AMAZING, and we cannot find the words to express our gratitude for the support we've received during the fundraiser. These fund will go towards things like buying piano keyboards, enrichment activities, and busses for field trips.

One thing we like to do to celebrate the end of our fundraiser is have the top three earners SLIME staff members, and this year we had FOUR top earners! Thank you to EVERYONE who donated, and congratulations to the students below for helping to raise funds:

1st Place - Avelina Jurotich in Mrs. Reynolds' class

2nd Place - Tessa Senta in Mrs. Cano's class

3rd Place - Ezirah Pickett in Mrs. Sorensen's & Marlaina LeBaron in Mr. Long's class

Trick or Treat the Halls and Fall Carnival Thank You!

ERE Families and Staff,

Thank you so much to all of the families who came out to participate in the Trick or Treat the Halls event on Friday evening. It was so great to see so many faces and we hope that everyone had a great time!

We are beyond grateful for all of the work and time our volunteers and staff gave to making the Trick or Treat the Halls a success! A special thanks to Principal Campbell, Katy and Chevon from the front office for their support and their efforts to help us pull off the first community event of the year. We also want to give a shoutout to our creative designer, Erika Armstrong. She spent many hours designing and creating the games and signs for the carnival. The spooky gym was a big hit and we want to thank Coach Fullmer and Mr. Jeff for making it happen.

To all of the staff and volunteers who generously donated items or contributed precious time out of their schedules, we couldn't have had this event without you! We are SO thankful for your help!!

We are excited to see everyone at the next upcoming community events!! Please mark your calendars for Movie Night on Nov 15th (hosted by Eagle River Optional) and our Holiday Bingo Night on Dec 6th!

Finally, we would love to hear from you!! Please send us your feedback on the event....the good, the bad and the ugly! We want to make sure these events are the best they can be! Send us an email at EREaglesPTO@gmail.com

Thanks so much!
ERES PTO Board

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Picture Retake Day November 15th

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November Spirit Days

ERES Spirit Days

11.4 Class Color Day

Pre-K/Kindy – Rainbow

1st Gr – Orange

2nd Gr – Red

3rd Gr – Green

4th Gr – Purple

5th Gr – Blue & Yellow

11.15 Neon Day

**ALL OUTFITS MUST BE SCHOOL
APPROPRIATE**

Music With Ms. Levy

Happy November! So many fun things are happening in music.

Kindergarten and 1st grade know 10 music vocab words! They are so smart. If you'd like to "quiz" them, here are the words that we know right now:

Tempo- fast and slow

Dynamics- loud and soft

Forte- loud

Piano- soft

Mezzo- medium

Major- happy sound

Minor- sad or spooky sound

Beat- stays the same, like a heartbeat

Rhythm- changes between long and short-short sounds

Staccato- short and sweet

Choir has started! It is open to any 3rd-5th grader. Choir will be happening every Monday and Wednesday after school, from 2:30-3:30. If your student wishes to join, and they haven't signed up yet, please reach out and I will make sure that they have a form. I will let students join until

November 6th. After that, students won't be able to join the winter choir. However, there WILL be a spring choir for them to join!

Our first scheduled choir event will be on Friday, December 6th, for the Chugiak/Eagle River Tree Lighting Event! More choir event info coming soon! If you haven't joined the Choir Remind, please do so! That is where I will be posting choir updates. The Remind code is: @egechoir1

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions! I am looking forward to continue making music with your students!

Autumn Levy
Music Teacher

November 1st starts our Fall Food Drive, presented by our Student Leadership students! Our goal this year is to get 1500 items. Last year we collected over our goal of 1500 and we are hoping to meet or surpass it again. If we are able to come together as a community and collect at least 1500 shelf-stable items, Principal Campbell will host a popcorn and movie day for the ENTIRE school! Items can be sent in with your student or dropped off to the front office. Thank you for helping our students SOAR!

EAGLE RIVER ELEMENTARY

– proudly presented by ERE Student Leadership –

Fall Food Drive

November 1st – 15th

Goal: 1500 Items

If we meet or surpass our goal, Principal Campbell will host a school-wide popcorn & movie day!

