



### **2021 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL**

It is a huge honor for EES to be named as a 2021 National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education. We are one of 5 schools from the state of Kansas to receive this honor for 2021. All students and staff, current and past, deserve a huge shout-out for the hard work of being an "Exemplary High-Performing School." A special thank you and recognition goes to the following staff (and former staff) members for all of their hard work in completing the application process following the nomination last Spring: Louise Blanding, Sarah Richard, Kim Whetzel, Tammi Graff, and Jordan Lahey.

### **NO SCHOOL DAYS**

There will be no school on Monday, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> due to teacher in-service. There will be no school on Friday, Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> because of parent teacher conferences earlier in the week.

### **PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES**

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Conferences are 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. A notice of your conference time will be sent home with your child.

### **HALLOWEEN PARTIES & PARADE**

Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, students may come to school in costume with school clothes on underneath. Tentatively, the plan is to parade downtown before going to the classrooms for their parties. At 9:30 a.m., they will get out of costume and resume a normal school day. Please avoid makeup,

gory or violent costumes and weapons real or toy.

### **MORNING DROP-OFF REMINDER**

Please remember there is no supervision and the building does not open until 7:40 a.m. If your child eats breakfast at school, please drop off closer to 7:40. If your child does not eat breakfast at school, please drop off a little later (school officially starts at 8:00).

### **FLU VACCINE CLINIC**

Ellsworth County Health Department will be at USD 327 on Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> to offer student flu vaccines. The consent form can be found on the USD 327 Website, emailed to you, or picked up from the health department. Please return them **before October 1st**.

### **VISION SCREENINGS**

Vision Screenings are complete. If your student showed any vision deficits, a letter has been mailed to you. Others showing difficulty during their first screen might be rechecked next month, as well.

### **HEARING SCREENING**

EES October 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>

### **DENTAL SCREENINGS**

EES— screenings are complete. If your child was screened and potential problems were found, you will receive a letter in the mail.

### **GLOBAL HANDWASHING DAY**

October 15<sup>th</sup> is Global Handwashing Day. You can help support our district in our handwashing mission and remind your student to wash their hands regularly with soap and water at home and to get under the fingernails, too. If soap and water are



not available, hand sanitizer is the next best choice. Keeping your child's fingernails trimmed is another aid in preventing the harboring and spreading of germs.

### **STUDENT ILLNESS**

As we begin entering into flu season, please be mindful of any symptoms your student(s) are showing and do not send them to school if they are feeling ill.

### **THE EES/KMS BOOK FAIR IS COMING!!!**

The Book Fair is coming to EES October 18th-21st. We will be back in the library this year. We will be letting the students buy during the school day, during their class time or parents can come during parent-teacher conferences October 18 & 19th between 4-7:45PM. You can also order on-line between October 12th- 22nd.

Watch for a note with important details about the Book Fair.

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/ellsworthelmentaryschool1> The money earned at the Book Fair will be used to buy new books for the KMS and EES libraries.

### **OVERDUE/LOST OR DAMAGED BOOKS**

Please help your child keep track of their library books. Kindergarten through 3rd grade have canvas bags to keep their library books in when not reading them. These bags need to come back to the library-on-library days along with their library books. Most classes send students on a daily or weekly basis to check out books, so students usually have multiple times they can check out throughout the week. If your child returns a damaged book, *remember you are responsible for the replacement cost of the book.* If a book is "lost" we give the child many reminders and opportunities to

find and return lost books BEFORE putting it in the IC. Thank you for your help.

### **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION**

We are STILL collecting Box Tops for Education. Please clip them, and send them to your child's homeroom teacher. BUT most are now done through the scanning program. Thank you for your help and effort. We will collect and count next on October 22nd.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Oct. 1	Program "Guava Tree" 2:00
Oct. 5	Picture Retakes
Oct. 6	Flu Shots
<b>Oct. 11</b>	<b>No School – In-service</b>
Oct. 13	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Ag Day
Oct. 13	Fire Station Visits
Oct. 15	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Nine Weeks
Oct. 18-19	Parent-Teacher Conferences
Oct. 18-21	Book Fair
Oct. 20	Late Start – 9:15
<b>Oct. 22</b>	<b>No School</b>
Oct. 27	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip
Oct. 29	Halloween Parties