
October News
Bolin School
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A Note from Mr. Kolowski

Hello Bolin Families! It is hard to believe that the month of September is coming to an end. With daytime temperatures beginning to fall, cooler nights and the leaves beginning to change colors, it is evident that fall is just around the corner. With the change in season and cooler weather that is coming, please make certain that students are dressed appropriately for the weather and have necessary clothing for the upcoming cold. We want students to be comfortable throughout the day so layers are recommended.

Our fall academic assessment window has come to a close. Students did a great job completing their i-Ready assessments. These assessments are a key component in determining our students' current levels and providing them appropriate instruction moving forward.

Our first Armstrong/Bolin Parent Club meeting was held in September. Our officers are excited to serve the students and staff of Armstrong and Bolin Schools!

Bolin School has undergone an upgrade at the front entrance and main office. This upgrade provides more security to our front entrance while expanding the main office making it more functional.

It has been a busy start to the 2026-2027 school year and we appreciate your continued support!

Mr. Kolowski



Dates to Remember:

Oct 2 ~ Early Dismissal @ 12:40 p.m. (School Improvement Day)



Oct 12 ~ Columbus Day - No School

Oct 15 ~ Board of Education Meeting - CJHS @ 7:00 p.m.

Oct 22 ~ 1st Grading Period Ends

Oct 22 ~ Half-Day - Parent Conferences -12:40 p.m. dismissal

Oct 23 ~ Parent Conferences - No School

Oct 30 ~ Halloween Parties - 2:15 p.m.





Dates: October 22 from 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm (School will dismiss at 12:40 pm)

October 23 from 8:00 am - 11:00 am (No School for Students)

*Information regarding signing up for conferences will be coming soon. You will have the option of attending in person or virtually. If at all possible, please limit attendees at the conference to parents/guardians. Appointment times are on a first come first serve basis. Directions on how to complete the sign-up will been coming soon.



September

Everly - Ms. Level 3rd
Lily - Mrs. Norris 3rd
Carsyn - Mrs. Brix 4th
Josie - Mrs. Watson 4th
Kelly - Mrs. Freeman 5th
Sophie - Ms. Kyhos 5th
Hadley - Mrs. Payne Music
Nori - Mr. Weaver PE

We want to celebrate a group of students who have been recognized as Student of the Month for their classroom so far this school year. Each month one student is selected from each classroom by a staff member based on their classroom performance (effort, grades, etc). Students are given a certificate along with some other goodies for their efforts. Great Job Bolin Students!



October PE News by Mr.Weaver

We're having a bit of a different focus in PE this school year and I wanted to keep families in the loop. While good sportsmanship has always been a target, we've taken it to the next level. We're emphasizing two particular PE standards that will be incorporated into as many activities as we can this year:

1. Work cooperatively with a partner or small group to reach a shared goal during physical activity.

2. Demonstrate positive verbal and nonverbal communication skills (e.g., polite conversation, attentive listening, body language).

It's not just effort and mastery that I will be incorporating into grades. Their grade will also be determined by how cooperatively and positively they interact with others.

- Mr. Weaver







MUSIC NOTES

October will be an exciting month in the Music Room! We will continue to learn and practice more rhythm patterns, as well as begin learning our music for our Winter Concert.

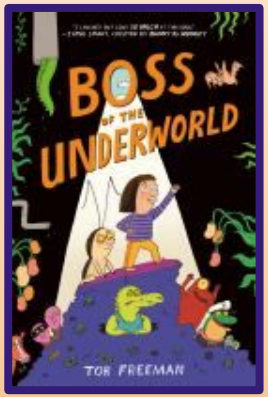
Mark your calendar for Bolin's Winter Concert on Tuesday, December 15!

Additionally, Chorus will begin on Thursday, October 8. Permission slips are due on Friday, October 2.

Please contact me if you have any questions!

