August 2026



A Note from Mr. Kolowski

Hello Bolin families! It is hard to believe that we are about to begin the 2026-2027 school year. It is amazing how quickly summer passes! There has been a lot of work being done in the building and behind the scenes in preparation for another school year. We are fortunate to have a newly renovated main office that will provide an extra layer of security to the building as well as safety to students and staff.

Before students return, we will host a Back to School Night on Monday, August 17th from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Bolin School. Please see the following slide for additional information. The first few days of school will be busy covering routines, expectations and school safety protocols including participating in a fire, storm and bus evacuation drill. In addition, students will learn about behavior expectations that reflect our core values of Respect, Responsibility and Safety throughout all areas including classrooms, hallways, bathrooms, cafeteria, playground, but, etc.

We will continue implementing *iReady Classroom Mathematics* while targeting students' individual instructional needs. We are continuing to use our *Into Reading* series that focuses on guided reading through reading workshop which again targets the needs of each student. To help us better understand our students' instructional needs and present levels, students will complete a mathematics and reading diagnostic during the first few weeks of school. It is important that students do their best on these diagnostic assessments so we can plan groupings and instructional activities accordingly.

We will continue celebrating the hard work of our students this year through our Student of the Month award. In addition, each month we will select a "Character Counts" winner from each grade level beginning in September. These recipients of these awards are those who consistently demonstrate our core values as well as modeling our focus character trait that is selected each month.

As a reminder, District 86 is participating in the Community Eligibility Program (CEP), allowing students to receive free breakfast and lunch. Students will only be required to pay if they get additional milks or a milk with their cold lunch. We hope our families take advantage of this wonderful opportunity!

We are looking forward to a great school year! We appreciate your continued support! Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions!

Mr. Kolowski

Back to School, Meet Your Teacher Night



Please join us:

Monday, August 17th
6:00 - 7:00 pm
@ Bolin School

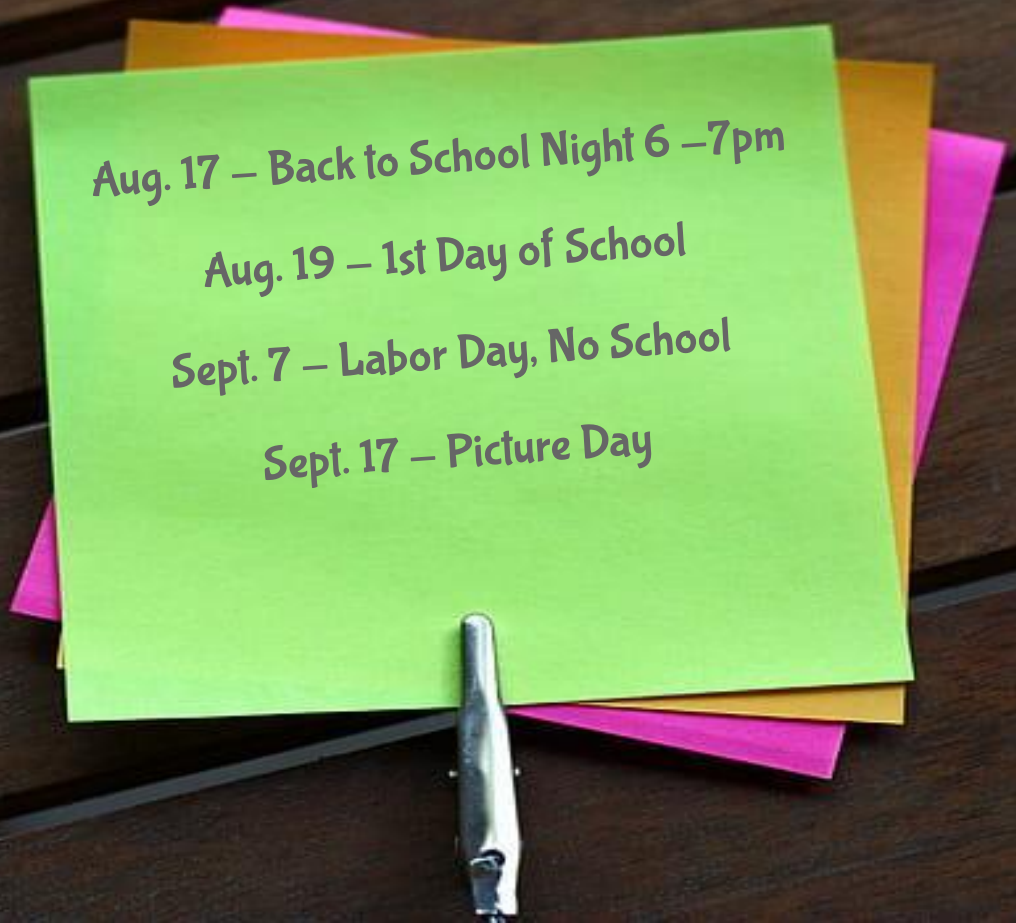
You will get to meet the staff, see the school and get an overview of the school year.

