
November News
Bolin School
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(309)427-5350

A Note from Mr. Kolowski

Hello Bolin families! It is hard to believe the month of October is nearly finished and that we have concluded the first quarter of the school year. The weather certainly has been nice to wrap up the month of October. The leaves are beginning to change and cooler weather appears to be heading our way.

I would like to thank everyone who was able to participate in Parent-Teacher conferences. I hope that you found them informative, productive and beneficial. Conferences are a great time to connect with our families and discuss student progress. I appreciate you taking time out of your busy schedules to meet with your child's teacher(s); whether it was in person or virtually.

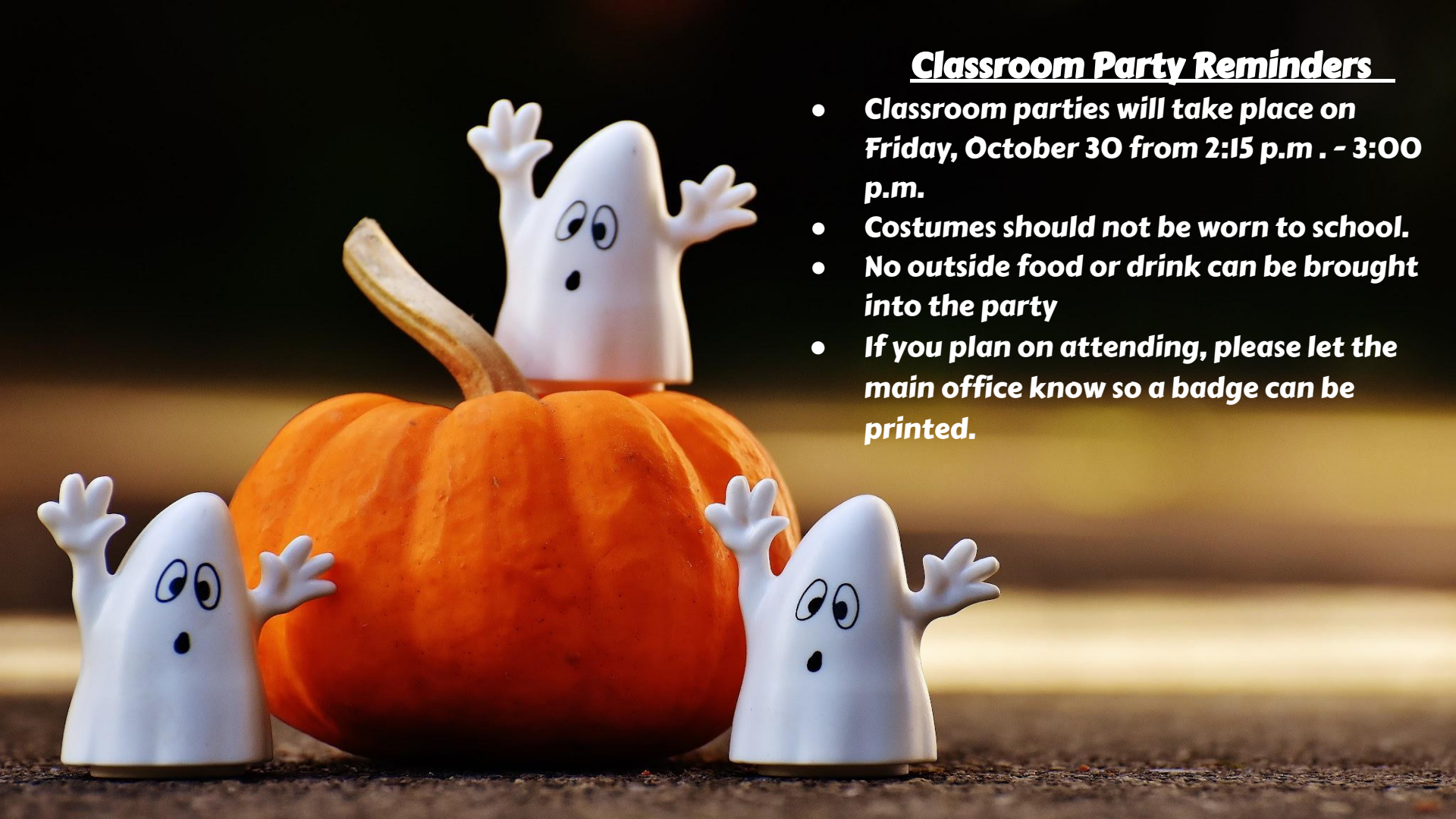
Each month at Bolin we have a focus character trait we focus on as a school. Our focus character trait for October has been Teamwork. Students were able to design and create class pumpkins to be voted on during Parent-Teacher conferences. Students did an excellent job of working together to develop and execute their theme!

