December Newsletter

Don D. Shute School

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Dear Families,

It has been busy the last several months with tutoring, dental sealants, school pictures, parent teacher conferences, the Halloween party and more! Thank you for your continued support with ensuring our students are supported.

Looking ahead, we have several things coming up. We have our holiday parties, our Christmas concert, winter i-Ready assessments and winter break.

Over Christmas break I will be having surgery. Therefore, I will be gone the first three weeks of January and plan to return on January 19th. During my time out, Mrs. Arnsman will be the acting principal. Please reach out to her if you need anything or have any questions.

I wish everyone a wonderful holiday season and a happy new year.

Mrs. Davis



Mrs.Arnsman



Hello Shute Families,

Our hallways are shifting from fall to winter themes, and the students are getting excited for winter break! They are practicing hard for the upcoming winter concert, and teachers have many fun, seasonal activities planned.

As a reminder, students will go outside for recess whenever the "feels like" temperature is 20 degrees or above. Please send your child with a warm coat, hat, and gloves or mittens each day so they can stay warm and healthy. At school, students are practicing independence skills such as opening milk cartons and snack packages at lunch, zipping their own coats, and keeping track of personal belongings. Please continue to reinforce these skills at home. We also continue to focus on kindness, respect, and responsibility, and we thank you for partnering with us to support these expectations outside of school.

Reminders with flu season approaching, please remember to call the office if your child will be absent due to illness so we can account for all students. Please also keep in mind that students must be free of fever, vomiting, and diarrhea for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication, before returning to school. Thank you for helping us keep our school community healthy.

In the event of a snow day, notifications will be sent out via One Call Now, local news channels, and the district website.

We appreciate your continued support in your child's educational journey and wish you all a wonderful winter break!

Mrs. Arnsman





OFFICE INFORMATION

For any changes in transportation, please call the office BEFORE 2 PM.

SCHOOL HOURS

Doors Open @ 8:25 AM

8:45 is Tardy

Dismissal process starts at 3:07 p.m.

Each student is allowed 5 days per semester to be called in as sick, and marked as excused. If you have questions please call the office.

DECEMBER

Dec. 11th

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT DAY OUT @ 12:30 P.M.

Dec. 15th

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING @ CJHS 7:00 P.M

Dec. 18th

LAST DAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS BREAK

HOLIDAY PARTIES LAST HOUR OF SCHOOL

JANUARY 5th

CLASSES RESUME

Save the Date

SHUTE & LINCOLN Winter Concert

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

Shute @ 5:30 pm

Lincoln @ 6:30 pm

MORE INFORMATION TO COME





Shute students in grades K-2 will be visiting East Peoria High School on the morning of **December 16** to rehearse for our Christmas Program. Please ensure that students arrive by 8:40 AM!

Late arrivals will miss the practice session.