We hope to see you there!

6:00-6:15 Meet in the gym
6:15-7:00 Visit your classroom

Please note: This is not a time for supply drop off.
Supplies should be sent with students the first week of school.

Dates to Remember



Picture Day!

Fall Pictures are scheduled for **Thursday, September 17th**.

Wagner Portrait Group will be taking our school pictures again this year.

Watch for an email and/or text message with more information and the link to order your pictures.



NATIONAL ATTENDANCE AWARENESS MONTH

SEPTEMBER



Every day of attendance matters! Each lesson builds on the one before it, creating a strong foundation for future success. When students attend consistently, they gain confidence, strengthen their skills and stay prepared for new challenges. Missing school makes it harder to keep up, but showing up every day helps students work towards their goals!

ClassDojo
ClassDojo is a great way to stay in contact with your child's teacher as well as events that are happening at the school. Response time to a Dojo message can be quicker than a phone call; especially during the school day. Teachers can respond to a Dojo message while students are working independently and still maintain the privacy that both you and your child deserve. We want to encourage you to use ClassDojo as a means of staying in contact with your child's teacher. More information about how to connect to ClassDojo will be forthcoming. Emails and phone calls to the main office are always welcome. Absences may also be emailed to the office. Please remember that any message that needs immediate attention should be made by a phone call. For a list of email addresses, please visit the district site at **epd86.org**.

Pesticides
On occasion, District 86 uses pesticides. If for some reason you need to be notified of this, please contact Mr. Kolowski at 427-5350.



Offender Community Notification Law
In accordance with the Sex Offender Community Notification Law, District 86 is required to provide information regarding the Statewide Sex Offender Database. This database is accessible at www.isp.state.il.us/sor/.
If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the District Office at 427-5100 or Mr. Kolowski at 427-5350.

Car Rider/Transportation Changes
If your child is normally a bus rider and you are picking him/her up as a **car rider**, please send a note, or call/email Ms. Bridges in the office. If you send an email or ClassDojo your child's teacher regarding being a car rider, please CC: Ms. Bridges at bridgest@epd86.org or call her at (309) 427-5350. Teachers may not see their email or Class Dojo message in time to make the change in the office. Please make transportation changes as early in the day as possible to avoid confusion at the end of the day. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Board of Education Meeting

Thursday, August 20th

7:00 p.m. @ CJHS

Substitutes Needed

East Peoria Elementary District 86 is currently accepting applications for Qualified Substitutes in the following areas:

Teachers for K - 8, Classroom Aides & Cooks

If you have a Bachelors degree from a regionally accredited institution, you can apply for a Substitute License at ROE 53 in East Peoria.

A Parapro License (Aide) can be applied for at the ROE 53 if you have 60 or more college credit hours.

If you have less than 60 college credit hours, you are at least 19 yrs. old AND have a H.S. Diploma you can sign up to take the Parapro test on the ROE 53 website.

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

Teachers - $140 per day

$165 per day for Long-term

Classroom Aides - $115 per day

Cooks $16.00 per hour

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 interested please contact:

Sherry Sarver at 427-5186 or email him at sarvers@epd86.org for more information.

BREAKFAST & LUNCH

FREE

FREE

For **all** District #86 Students!

Our district is committed to providing every student with the tools they need to succeed, including nutritious meals they can enjoy.

For school year 2026-2027, District #86 has been approved for the Community Eligibility Provision, a meal program option offered by the United States Agricultural Department (USDA) that allows us to serve school breakfast and lunch at no charge to all enrolled students, regardless of financial condition. If the district would lose its CEP eligibility the cost would be $2.95 per lunch and $2.10 per breakfast.

Everyone Benefits!

- All students have access to nutritious school meals
- Families save money
- Cafeterias have increased participation

Help us ensure our meal program is a success!
Remind and encourage your child/children to take advantage of this opportunity and grab a school breakfast and lunch every single day.

Healthy meals. Healthy minds

Breakfast Times

CJHS- 7:25am / Armstrong- 8:25am / Wilson- 8:25am / Shute- 8:25am / Glendale- 8:35am / Bolin- 8:35am / Lincoln- 8:35am

August 2026 Breakfast

Menus are subject to change due to product availability

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3	4 *White 1% milk carbs-11* *White skim milk carbs-11* *Chocolate 1% milk carbs-24* *Strawberry 1% milk carbs-22*	5 	6	7
10	11	12 **WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL**		14
17	18	19 **Cereal** **Yogurt** **Peaches** **Juice**	20 **Cereal** **Pop Tart** **Pears** **Juice**	21 **Cereal** **Muffin** **Applesauce** **Juice**
24 **Cereal** **Yogurt** **Peaches** **Juice**	25 **Cereal** **String cheese** **Mandarin Oranges** **Juice**	25 **Cereal** **Cheese Omelet** **Pineapple** **Juice**	27 **Cereal** **Mini Strawberry Bagels** **Mandarin Oranges** **Juice**	28 **Cereal** **Long John** **Applesauce** **Juice**
31 **Cereal** **Yogurt** **Peaches** **Juice**				

August 2026 Lunch

Menu is subject to change due to product availability!

