



Welcome Back East Elementary!

School Year 2023-2024
Important News and Notes!

Back to School



Welcome!

We are so excited to welcome you to the 2023-2024 school year, whether you are returning, or a brand new student to East Elementary—we welcome you!

Mission Statement

The Mission of East Elementary is to prepare all students to be self confident learners!

Open House

Open House at East Elementary and Little Orabs Preschool will be held on:

August 21 from 4:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.

for all grade levels. This is a way for the students and parents to briefly meet teachers, see their classroom and bring in school supplies to their desks/lockers. This makes the first day of school a less stressful time as they can find where to go the night before!

We are excited to see you there!



"School bells are ringing loud and clear;
vacation's over, school is here."

Please remember to call the school at 712-324-4337 **by 8:45 am** if your child is going to be late or absent from school. Also call **BEFORE 2:15 pm** if dismissal routine needs to be changed.
THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT!



School Closings and Delays

School closings and delays will be posted on the school website, KIWA's website—kiwaradio.com, Facebook or listen to KIWA Radio Station at 105.3.



School Day Times

7:55-8:15—Breakfast is served

8:25—School begins—students need to be in their seats by this time or they are tardy.

Being on time is very important!

3:15—School dismissal—if you are picking up your student, you need to go through the circle drive pick up line. (2:15 every Wednesday)



No SCHOOL

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2023

Parent Portal

The Parent Portal provides parents/guardians and students access to student information, school communications and paying fees online.

Parents will need to register in Parent Portal before paying fees online.

If you haven't signed up, call the school at 712-324-4337 to get your activation code. TK and Kindergarten parents will receive an instruction letter that will be sent home with your child the first week of school.

Access Parent Portal through our website sheldonschools.com under the Parents dropdown menu.



Lunch at East

Breakfast is served from 7:55-8:15 each day. If your child wants seconds or extra milk during their meals, there must be money in the account. If you choose to come eat lunch with your child, please call before **9:30 a.m.** so the kitchen has an accurate count. There is to be **NO RESTAURANT FOOD BROUGHT INTO THE LUNCHROOM.**



This is East's Parent Organization. Four parent meetings are held each year. Everyone is welcome to attend! **How to get involved:**

Attend Excellence for East Meetings
Volunteer for Events
Support fundraising events
Watch for more meeting information!

NEW STAFF FOR 2022-2023

We are **happy** to welcome the following new staff to East Elementary!

Mrs. Shelby Bergfeld is filling our 2nd Grade Teacher Position. Shelby previously taught 3rd grade at Sibley Ocheydan, in addition to teaching 1st and 4th grade in Utah. Shelby is a Sheldon High School graduate and a 2016 USD graduate. Welcome to East, Shelby!

Snack Milk/Juice

You may purchase milk/juice for your student to have during snack time. Log on to parent portal or stop in the office to pay.

The cost is:

TK — \$13.50 (semester)

K-4—\$27.00 (semester)

You may pay for the whole year if you choose.



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Don't Forget to add money to your family lunch account. You can pay by cash, check or parent portal.



Snacks/Treats

Early Childhood, TK and Kindergarten classes eat a snack each day—the student's take turns bringing the snacks for the class. All students may also bring birthday treats for their birthday. Remember, all snacks and birthday treats must be **prepackaged, store bought and peanut free.**



Winter Gear

Remember when it turns cold and snowy—winter gear is **REQUIRED** for recess!



Tardiness

If a student is late for school, the tardy will be made up at recess. If they are later than 8:40, it becomes an absence. It is very important to be on time so class time is not missed!



Football Games



East Elementary Students are to sit with their parents or the adults they came to the game with. There is no East Elementary section.

Students should be sitting down and watching the game unless they are using the restroom or going to the concession stand. Just a reminder these trips should be limited and should be at appropriate times—such as half-time. Please do not bring any footballs; you will not be allowed to play games.

Medications

If your student takes medication at school, we **MUST** have a medication form on file for each medication. This form is available at the office, and in your registration packet. Medication includes aspirin, non-aspirin products and any other over-the-counter medication, as well as prescriptions. You may send medication to school, but it must be kept in the office. All medication should be kept in the original container and **MUST** be turned into the office upon arriving at school.



Bus Rules

All students riding the bus will be expected to follow the bus rules that are posted on each bus and stated in the handbook. Students who fail to behave in an orderly manner will be subject to disciplinary measures.



After School Pick-up Information

If you are picking up a student up after school, please follow these directions:

1. Each child will receive a dismissal number at Open House. You will need this number to pick up your child in the dismissal line. It can be displayed in the windshield of your vehicle or passenger side front window.
2. You will need to pick up your child through the circle drive (**do not go to the office or park in the North parking lot**). **ALL** students must be picked up in the circle drive.
3. Line up on Normal College Avenue to enter the circle drive, this keeps the traffic flowing smoothly. Do not line up on 6th Street as this is where the buses load.
4. PLEASE be patient the first week of school, as it takes a few days to get the system running smoothly. After that, it will take very little time to pick up your child.



Walkers/Bikers

1. All students biking to school need to park their bicycle in the racks on the South side of the building.
2. Walkers and Bikers will be released from school at the end of the day AFTER all the buses have left.
3. Walkers and Bikers will use the crosswalk to cross East 6th Street, and use the South sidewalks to go home.



Lost & Found



Please label your student's clothing and gear to insure return of lost items. It is the child's responsibility to check the lost & found.

Clothing/items that are not claimed will be donated monthly.

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION

Board Policy—Code No. 102.E1

Students, parents, employees and others doing business with or performing services for the Sheldon Community School District are hereby notified that this school district does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age (except students), religion, national origin, creed, sex/gender, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, or socio-economic status in admission or access to, or treatment in, its programs and activities. The school district does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age (except students), religion, national origin, creed, sex/gender, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, or socio-economic status in admission or access to, or treatment in, its hiring and employment practices. Any person having inquiries concerning the school district's compliance with the regulations implementing Title VI, Title VII, Title IX, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), §504 or Iowa code §280.3 is directed to contact:

Cynthia Barwick, MS Principal
Sheldon CSD
310 23rd Avenue
Sheldon, Iowa 51201
712-324-4346

Cynthia Barwick, Middle School Principal has been designated by the school district to coordinate the school district's efforts to comply with the regulations implementing Title VI, Title VII, Title IX, the ADA, §504 and Iowa Code §280.3 (2007).