Scan the QR code below to donate money directly to the food pantry instead!



Items in Need:

**Peanut Butter & Jelly
Shelf-Stable Milk
Spaghetti Sauce
Rice & Noodles
Cereal & Oatmeal
Granola Bars
Canned Fruit & Veggies
Instant Potatoes**

Thank you for helping ERES students SOAR!



If families need gloves, coats, hats, or other snow gear, please reach out to Nurse Jen! She is here to help our students stay safe, healthy, and warm.

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School Psych Secrets with Mr. Brown

As the school year gets started, families often start to notice behavior in their students that can impact students at home, at school, and even with getting to school. In education, we consider all behavior to be a form of communication. If a student is engaged in behavior, there is something that they want but are not getting. Below is a brief overview of the four primary functions of behavior.

Understanding the Function of Behavior: A Key to Supporting Students

In the world of school psychology, understanding why a student behaves a certain way is crucial to creating effective interventions. All behavior serves a purpose or function, and by identifying that function, we can better address students' needs. Generally, behavior can serve one of four main functions:

1. **Attention** – Some students may act out or engage in certain behaviors to gain attention from peers, teachers, or parents.

2. **Escape/Avoidance** – Behaviors may be used to avoid or escape tasks, situations, or people that are difficult or uncomfortable.
3. **Access to Tangibles** – Sometimes, students may behave in certain ways to gain access to desired items, activities, or privileges.
4. **Sensory/Automatic Reinforcement** – In some cases, behavior is self-stimulating or soothing, such as fidgeting, and isn't linked to external rewards.

Understanding the function behind a behavior helps us create more targeted and effective support plans for students, ensuring they receive the guidance they need to thrive in school.

Josh Brown, Psy.S. (he/him)
School Psychologist

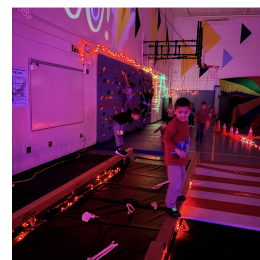
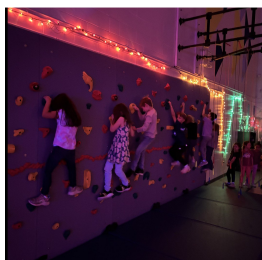
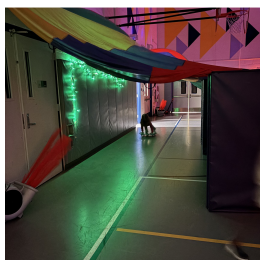
Catching Up With Coach Fullmer

We have been having so much fun in the gym this past month. One of everyone's favorite activities has been playing in the spooky gym. We were able to get it set up for the carnival and then use it again the week of Halloween.

With the snow arriving, it is important to check with your child that they have PE/ athletic shoes to wear at school. Wearing the big winter boots all day can make feet sweaty and uncomfortable. It will limit them with movements when they come to gym as well. If you could send in a pair of shoes for them to change into while in class that would be very helpful and appreciated.

Thanks,
Coach Spencer Fullmer

Here are some pictures of the spooky gym!





The information below will remain on the newsletter for your reference

ERE Mission and Vision Statements and Collective Commitments

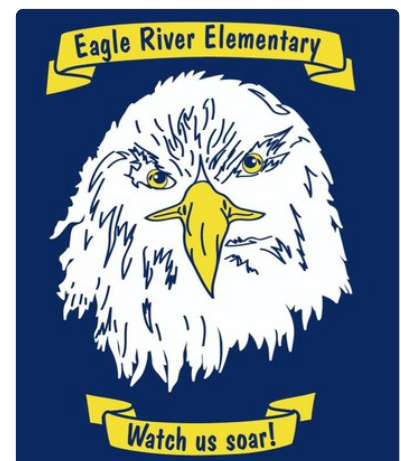
We have been working hard during our PLC time! It has been incredibly valuable to have this time each week to have collegial conversations and to collaborate to develop our mission and vision as well as our collective commitments for our students here at ERE! I am proud of the work our staff is doing and an excited for where we are headed.