If your child is absent from school, arrangements can be made to pick up any missing work to keep students caught up. Please be advised that work requested during the day may not be available until the following day. Arrangements should be made with your child's teacher to ensure requested homework is ready for pick up.

We appreciate your continued support as we progress through another school year!

Mr. Kolowski





Classroom Party Reminders

- Classroom parties will take place on Friday, October 30 from 2:15 p.m . - 3:00 p.m.
- Costumes should not be worn to school.
- No outside food or drink can be brought into the party
- If you plan on attending, please let the main office know so a badge can be printed.



Important Dates

Thurs, Nov 5 - Picture Retake Day

Fri, Nov 6 - SIP Day ~ 12:40 Dismissal

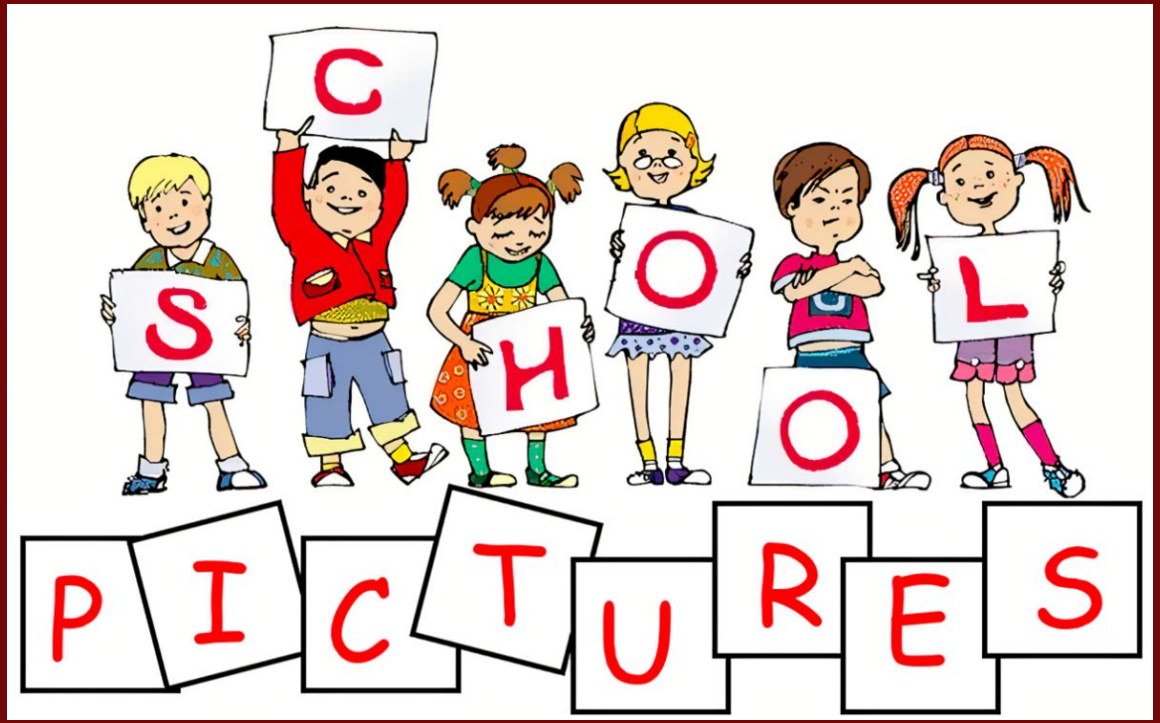
Wed, Nov 11 - No School, Veteran's Day

Tues, Nov 17 - BOE Meeting 7:00 p.m. @ CJHS

Wed, Nov 25 - Fri, Nov 27 - No School, Thanksgiving Break

Picture Retake Day

Thursday, November 5



November PE

Disc Golf and FitnessGram pre-testing will be the primary goals for this month. If the weather stays nice, we'll be outside throwing discs, and if it's inside, we'll begin finish our FitnessGram pre-testing (with other less unit focused activities squeezed in between). As we should expect weather to cool down this month, please send layers with your student. And please remind them to bring tennis shoes to school. Thanks!

- **Mr. Weaver**



MUSIC NOTES

We will be very busy in the music room in November! Our focus will be on our pieces for our Winter Concert. First, we will focus on memorizing the words and basic tune of each piece. Then, we will work to add musical phrasing, dynamics, and other elements to make our singing stand out.

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

Please contact me if you have any questions!

- Mrs. Payne paynec@epd86.org

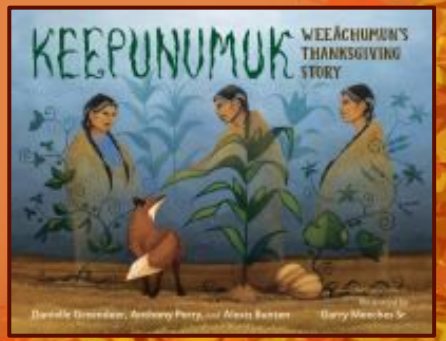
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Library Days





Tuesday, Nov. 3
Monday, Nov. 9
Wednesday, Nov. 18
Monday, Nov. 23





School Counseling Connection with Mrs. Strickler: stricklerm@epd86.org