Please call the office with any questions



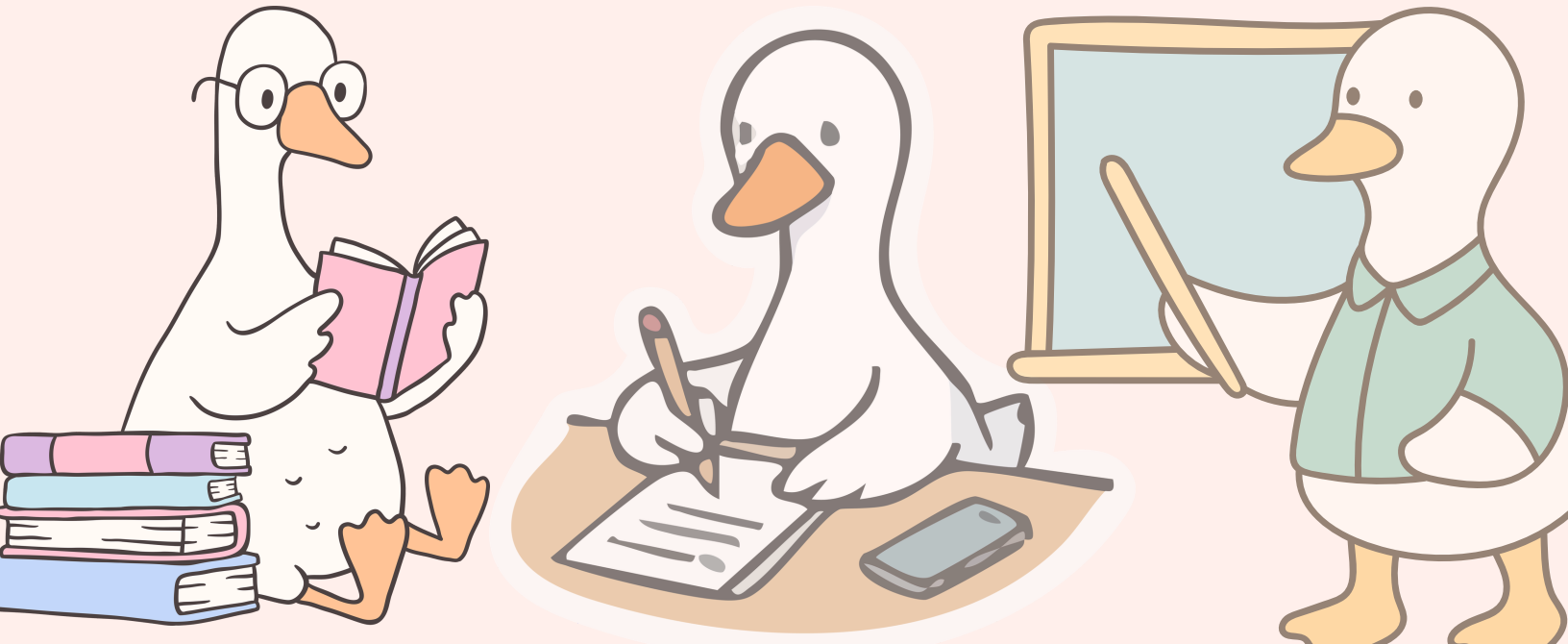
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Reminder

Tutoring sessions will pause until January 11th.







December 2026 Breakfast

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1 Cereal- 22g Breakfast Pizza- 24g Pears- 15g Juice- 15g	2 Cereal- 22g Cheese Omelet- 1g Pineapple- 22g Juice- 15g	3 Cereal- 22g Cinni Mini- 42g Mandarin Oranges- 17g Juice- 15g	4 Cereal- 22g Dutch Waffle- 38g Applesauce- 14g Juice- 15g
7 Cereal- 22g Yogurt- 19g Peaches- 12g Juice- 15g	8 Cereal- 22g Apple Frudel- 38g Pears- 15g Juice- 15g	9 Cereal- 22g Sausage- 1g Pineapple- 22g Juice- 15g	10 Cereal- 22g String Cheese- 1g Mandarin Oranges- 17g Juice- 15g	11 Cereal- 22g Muffin- 25g Applesauce- 14g Juice- 15g
14 Cereal- 22g Yogurt- 19g Peaches- 12g Juice- 15g	15 Cereal- 22g Breakfast Pizza- 24g Pears- 15g Juice- 15g	16 Cereal- 22g Cheese Omelet- 1g Pineapple- 22g Juice- 15g	17 Cereal- 22g Mini Strawberry Bagels- 42g Mandarin Oranges- 17g Juice- 15g	18 Cereal- 22g Long John- 27g Applesauce- 14g Juice- 15g
21	22	23	24	23
28 *1% White Milk* *1% Choc. Milk* *Skim White Milk*	29	30	31	

Happy Holidays! See you in 2027!

Menus are subject to change due to product availability!





December 2026 Lunch

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1 **Biscuits & Gravy 31g** **Hashbrown 20g** **Celery Sticks 3g** **Pears 15g**	2 **Chicken Bowl 40g** **Corn 13g** **Pineapple 22g** **(popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, shredded cheese)**	3 **Bosco Stick 27g** **Sun Chips 19g** **Green Beans 3g** **Mandarin Oranges 17g**	4 **Corndog 30g** **Baked Beans 29g** **Fresh Red Bell Peppers 4g** **Fresh Fruit 6g**
7 **Breaded Chicken Sandwich 44g** **Sweet Potato Fries 23g** **Cottage Cheese 5g** **Peaches** 12g	8 **Cheese Burger 33g** **Carrots 4g** **Baked Beans 29g** **Pears 15g**	9 **Turkey and Noodles** **Bread Stick 17g** **Green Beans 4g** **Salad 1g** **Pineapple 22g**	10 **Pizza32g** **Corn13g** **BroccoliSlaw 6g** **MandarinOranges 17g**	11 **Boneless Chicken Wings 14g** **Sun Chips 19g** **Fresh Fruit 6g** **SIP Day- no lunch at CJHS**
14 **Chicken Strips 6g** **Mac n Cheese 43g** **Carrots 4g** **Peaches 12g**	15 **Meatball Sandwich 44g** **Green Beans 4g** **Fresh Broccoli 3g** **Pears 15g**	16 **Tacos 22g** **Taco Fiesta Beans 22g** **Pineapple 22g**	17 **Orangechicken 19g** **Rice54g** **MixedVeggies 7g** **MandarinOranges 17g**	18 **Chili Dog 38g** **Curly Fries 22g** **Fresh Fruit 6g**
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Happy Holidays