Mission Statement: At ERE we will provide a safe and positive learning environment for the success of all our students, accomplished through engagement, motivation and perseverance.

Vision Statement: ERE will strive to create successful, happy, lifelong learners.

Our Collective Commitments:

- ERE is committed to strong core academic skills focused on math literacy and reading comprehension.
- ERE is committed to ensuring students learn conflict resolution, emotional regulation skills, and to take personal responsibility.
- ERE is committed to helping students develop a growth mindset, to focus, persevere, and problem solve.



School Colors: Blue and gold

Motto: "From eaglets to eagles, we soar on the wings of knowledge!"



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"> Walk directly to my destination Stay put Talk softly Keep my hands, feet, and belongings to myself Arrive after 7:45 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk directly to my destination Have permission and a hall pass 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Throw away my trash Clean up my space Stay in my seat Eat only my food 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dress appropriately Follow recess expectations Report problems to staff on duty Follow adult directions Line up quickly and quietly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Get permission and a pass Walk directly to destination Allow for the privacy of others Wash my hands Report problems to my teacher 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Stop and Think" Talk to an adult Ask for help immediately
O One Community <i>We will...</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respect others' space Set technology for learning (personal tech turned off and in backpack before entering the building) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk Keep quiet Keep to the right 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be patient Stay in line Pitch in 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Include others Share Care for our playground and equipment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep restroom clean Conserve resources 2/2 Rule: 2 pumps / 2 towels 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Move away from conflict or distractions Use CHAMPS
A Accountability <i>I will...</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use appropriate conversation and/or language Secure items and leave them in my backpack Know my dismissal plan Know my bus/car number 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk directly to my destination Stay in line 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain a clean space Use appropriate conversation and language Keep food on tray and in my mouth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Return equipment Use appropriate conversation and language 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Get permission and a pass Use the sign out system Manage my time Go, Flush, Wash, Leave 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ask for help when needed Calm body <p>Remember to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be positive Be responsible Be safe Be respectful
R Represent <i>Staff will...</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supervise students at all times Know locations of students Set technology for learning (e-mail, lessons, Class Dojo, Remind) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enforce safety Monitor students by being at their doors and in the hallway Provide passes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drop off/pick up students on time Walk students directly into cafeteria 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drop off/pick up students on time Actively monitor students in their station Set technology for safety 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish and monitor sign out system Provide passes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practice expectations Be consistent Be engaged with students Communicate Be positive!

SOARING TO SUCCESS AS A TEAM!

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 8:45 for students and school begins at 9:00. Students arriving before 8:45 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.
- Breakfast begins at 8:50 and is eaten in the classroom.

Tuesday through Friday:

- School doors open at 7:45 for students and school begins at 8:00. Students may not be dropped off early to wait.
- Breakfast begins at 7:50 and is eaten in the classroom
- 11:00-11:50 Recess then lunch for Dyches, Jones, Cano, & Dente
- 11:00-11:50 Lunch then recess for Sorensen, Reynolds, Hatmaker, & King
- 12:00-12:50 Lunch then recess for Hahn, Spain, Long, & Seebold
- Dismissal is at 2:30 each day

School grounds are closed from 7:30 to 3:00. After dismissal, students must go home first and then are welcome to return after 3:00 to play on the playground.

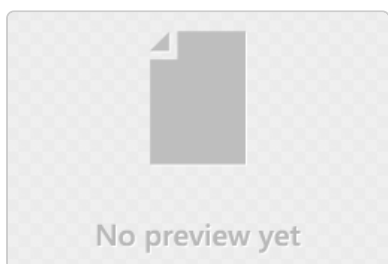
ERE Family Dashboard

We have created a dashboard of quick links (shortcuts) to help our families find what they are looking for quickly and easily! More links will be added as different events happen throughout the school year. If there is a link you think would be helpful, please let us know! We want this to be a user-friendly tool. Please bookmark the Family Dashboard. It can also be found in the parent resources folder and on our school website.

ERE Family Dashboard - Quick Links

Fred Meyer Rewards

It only takes a few minutes to sign up and choose Eagle River Elementary. This is a great way to earn funds to support student activities!



