



EPB Newsletter

January 30, 2023

Hello, winter! After a slow start, it seems like winter has finally arrived and brought lots of snow and ice with it. We don't let winter slow us down though. Please be sure you send your child with a hat, mittens, boots, a winter jacket, and snow pants (if they plan on playing on the snowbanks). Unless it's below a "feels-like" temperature of 10 degrees, students do outside for recess, and with snowshoeing beginning, in PE the same guidelines are followed.

It's hard to believe that we are halfway through the school year, but it's true. Students have learned so much in the first half of the year and it's exciting to think how much more they have to learn and experience. Below you will find some reminders to help your child continue to excel. Please work with us to make your child's experience the most it can be.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Loiselle at 794-3014 or via email at ploiselle@rsu67.org.

You can also check our website at <https://www.rsu67.org/o/ella-burr-school> or download the RSU 67 app for more information.

Check out Ella P. Burr on Facebook! You will find up-to-date information as well as many pictures of students. Mrs. Bubar does a great job posting on a regular basis.

Reminders

- The school day officially starts and teaching/learning begins at 7:45 each day. Please help your child get the full learning experience by having them here on time each day. If they have a doctor's appointment, a note from the doctor would be helpful for our records.
- The school day officially ends at 2:17 Monday through Thursday and 1:27 on Friday.
- Bus change requests should be made in writing with the child's name and where they are going. Requests by phone are for emergency changes only.

- When your child is absent, it is your responsibility to contact the school and let us know why he or she is absent. If you forget, expect a call from Mrs. Ciulla because without any contact it is marked as an unexcused absence.
- If you have a family vacation during school, please fill out a “Temporary Student Waiver of Attendance” form, preferably before you leave. This form is required in order to mark the absences as excused.

Chronic Absenteeism

Research has shown us that learners in Maine, and across the country, who are chronically absent (this includes ALL absences), missing 10% or more school days, score a grade level below on testing. Chronic absenteeism is also a leading early warning indicator of dropout. Please help your child by having them at school every day unless they are sick.

Family Support

The Affordable Connectivity Program is an FCC benefit program that helps ensure that households can afford the broadband they need for work, school, healthcare, and more.

The benefit provides a discount of up to \$30 per month toward internet service for eligible households and up to \$75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands. Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers if they contribute more than \$10 and less than \$50 toward the purchase price.

The Affordable Connectivity Program is limited to one monthly service discount and one device discount per household.

1. Go to [AffordableConnectivity.gov](https://affordableconnectivity.gov) to submit an application or print out a mail-in application.
2. Contact your preferred participating provider to select a plan and have the discount applied to your bill.

Upcoming Events

2/20-2/24 Winter Break

3/10 Trimester 2 Ends

3/17 Workshop Day/No School

Music Concerts *(Start time 1:00)*

3/2/23 (Make-up date 3/9)--Kindergarten

3/16/23 (Make-up date 3/23)--Grade One

4/6/23 (Make-up date 4/13)--Grade Two

4/27/23 (Make-up date 5/4)--Grade Three