



East Palestine Elementary Questions and Answers

I want to take a moment to thank all our parents and guardians for all their hard work during these uncertain times. There are many unknowns at this time and I want to take a minute to go over some of the things we do know. If there are any additional questions, please feel free to reach out on Class Dojo or email me at Kim.Russo@myepschools.org .

Question 1: Should we expect any more work from teachers?

Answer: No, the last round of work was made available on Monday, May 4, 2020. If you received the packet of work labeled “May 2020”, you have all the work through the end of the school year. If you still need a copy of the “May 2020” work, it can be picked up at any of the Food Distribution Sites from 11:00-1:00 on Mondays and Thursdays or you can print it from the district website.

Question 2: When is the last day to turn in work?

Answer: Teachers will be available through Friday, May 22, 2020 to help students with any work they have to complete. Assignments can be turned in at Food Distribution Sites until Thursday, May 21, 2020 during regularly scheduled days and times. After May 21, assignments can be turned in at the drop off box located at the elementary building. The drop box is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Please note: work needs to be quarantined, graded and entered into teacher’s gradebooks. To allow time for this process and to get report cards out on time, please try to have assignments turned in by Tuesday, May 26.

Question 3: How will my child get their fourth quarter report card?

Answer: Report cards for grades one through four will be available through the Parent Access Portal on Friday, June 5, 2020. Kindergarten teachers have made arrangements with kindergarten parents about kindergarten report cards. If you have questions about kindergarten report cards please contact your child’s teacher.

Question 4: Is it too late to register for Preschool or Kindergarten?

Answer: No, you can register for preschool or kindergarten by going to the district’s website (www.myepschools.org). Click on “Menu”, “Our Schools” and “Elementary”. On the left side of the Elementary School’s main page you will find a link for “Registration of Pre-K and K”. Click on the link and follow the directions. You can also pick up a packet at any distribution site during regularly scheduled days and hours.

Question 5: How will my child return their textbook and/or library book and pick up personal belongings?

Answer: The elementary is planning an End of Year Event for grades Pre-K through 4. During these events students will turn in any materials that belong to the school and they will pick up any personal belongings they may have left at school. On Monday, May 18 and Wednesday, May 20 the elementary staff will host an “End of Year Send Off” for students. This will be a drive thru event, families will not get out of their vehicles. All social distancing guidelines will be followed during the event. Each grade level will have an AM and a PM time to accommodate families. Fourth grade teachers will personally deliver fourth grade students’ items to their homes. The fourth grade event will be held on Wednesday, May 27 beginning at 9:00 AM. More information about these events will be available soon. Please see the schedule below for days and times.

Grade:	May 18 Times		May 20 Times	May 27
Preschool	9:00 AM-11:00 AM	or	3:00 PM-5:00 PM	X
Kindergarten	9:00 AM-11:00 AM	or	3:00 PM-5:00 PM	X
First Grade	9:00 AM-11:00 AM	or	3:00 PM-5:00 PM	X
Second Grade	3:00 PM – 5:00 PM	or	9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	X
Third Grade	3:00 PM – 5:00 PM	or	9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	X
Fourth Grade	X		X	Delivery begins at 9:00 AM

*Choose only one day to attend. All students will receive an end of the year gift! ☺

Question 6: Will fourth grade students have an opportunity to have their awards ceremony and tour of the middle school?

Answer: Yes, fourth grade teachers, specialists and Mrs. Kerns are working on a virtual awards ceremony. The ceremony will be posted on Class Dojo the week of May 26, 2020. EPES and EPMS staff are working on a virtual tour of the middle for fourth grade students. This will also be posted on Class Dojo near the end of this month.

Question 7: Will my child get a class photo?

Answer: Class photos will be handed out to students during the “End of Year Send Off”. All students will get one class picture free of charge.

Question 8: Will my child have an opportunity to purchase a yearbook?

Answer: Yes, yearbooks will go on sale later this month. Because print companies are shut down, books cannot be printed at this time. We will either have a drive up event to pick up yearbooks or they will be handed out at the start of next school year. Books will be ordered directly through Magic Moments Photography. We will let you know when the link becomes available, it will be placed on our district’s website.

Question 9: What will next school year look like?

Answer: The East Palestine City School District administration is working closely with state and local health officials to make the best decisions for the safety and well-being of our students. Currently, we are working on plans to meet the academic and social-emotional needs of students whether we bring kids into our buildings or we continue with remote learning. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this unprecedented time.

If you have any other questions, please feel free to call the school. Please leave a detailed message with your name, number and a reason for your call. The EPES staff listens to and returns calls daily. Thank you so much for all your help during these times, we appreciate all you have done and continue to do to support our Bulldog Family!