- Mrs. Payne paynec@epd86.org

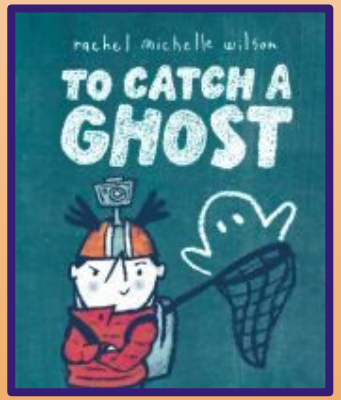
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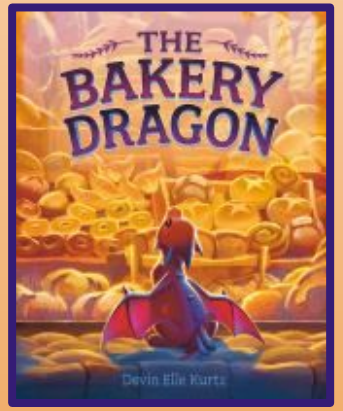
October brings the Monarch Book Award nominees. I will read a nominated book to 3rd grade every week, up until voting in the Spring. For the 4th and 5th graders, I highlight a different book each week. This helps prove that "You can't always judge a book by its cover".

Mrs. Laredo









Halloween Parties

Holiday parties are just around the corner. All visitors will have their license run through our Hall Pass system so a name badge can be printed. Please let your child's teacher know ahead of time if you plan on attending. If you plan on attending, please be prepared to assist with the party if the need arises.

The Halloween party will be Friday, 10/30 from 2:15 p.m. -3:00 p.m.

As was the case last year, costumes will not be worn to school or during the party. Students are encouraged to wear school appropriate Halloween themed clothing.



TRUNK OR TREAT

East Peoria District 86 schools and community partners are hosting the 4th Annual Trunk or Treat event open to all kids in East Peoria ages birth through 8th grade. The event will be held at:

Central Junior High School
Sunday October 25th
4:00-5:30 pm

No registration or sign up is required.

Costumes welcome but not required!



Have you changed any vital information?



If you have moved?

If you have changed phone numbers?



If you have changed your child's transportation schedule?

Are there new people to add to your child 's emergency contact list?

Is there someone different picking up your child for an appointment or after school?



PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE WITH ANY NEW/CHANGE OF INFORMATION!

Mrs. Morrison's Literacy Connection

Welcome back Genre Book Club! Each month, students will be challenged to read two books from the monthly genre. October's genre is Mysteries or Spooky Stories. Students must fill out Mrs. Morrison's Book Club Google Form in their google classroom. Throughout the year, there will be Checkpoint Parties to celebrate the students who are going above and beyond to be in our Genre Book Club. I hope that a lot of students participate this year.

October Reading Tip: Ask Questions as you read!
Why is it important to ask questions while reading?

- **Before reading, ask questions to set a purpose and activate background knowledge (all the life experiences, facts, and general understanding of the world that a child uses to make sense of new information).**
- **Asking questions allows for active reading and interacting with the text.**
- **It gives readers a purpose for reading, helps them stay engaged, and monitor comprehension.**
- **It helps readers to make predictions as they are reading.**
- **Asking questions can help readers clarify any difficult vocabulary words or confusing parts of the text.**
- **After reading, ask questions to reflect on the text and summarize key takeaways.**

Bolin Spirit Club News

Congrats to the following students for being chosen for our Bolin Spirit Club this year! This month's meeting is on Oct. 13th.

Third Grade

Fallyn F.
Easton W.
Lincoln R.
Luna D.
Savina M.
Cooper C.

Fourth Grade

Alice N.
Eden G.
Malcolm S.
Sadie B.
Knox B.
Kamden F.

Fifth Grade

Avery S.
Mae C.
Leah J.
Juliette M.
Adeline B.
Nolan S.

The Bolin School Store is opening on October 7th. It will be open every Wednesday and Friday before school by announced grade levels. We have pencils, erasers, and other fun school supplies to purchase. Most items are $1-$2.