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 *White 1% milk carbs-11* *White skim milk carbs-11* *Chocolate 1% milk carbs-24* *Strawberry 1% milk carbs-22*	4 *Adult Lunch-$4.25*	5 	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19 Chicken Strips Tots Corn Pineapple	20 Pizza Peas Mandarin Oranges	21 Corndog Chips Mixed fruit
24 Chicken Nuggets Au Gratin Potatoes Corn Peaches	25 Cheese Burger Baked Beans Celery Sticks Pears	26 Bosco Stick Green Beans Fresh Broccoli Pineapple	27 Loaded Baby Bakers Carrots Mandarin Oranges	28 Ham Sandwich Chips and Salsa Crunchy Carrots and Ranch Mixed Fruit
31 Chicken Drummies Sweet Potato Fries Corn Peaches				

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

If your child brings a lunch from home, he/she may purchase milk for $.35. Milk is included with purchase of school meal only. 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



September 2026 Breakfast



Menu is subject to change due to product availability!

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1 Cereal Pop Tart Pears Juice	2 Cereal Sausage Pineapple Juice	3 Cereal String Cheese Mandarin Oranges Juice	4 Cereal Long John Applesauce Juice
7 Cereal Yogurt Peaches Juice	8 Cereal Breakfast Pizza Pears Juice	9 Cereal Cheese Omelet Pineapple Juice	10 Cereal Cinni Mini Mandarin Oranges Juice	11 Cereal Dutch Waffle Applesauce Juice
14 Cereal Yogurt Peaches Juice	15 Cereal Apple Frudel Pears Juice	16 Cereal Sausage Pineapple Juice	17 Cereal String Cheese Mandarin Oranges Juice	18 Cereal Muffins Applesauce Juice
21 Cereal Yogurt Peaches Juice	22 Cereal Breakfast Pizza Pears Juice	23 Cereal Cheese Omelet Pineapple Juice	24 Cereal Mini Strawberry Bagels Mandarin Oranges Juice	25 Cereal Long John Applesauce Juice
28 Cereal Yogurt Peaches Juice	29 Cereal Cherry Frudel Pears Juice	30 Cereal Sausage Pineapple Juice		***White 1% milk carbs-11*** ***White skim milk carbs-11*** ***Chocolate 1% milk carbs-24*** ***Strawberry 1% milk carbs-22*** ***Juice-19***

If your child brings a lunch from home, he/she may purchase milk for $.35. Milk is included with purchase of school meal only. Menus are subject to change.



September 2026 Lunch



Menu is subject to change due to product availability!

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1 Brd Porkchop Roll Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Corn Pears	2 Mini Tacos Green Beans Fresh Cauliflower Pineapple	3 Pizza Peas Crunchy Carrots and Ranch Mandarin Oranges	4 Turkey and Cheese Sandwich Baked Chips Cheesy Broccoli Fresh Fruit
7 	8 Biscuits and Gravy Hashbrown Celery Sticks Pears	9 Chicken Bowl Corn Pineapple (popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, and cheese)	10 Boco Stick Green Beans Mandarin Oranges	11 Corndogs Baked Beans Fresh Red Bell Peppers Fresh Fruit
14 Chicken Stick Sweet Potato Fries Cottage Cheese Peaches	15 Cheese Burger Carrots Baked Beans Pears	16 Chicken Alfredo Bread stick Green Beans Salad Pineapple	17 Pizza Corn Broccoli Slaw Mandarin Oranges	18 Boneless Chicken Wings Crunch Carrots with Ranch Sun Chips Fresh Fruit
21 Chicken Strips Mac N Cheese Carrots Peaches	22 Meatball Sandwich Green Beans Fresh Broccoli Pears	23 Fajitas Taco Fiesta Beans Pineapple	24 Orange Chicken Rice Mixed veggies Mandarin Oranges	25 Chili Dog Crunchy Carrots Curly Fries Fresh Fruit
28 Chicken Nuggets Au Gratin Potatoes Corn Peaches	29 Cheese Burger Chips and salsa Celery Sticks Pears	30 Chicken and Noodles Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Pineapple	*White 1% Milk Carbs- 11* *White Skim Milk Carbs-11* *Choc. 1% Milk Carbs-24* *Strawberry 1% Milk Carbs-22*	

If your child brings a lunch from home, he/she may purchase milk for $.35. Milk is included with purchase of school meal only. Menus are subject to change