If your child brings a lunch from home, he/she may purchase milk for $.35. Milkis included with purchase of school meal only. Menus are subject to change. Please have students bring breakfast, lunch and milk money to cafeteria during breakfast on the first day of the week clearly marked with students name. Carbs listed for fruit-1/2 cup serving

FONDULAC District Library

December 2026

400 Richland St • 309.699.3917
Register @ fondulaclibrary.org

The library will be closed December 24-December 27. The library will also be closed December 31-January 3.

Regular weekly storytimes are on hold until January.

ELF SCHOOL!



Tuesday, December 1
5:30-7:00 p.m.
Ages 8-12 · *Register*

FONDULAC District Library

DIY Snowman Ornament



Wednesday, December 2
1:00-2:00 p.m.
Ages 4-13 · *Drop-in*

FONDULAC District Library

Friends! FONDULAC DISTRICT LIBRARY HOLIDAY BAKE & CRAFT SALE

Friday, December 4 · 10:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 5 · 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Featuring treats, stocking stuffers, and handmade items!

Holiday Pajama Storytime: The Polar Express



Friday, December 4
4:00-4:45 p.m.
Ages 5-13 · *Register*

FONDULAC District Library

Gingerbread House Decorating



Saturday, December 12
9:30 am-3:30 pm
All Ages!
In-person registration required.
Prepayment of $5 per house,
limit of 3 per household.

FONDULAC District Library

WINGS OF FIRE BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, December 15
5:30-6:30 p.m.
Ages 7-13 · *Register*

FONDULAC District Library



Holiday MOVIE NIGHT



Wednesday, December 16
4:00-6:00 p.m.
ALL AGES! *Drop-in*
Enjoy popcorn & hot cocoa!

FONDULAC District Library

FOLEPI Night at the Library Storytime with Santa



Thursday, December 17
6:00-7:00 p.m.
All ages welcome! · Drop-in

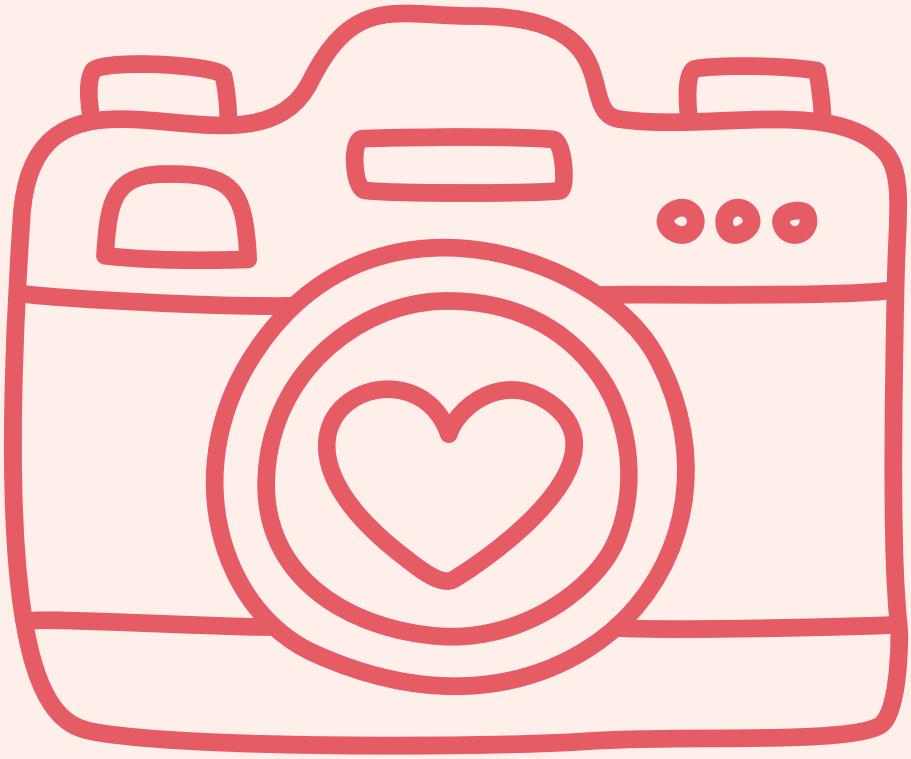
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FONDULAC District Library