School Counseling Connection with Mrs. Strickler

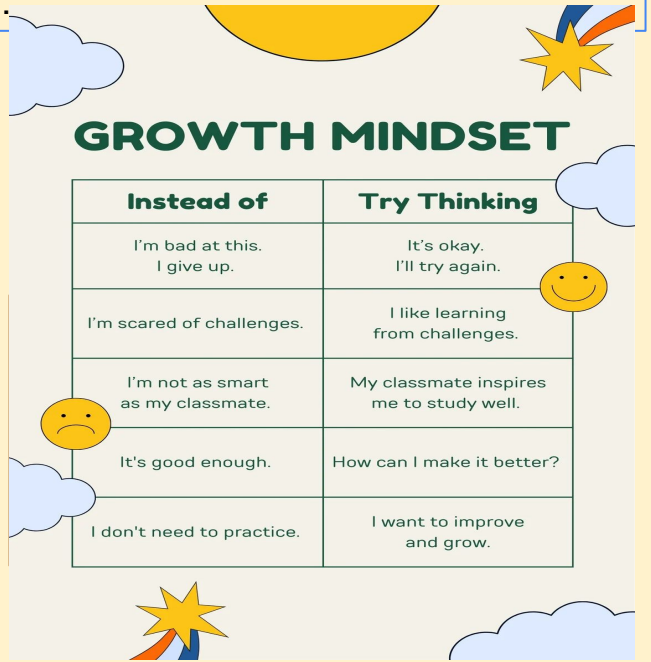
October is national bullying prevention month.

Wear blue on Monday, October 5 for World Day of Bullying Prevention and Wednesday, October 21 is Unity day. Wear orange on Unity Day to come together to send a visible message of building comm**UNITY** through kindness, acceptance, and inclusion.

#unityeveryday



Classroom lessons will focus on growth mindset, teamwork, and bullying prevention. “Growth mindset helps us in school **and** in life — even when we deal with bullying. It reminds us: We can keep trying, stand up for ourselves, and ask for help.”

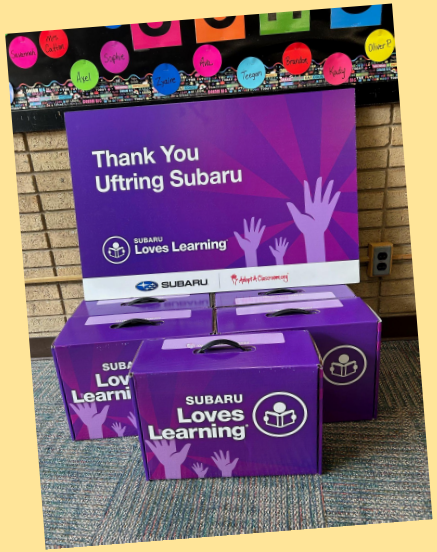


Practice at home:

Help your child build a growth mindset with a simple routine. When you hear “I can’t,” pause and prompt, “Add yet.” Practice the full sentence together: “I can’t do this yet.” Explain that yet means we are still learning. Ask, “What is one small step you can try?” Invite them to choose and try for three minutes. Afterward, reflect: “What worked? What will you try next?” Praise effort and strategy. “You kept going and tried a new way,” so yet becomes a habit. **For Caregivers:** I can model how to face challenges with calm, curiosity, and courage. **For Students:** I can keep trying even when something feels tricky

Subaru Adopt-A-Classroom

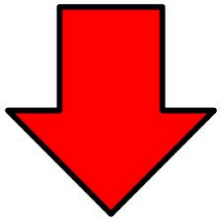
I am excited to announce that Bolin School has been selected again to receive $3000 this school year through the AdoptAClassroom program. Uftring Subaru in East Peoria has partnered with AdoptAClassroom.org to make this possible. In order to help this generous donation positively impact all students at Bolin, grade level/department leads have been designated so that materials can be purchased to support students across all grade levels and departments instead of one specific class. This is an amazing opportunity and I am excited that Bolin was selected as the recipient of this award again!