November- Practice gratitude and ways to handle stress. Classroom lessons will be about controlling emotions the healthy way.

Gratitude focuses on warmth, joy, and positive connection. It involves a deep sense of appreciation for something received or experienced. Just like anything gratitude takes practice. Grateful people feel less pain, less stress, suffer less insomnia, have stronger immune systems, experience healthier relationships, and do better academically and professionally. Overall, it can boost both your mental and physical health.

https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/basics/gratitude

CLASSROOM LESSONS:

Emotional regulation for kids is the ability to 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.



Keep your gratitude higher than your expectations."- Ray Wylie Hubbard

Stress is how one reacts to situations. Stress can feel overwhelming, but kids can learn to handle it with your support. Keep routines steady, offer quiet time after school, and use tools like a fidget toy, breathing video, or coloring page to help them relax and reset. You might say, "Let's take a break together" or "Let's make a calm-down plan" during stressful moments. These simple strategies can help kids feel safe, supported, and better able to work through stress.

https://www.apa.org/topics/stress

Bolin Spirit Club News

Grateful Gobble Grams

During the week of November 9th-13th, Spirit Club will be selling **Gobble Grams** in the morning before school for $1.00 per gram. Send candy and a message to a friend telling them why you are grateful for them. The Gobble Grams will be delivered on Tuesday, Nov, 24th! The profits we make from the Gobble Grams will be utilized to purchase additional food for our upcoming December Food Drive.

NOVEMBER DRESS-UP DAYS

Monday, 11/23 - Pajama Day
Tuesday, 11/25 -Thanksgiving Gear & Colors



Upcoming Spirit Club Meetings

11/17/26
12/8/26

Upcoming Events in December

Bolin Food Drive
Grinch Week

Bolin Genre Challenge

Our October genre was Mysteries/Spooky Stories. We will include our October Club earners in the next newsletter since we usually send out our newsletters before the end of the month.