Coming up in December

Picture Retakes :

Wednesday, Dec. 2nd



School: Don D Shute Elementary - East Peoria IL

Date: Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2026

Pre-Order Online:

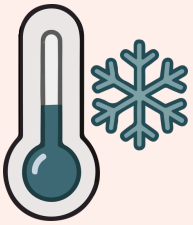
www.WagnerPortraitGroup.com

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Bundle up!







We go outside for recess if the "feels like" temperature is 20 degrees or higher!

We do not play in the snow.

IT'S COLD outside





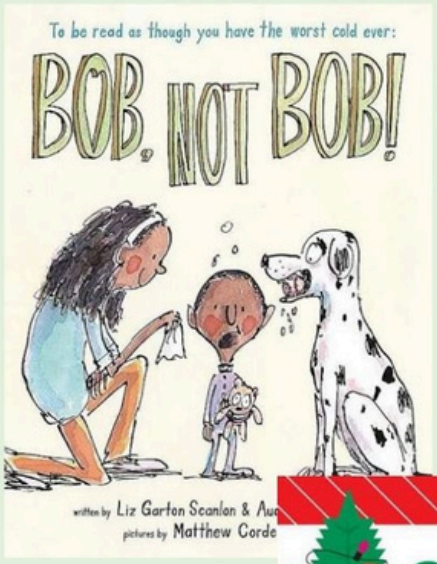
If you require assistance with winter clothing please reach out to the school office!

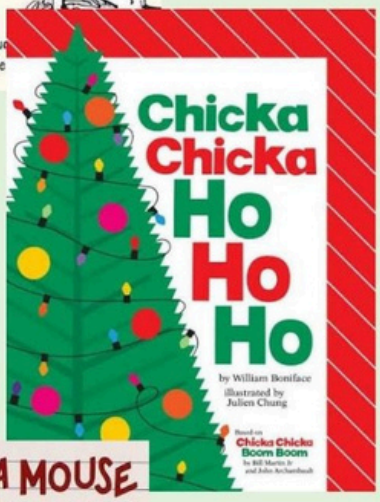
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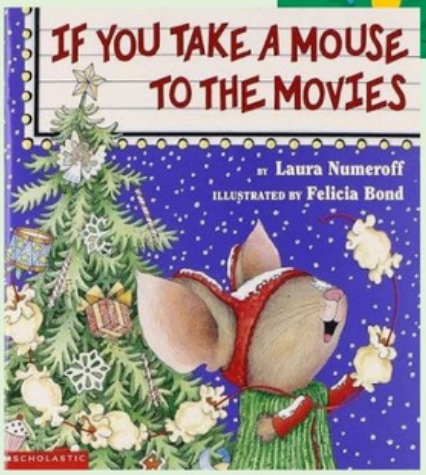
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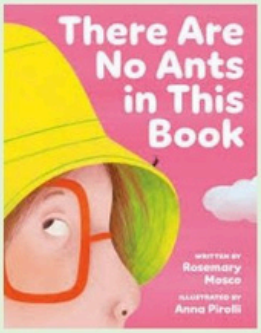
Seasonal Read-Alouds

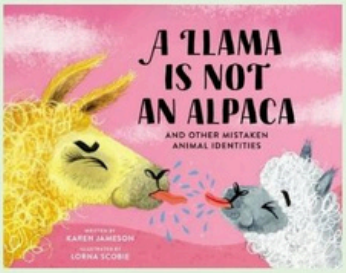






Monarch Books





Tech Class

As we wind down our tech lessons for 1st semester, kindergarten will be beginning Typing Club with the rest of the students and we will bring back everyone's favorite Santa Tracker!

Before Break...

All library books are due back to Mrs. Geiger by **December 18th**! We will not be checking out new books the week before break.