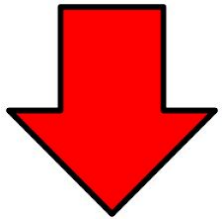




ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much, but **ABSENCES ADD UP!**





When a student misses 2 Days a month...

- They will miss 20 DAYS a year.
- They will miss 30 HOURS of math over the school year.
- They will miss 60 HOURS of reading and writing over the school year.
- They will miss over 1 YEAR of school by graduation.

I NEED TO STAY HOME IF…

I HAVE A FEVER	I AM VOMITING	I HAVE DIARRHEA	I HAVE A RASH	I HAVE HEAD LICE	I HAVE AN EYE INFECTION	I HAVE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL
						
Temperature of 100.4 or higher	Within the past 24 hours	Within the past 24 hours	Body rash with itching or fever	Itchy head, active head lice	Redness, itching, and/ or "crusty" drainage from eye	Hospital stay and/or ER visit

I AM READY TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL WHEN I AM…						
Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication i.e Tylenol, Motrin	Free from vomiting for 24 hours	Free from diarrhea for at least 24 hours	Free from rash, itching, or fever I have been evaluated by my doctor if needed.	Treated with appropriate lice treatment at home and proof is provided to nurse	Evaluated by my doctor and have a note to return to school	Released by my medical provider to return to school

Congratulations to our 2026-2027

Armstrong/Bolin Officers!

President: Kara Doglio
Vice-President: Vacant
Secretary: Tiffany Good
Treasurer: Vacant



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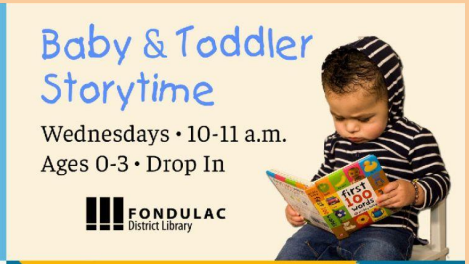
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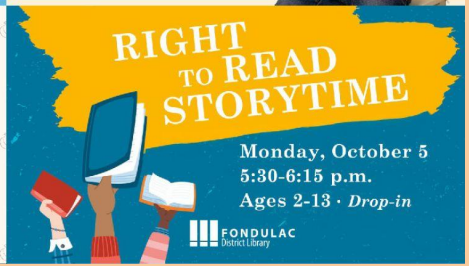
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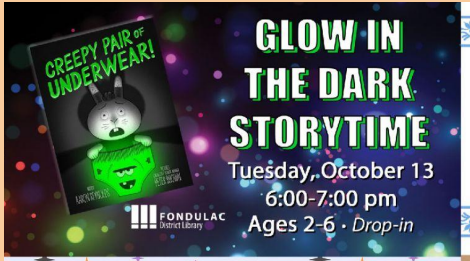
Register @ fondulaclibrary.org

















There is more going on at the library than just books...

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Check out the library for exciting things to do...