The genre for **November** is **fantasy books**. A fantasy book is a work of fiction featuring imaginative, magical, and supernatural elements that do not exist in the real world - such as talking animals, hidden realms, witches, or mythical creatures.



Students need to read two fantasy books and complete two Google Forms to qualify this month.

Questions? Email Mrs. Morrison at morrisonk@epd86.org

Mrs. Morrison's Literacy Connection

November Reading Tip: **Understanding the Power of VOCABULARY!**

1. **Read, Read, Read!** Reading books, magazines, recipes, and even game instructions exposes children to new words. When you come across an unfamiliar word, pause and talk about what it might mean.
2. **Talk About New Words:** Use everyday moments to introduce interesting words. Instead of saying something is good, try amazing, impressive, or delicious. Encourage your child to use new words in their own conversations.
3. **Be Word Detectives:** When your child encounters an unfamiliar word, ask: What do you think this word means? What clues in the sentence or pictures might help? Can you think of another word that means something similar?
4. **Make Connections to Real Life:** Connect new words to experiences your child already understands. For example, if you are cooking and see the word combine in a recipe, talk about how it means to bring things together. The more connections children make, the more likely they are to remember new words.
5. **Play With Words!** Make vocabulary fun with games such as Word of the Day, word searches, crossword puzzles, Scrabble, or 20 Questions. You can also challenge your family to use a new word during dinner or see how many different words you can think of to describe an object.



It's Getting Cold Outside!



We all know that winter is fast approaching and with it comes cold, chilly days. As we move into the cold and flu season, it is very important that students dress appropriately for the weather as they prepare for school each day. Most days, this means long sleeves, a winter coat, gloves or mittens, and a hat. In addition, students should wear socks or tights to keep their feet and legs warm throughout the school day. *Students may want to wear layers to school, so they can adjust to the building and classroom temperatures.*

Hopefully, we will be able to go outside for recess on most days. This means that the students may be outside in the winter weather for fifteen minutes or longer. If the temperature is above 20 degrees, weather/playground conditions permit, and the "feels like" temperature is above 20 degrees, the students will go outside for recess. Please make sure that your child comes to school dressed appropriately for these daily outside breaks. Students failing to wear a coat or who have bare legs may not be allowed to go outside.

During extremely cold weather, we will not go outside at all during recess times. On these days, students will complete indoor recess activities which may vary from day to day.

If you have any questions about our procedures in regards to taking students outside during colder weather, please contact the school at 427-5350.





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

Baylie - Ms. Level (3rd)
Lincoln - Mrs. Norris (3rd)
Rhea - Mrs. Brix (4th)
Chris - Mrs. Watson (4th)
Penny - Mrs. Freeman (5th)
Jayce - Ms. Kyhos (5th)
Eden - Mrs. Payne (Music)
Canaan - Mr. Weaver (PE)

CONGRATULATIONS

Character Counts at Bolin School!

Each month a 3rd, 4th and 5th grader are chosen as the student who has best represented a pillar of character. October's pillar was: **Respect**

GREAT JOB BOLIN STUDENTS!

3rd - Keyson

4th - Alice

5th - Callahan



Parent-Teacher Conferences

We would like to thank all of the parents who participated in Parent/Teacher Conferences. This is a very important time to discuss your child and his/her strengths, areas of improvement, and progress. We hope you had informative conferences with the teachers and look forward to your continued involvement.



Nov. 15th is
School Board
Member Day

Please make sure you thank our School Board for making District 86 the **GREATEST** School District!!

Thank You!



6 FACTS ABOUT SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

BY 6TH GRADE, CHRONIC ABSENCE BECOMES A LEADING INDICATOR THAT A STUDENT WILL DROP OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL.

POOR ATTENDANCE CAN INFLUENCE WHETHER CHILDREN READ PROFICIENTLY BY THE END OF THIRD GRADE OR BE HELD BACK.