Friendsgiving

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Mrs. Silotto and the Friendship Club celebrated Friendsgiving on Monday, November 23rd. The students shared food and drink at a "table" for all. During our Friendsgiving, we learned about Gratitude and what makes our heart happy. Students shared their thoughts with one another and colored a gratitude placemat. Mrs. Silotto created a Friendship video for the students to watch with all of our memories we have made together so far.

I AM THANKFUL FOR EACH AND EVERY ONE OF MY STUDENTS WHO HAS EMPOWERED ME AS A TEACHER AND THE MEMORIES THEY HAVE GIVEN ME.
~MRS. SILOTTO

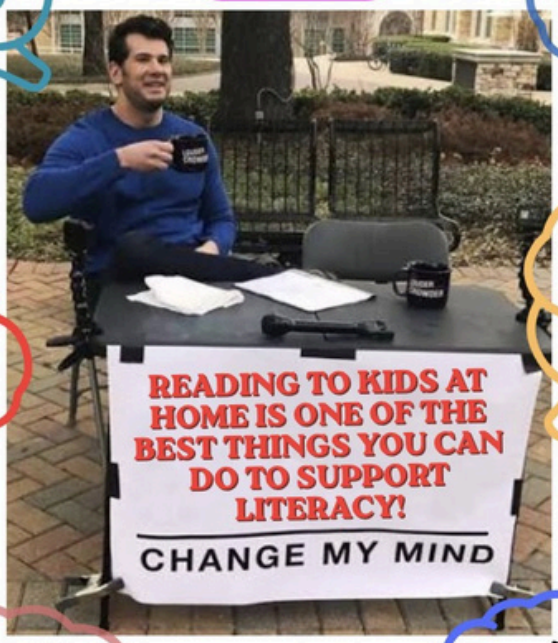
READING to your kids Every day is Powerful!

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Calming and Safe

Supports emotional regulation

Inspires curiosity



Helps make sense of the world

Strengthens vocabulary

Listening skills

Teaches problem solving

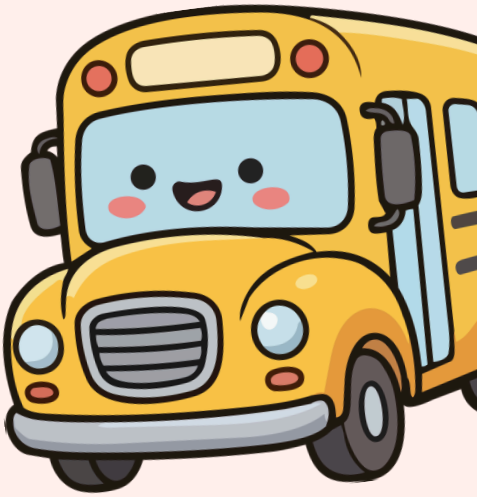
Helps focusing skills

Self Expression Skills

For more information on how you can support your student's reading development, scan this QR code or email me anytime!

Holly Titone
Literacy Coordinator
@ Shute School
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Bus Drivers & Monitors Needed



- Drivers start at $24.00/HR
- Monitors start at $17.00/HR
- Guarantee of 4 ¼ hours per day



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for more information please contact:

Sherry Sarver @309 -427-5189

or sarvers@epd86.org

East Peoria Elementary District 86

Accepting applications for Qualified Substitutes in the following areas:



Teachers for K-8, Classroom Aides & Cooks

Substitute Teacher:

Bachelor's degree or higher from a regionally accredited institution.

Short-Term Substitute:

Associate degree or higher from a regionally accredited college or university or at least 60 semester hours of coursework from a regionally accredited college or university required.

Short Term Paraprofessional License:

If you are at least 19 & have a high school diploma or higher.
If you are subbing on the Para Short Term License you must be working to complete the requirements for the full license.

A Parapro License (Aide):

Can be applied for if you are 19, have an associate's degree or higher or 60 semester hours of coursework.
If you have less than 60 semester hours and are 19, you can take sign up on the ROE 53 website to take the parapro test.

How to Get Your License:

- **Log into Educator Licensure Information System(ELIS) @www.isbe.net**
- **From Action Center, select "apply for sub, short-term sub or paraprofessional license"**
- **Complete application and pay fee**
- **Your institution must submit your official transcripts to ROE 53 or transcripts@isbe.net**
- **License will be issued once ISBE verifies your transcript**
- **Register your license in ELIS**

Teachers - $140 per day

$165 per day for Long-term

Classroom Aides - $115 per day

Cooks $16.00 per hour

Apply Now!

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