Fred Meyer Community Rewards - Fred Meyer

Learn more about how you can help raise funds for community schools, churches and other nonprofit organizations. Our community rewards program makes it easy. Learn more about Fred Meyer Community Rewards.

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Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

-Arrival:

- **On Monday, school begins at 9:00am instead of 8:00am.** If your student arrives before 8:45am on PLC Mondays, they will be brought into the building and students will sit in the MPR/lunchroom and sit quietly until 8:45am when the bell rings. Our breakfast service will start at 8:45 am.
- **On Tuesday through Friday, students will be let in at 7:45am.** There will be no supervision until then. **Students will not be allowed to wait before 7:45am. Please time your child's arrival so they're here no earlier than 7:45am.** 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 7:45am.** 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 7:50am bell (Kindergarten students will sit in the front hallway.)

Eagle River Elementary's policy for late drop-off is that families must come in and sign late students in. Students who arrive after the final bell are considered tardy and must be signed in by their adult before going to class.

-Dismissal (please see farther down for preschool): 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 dismissal routines: parent pick-up, walkers, and bus riders.

- If your student will be picked up in a car, then they are considered parent pick-up. 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. Pick-up will take place in our main parking lot. There will be two lines- if you turn left out of the parking lot after picking up your student(s), then you will need to join the left lane and join the right lane if you turn right.
- 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 or go to Taekwondo are considered bus riders. Bus information is available on ParentConnect for stop location and pick-up/drop-off time.

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. Please be sure to bring valid identification to pick up your student. **After 2:15 pm, we will not call students down from the classroom for early pick-up.**

It is incredibly important that any changes to how your student is getting home are communicated to the office before 2:00 pm. The end of the day is one of the busiest times in the office. Please be sure to communicate same-day dismissal changes directly to the office and not your student's teacher.

Thank you for helping us to get your student home safely!

Any long-term or permanent changes to how your student will be going home need to be communicated to their teacher as well as the office.

Preschool: Dismissal for preschool is 12pm each day. At the end of the day, preschool families will park in the bus lane for pick-up. Please pull all the way forward to the end of the bus loop (not around the turn), park, turn off your vehicle, and stay seated inside your car until you see the preschool students exit through the middle doors. Once the preschool students have exited the building, families may then come to pick up and sign out their student. Families are required to sign their student out with the preschool staff each day.

Breakfast & Lunch

Eagle River Elementary serves breakfast and lunch each school day for students that would like to purchase meals at school. Breakfast is served starting at 8:50am Monday/7:50am Tuesday-Friday, and is eaten in the classroom. Families may view the breakfast/lunch menu by going to schoolcafe.com/anchorage, clicking "Guest Account", and using the drop-down menu to select our school. For any food allergy concerns,, please contact our school nurse Jennifer Brusehaber by calling (907) 742-3000.

For students who bring their lunch to school, please be sure your student is able to open their lunch. There are lunch supervisors to assist and monitor students, but assistance is limited when there are over a hundred students in the lunchroom. It is important, especially for the younger students, to practice opening their lunch boxes, containers, and food packaging to be independent

and successful during their lunch time. Eagle River Elementary does not offer microwaves for student use.

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 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: \$4.00, \$0.30 reduced; Lunch Cost: \$5.75, \$0.40 reduced

Menus via SchoolCafe

Volunteer at Eagle River Elementary

We LOVE our volunteers! To volunteer with any school in the Anchorage School District, each interested person **must complete an online application every year**. Volunteer applications may be submitted online by going to asdk12.org/volunteer and clicking "Online Application and Waiver" or by clicking the link below. Applications take on average approximately 7-10 business days to process and must be approved before participating in any school-sponsored activities.

For more information about the volunteer process, please visit <https://www.asdk12.org/volunteer>. To figure out what volunteer opportunities there are at Eagle River Elementary, 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.

Volunteer Sign Up

Attendance/Arrival Policy Reminders

Students who arrive after the 8AM 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 9:00am 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 9:45.

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 8:00 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 12:15pm
- 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).

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