October 2026 Breakfast

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1% White Milk 1% Choc. Milk Skim White Milk		1 Cereal- 22g String Cheese- 1g Mandarin Oranges- 17g Juice- 15g	2 Cereal- 22g French Toast Sticks- 38g Applesauce- 14g Juice- 15g **SIP-no lunch CJHS**
5 Cereal- 22g Yogurt- 19g Peaches- 12g Juice- 15g	6 Cereal- 22g Breakfast Pizza- 24g Pears- 15g Juice- 15g	7 Cereal- 22g Cheese Omelet- 1g Pineapple- 22g Juice- 15g	8 Cereal- 22g Mini Strawberry Bagels- 42g Mandarin Oranges- 17g Juice- 15g	9 Cereal- 22g Muffin- 25g Applesauce- 14g Juice- 15g
12 ***No school Columbus Day!***	13 Cereal- 22g Pop Tart- 36g Pears- 15g Juice- 15g	14 Cereal- 22g Sausage- 1g Pineapple- 22g Juice- 15g	15 Cereal- 22g String Cheese- 1g Mandarin Ornages- 17g Juice- 15g	16 Cereal- 22g Dutch Waffle- 38g Applesauce- 14g Juice- 15g
19 Cereal- 22g Yogurt- 19g Peaches- 12g Juice- 15g	20 Cereal- 22g Breakfast Pizza- 24g Pears- 15g Juice- 15g	21 Cereal- 22g Cheese Omelet- 1g Pineapple- 22g Juice- 15g	22 Cereal- 22g Cinni Mini- 42g Mandarin Oranges- 17g Juice- 15g **Conferences-no lunch CJHS**	23 ***No school Teacher Conferences***
26 Cereal- 22g Yogurt- 19g Peaches- 12g Juice- 15g	27 Cereal- 22g Apple Frudel- 38g Pears- 15g Juice- 15g	28 Cereal- 22g Sausage- 1g Pineapple- 22g Juice- 15g	29 Cereal- 22g String Cheese- 1g Mandarin Oranges- 17g Juice- 15g	30 Cereal- 22g Long John- 27g Applesauce- 14g Juice- 15g



October 2026 Lunch





MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	*1% white milk* *Skim White Milk* *1% Choc. Milk*		1 Pizza 32g Peas 3g Broccoli Salad 11g Mandarin Oranges 17g	2 Loaded Baby Bakers Baked Beans 29g Crunchy Carrots 6g Fresh Fruit 6g SIP-no lunch CJHS
5 Chicken Drummies 12g Sweet Potato Fries 23g Corn 13g Peaches 12g	6 Grilled Cheese 30g Chips 24g Cucumbers 2g Pears 15g	7 Nachos 28g Taco Fiesta Beans 22g Fresh Red Bell Peppers 4g Pineapple 22g	8 Pulled Pork 28g Cottage Cheese 5g Peas 10g Mandarin Oranges 17g	9 Ravioli 35g Bread Stick 17g Fresh Broccoli 3g Green Beans 4g Fresh Fruit 6g
12 *No school* *Columbus* *Day!*	13 Breaded Porkchop 18g Mashed Potatoes & Gravy 20g Corn 13g Pears 15g	14 Mac & Cheese w/burger 29g Green Beans 4g Fresh Cauliflower 2g Pineapple 22g	15 Pizza 32g Peas 10g Crunchy Carrots 6g Mandarin Oranges 17g	16 Ham and Cheese Sandwich Baked Chips 29g Broccoli Pasta Salad 15g Fresh Fruit
19 Breaded Chicken Sandwich 44g Cheesy Broccoli 5g Crunchy Carrots 6g Peaches 12g	20 Breakfast Sandwich 32g Hashbrown 20g Celery Sticks 3g Pears 15g	21 Chicken Bowl 40g Corn 13g Pineapple 22g (popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, shredded cheese)	22 Mini Tacos 34g Chips & Salsa 20g Green Beans 3g Mandarin Oranges 17g	23 **No School**
26 Chicken Sticks 11g Sweet Potato Fries 23g Cottage Cheese 5g Peaches 12g	27 Cheese Burger 33g Carrots 4g Baked Beans 29g Pears 15g	28 Spaghetti 40g Bread Stick 17g Green Beans 4g Salad 1g Pineapple 22g	29 Pizza 32g Corn 13g Broccoli Slaw 6g Mandarin Oranges 17g	30 Boneless Chicken Wings 14g Crunchy Carrots 6g Sun Chips 19g Fresh Fruit 6g

If your child brings a lunch from home, he/she may purchase milk for $.35. 1 Milk is 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.

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 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 interested please contact:

Bob Bodtke at 427-5186 or email him at bodtker@epd86.org for more information.