Glendale News

DECEMBER 2025 EDITION



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 6-7	2 Morning Meeting Bingo Begins	3	4	5 1:30 “Grinch” Movie Party
8	9 Best Buddies Activity at 2:15pm	10	11	12 Santa Shop 12:35 Dismissal
15	16	17	18 Concert Practice: 9:30 Concert: 6:30pm	19 School Assembly Holiday Parties Early Dismissal
22	23	24	25	26

CHRISTMASBREAK

HOLIDAY SPIRIT WEEK

Date	Theme	Dress
1	May Your Days Be Merry and Bright	Dress Sparkly and Bright
2	Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree	Wear Red and Green
3	Here Comes Santa Claus	Wear a Santa Hat or Red Outfit
4	The Stockings Were Hung	Wear Christmas Socks
5	How the Grinch Stole Christmas	Wear Grinch/Cindy Lou Who
8	Mad About Plaid!	Wear Plaid
9	Ugly Sweater Day	Show Off Your Ugliest Sweater
10	Elf Buddies	Wear an Elf hat or Other Festive Hat
11	Don't Sweat the Holidays	Wear Sweats/Athletic Clothes
12	Candy Cane Lane	Wear Red/White or Stripes
15	Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer	Wear Antlers/Brown
16	Walking in a Winter Wonderland	Wear White
17	The Polar Express	Wear PJs
18	Here We Come Caroling	Wear Red
19	Christmas Celebration!!!!	Wear your Favorite Christmas Character Clothes

Holiday Music Concert

Thursday, December 18th at East Peoria Community High School in the Auditorium.

The program will begin at 5:30 pm with Wilson students and then Glendale will perform after at 6:30.

** Watch for more details & information coming soon**





December 2025 Breakfast



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 **Cereal Peaches Yogurt Juice**	2 **Cereal Apple Frudel Pears Juice**	3 **Cereal Sausage Pineapple Juice**	4 **Cereal String Cheese Mandarin Oranges Juice**	5 **Cereal French Toast Sticks Applesauce Juice**
8 **Cereal Yogurt Peaches Juice**	9 **Cereal Breakfast Pizza Pears Juice**	10 **Cereal Cheese Omelet Pineapple Juice**	11 **Cereal Mini Strawberry Bagels Mandarin Oranges Juice**	12 **Cereal Muffins Applesauce Juice**
15 **Cereal Yogurt Peaches Juice**	16 **Cereal Cherry Frudel Pears Juice**	17 **Cereal Sausage Pineapple Juice**	18 **Cereal String Cheese Mandarin Oranges Juice**	19 **Cereal Long John Applesauce Juice**
22	23	24	25	26
29 ***1% White Milk 1% Choc. Milk Skim White Milk***	30	31		

Happy Holidays! See you in 2026 !

Menus are subject to change due to product availability!

MTSS Update

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What's happening in December?

- Students will complete winter benchmark assessments.
- iReady benchmark assessments will be completed in reading and math.
  - Grades K-8
- FastBridge benchmark assessments will be completed in reading.
  - Grades K-2

Upcoming

In January, winter data days will take place.

Data collected through winter benchmarking will be discussed.

Recommendations for intervention supports and services will be made.

Reminders

Students recommended for academic and SEL interventions will continue receiving intervention supports.

Students in academic interventions are progress monitored with FastBridge to monitor growth.



December 2025 Lunch



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 **Grilled Chicken Sandwich** **Chips & Salsa** **Baked Beans** **Peaches**	2 **Breaded Porkchop** **Roll** **Mashed Potatoes & Gravy** **Corn** **Pears**	3 **Sloppy Joe** **Green Beans** **Fresh Cauliflower** **Pineapple**	4 **Pizza** **Peas** **Crunchy Carrots** **Mandarin Oranges**	5 **Ham and Cheese Sandwich** **Baked Chips** **Broccoli Pasta Salad** **Fresh Fruit**
8 **Breaded Chicken Sandwich** **Cheesy Broccoli** **Crunchy Carrots** **Peaches**	9 **Salisbury Steak** **Roll** **Mashed potatoes & Gravy** **Peas** **Pears**	10 **Pizza** **Carrots** **Celery Sticks** **Pineapple**	11 **ToastedRavioli** **SunChips** **GreenBeans** **MandarinOranges**	12 **Corndog** **Baked Beans** **Fresh Red Bell Peppers** **Fresh Fruit** **SIP Day- no lunch at CJHS**
15 **Chicken Sticks** **Sweet Potato Fries** **Cottage Cheese** **Peaches**	16 **Cheese Burger** **Carrots** **Baked Beans** **Pears**	17 **Beef and Noodles** **Bread Stick** **Green Beans** **Salad** **Pineapple**	18 **Pizza** **Corn** **BroccoliSlaw** **MandarinOranges**	19 **Sub Sandwich** **Crunchy Carrots** **Sun Chips** **Fresh Fruit**
22 	23	24	25	26 
29 **1% White Milk** **1% Choc. Milk ‘** **Skim Whit Milk**	30			

Happy Holidays

If your child brings a lunch from home, he/she may purchase milk for $.35. Milkis included with purchase of school mealonly. 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. Carbslisted for fruit-1/2 cup serving

East Peoria Elementary District 86 is currently 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.

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.

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.

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

If you or someone you know is interested, check out our website at ww.epd86.org or call Tracy Ellis @ 309-427-5100.

Bus Drivers and Monitors Needed



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

If you are interested, please

visit www.epd86.org and fill out an application.
Or you can call Bob Bodtke at 427-5186

or emailat bodtker@epd86.org for more information.

School Counseling Connection with Ms. Melton:

December- This month, I want to touch on the importance of sleep and limiting screen time.

Importance of Sleep: Sleep is essential for supporting healthy growth and helping children focus and manage emotions. When bedtime feels challenging, a steady routine can make all the difference. Try brushing teeth, reading a story, then turning on a nightlight or sound machine. You might say, “Your body and brain need rest to get stronger.” If they resist, stay calm and follow the same steps each night. Predictable routines build healthy sleep habits that set children up for success.
For Caregivers: I can build bedtime habits that nurture my child’s well-being and growth.
For Students: I give my brain and body time to rest in order to be my best self.

CLASSROOMLESSONS:

Emotional regulation for kids is the abilityto identify,manage, and appropriately respond to their feelings and behaviors in different situations. It involves controlling impulses, calming themselves down, and learning how to handle challenging emotions like frustration or anger in socially acceptable ways.





SCREENTIME:
Does your child love screen time? That’s totally normal! While screens can be fun and educational, too much can crowd out other activities. Set a daily limit and use a timer so everyone knows when it’s time to switch. Offer quick alternatives like a walk, board game, or craft. Give a 5-minute warning before turning it off, then join your child in their next activity to ease the transition. Create screen-free routines, like during meals or before bed, to help kids find balance. **For Caregivers:** I can guide screen time choices that support my child’s well-being. **For Students:** I can make choices that help my brain and body.


May all your days be merry and bright!