EXCUSED AND UNEXCUSED ABSENCES HAVE THE SAME NEGATIVE EFFECT ON STUDENT ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE.

OVER 8 MILLION U.S. STUDENTS MISS NEARLY A MONTH OF SCHOOL EACH YEAR.

HALF OF STUDENTS WHO MISS 2-4 DAYS IN SEPTEMBER WILL GO ON TO MISS NEARLY A MONTH OF SCHOOL A YEAR.

WHEN STUDENTS IMPROVE THEIR ATTENDANCE RATES, THEY IMPROVE THEIR CHANCES FOR GRADUATING.

ATTENDANCE matters

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

Medication Policy Reminder



Students should not take medication during school hours or during school-related activities unless it is necessary for a student's health and well-being. No School District employee shall administer to any student, or supervise a student's self-administration of, any prescription or non-prescription medication until a completed and signed "School Medication Authorization Form" is submitted by the student's parent/guardian. (Board Policy 7:270). **Once the form is on file, medication must be brought in by the parent/guardian and MUST be in the original container.** (both prescription and non-prescription medication.) As always, our first priority is the safety of our students. Thank you for your help with following this policy.

Cough Drop Policy Reminder



Students may bring cough drops to school but a parent/guardian must send a written, signed note to the school giving permission for school personnel to administer cough drops to their child with any specific information for administration.


Sunday
Nov. 1st
Time to
Fall Back
1 HOUR

November 2026

FONDULAC District Library

400 Richland St., East Peoria, IL 61611
309.699.3917
Register @ fondulaclibrary.org

The library will close at 5 p.m. on November 25.
We will be closed all day November 26 & 27.

Storytime Jamboree!

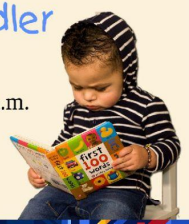
Tuesdays
10:00-10:45 a.m.
Ages 2-8 · *Drop-in*



FONDULAC District Library

Baby & Toddler Storytime

Wednesdays • 10-11 a.m.
Ages 0-3 • Drop In



FONDULAC District Library

Gingerbread House Decorating



Registration begins November 1!
Saturday, December 12
9:30 am-3:30 pm

FONDULAC District Library

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE STORYTIME

Wednesday, November 4
1:00-2:00 p.m.
Ages 5-10 · *Register*



Make your own turquoise jewelry!

FONDULAC District Library

Snooze Crews!

A fun look at into the who, why & how of deep winter sleep!

Saturday, November 7
10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Ages 5-11 · *Register*



FONDULAC District Library

SENSORY PAINTING

Tuesday, November 10
5:30-6:30 p.m.
Ages 5-10 · *Register*



FONDULAC District Library

VETERANS DAY STORYTIME

AMERICA 250

Wednesday, November 11
1:00-2:00 p.m.
Ages 5-10 · *Register*

Make your own American flag decoration!



FONDULAC District Library

D&D For Kids!



Saturday, November 14
2:00-3:00 p.m.
Ages 8-13
Register in-person

FONDULAC District Library

WINGS OF FIRE BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, November 17
5:30-6:30 p.m. · Ages 7-13
Register



FONDULAC District Library

POKÉMON CLUB

TUES., NOVEMBER 24
6:00-7:00 P.M.
AGES 5-12 · REGISTER



FONDULAC District Library

Disney LORCANA MAGNETS

Saturday, November 28
2:00-3:30 p.m.
All Ages · *Drop-in*

LORCANA

FONDULAC District Library

ELF SCHOOL!

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



FONDULAC District Library

STEM/ STEAM education

Science | Technology | Engineering | Arts | Mathematics - find it all on Hoopla

November 8 is National STEAM Day!

hoopla HooplaDigital.com

The global digital book club with no wait lists or holds!

Libby READS

NOV. 24-DEC. 8, 2026



"An honest-to-goodness murder mystery for kids. I love it! Secrets of the Broken House is a southern-fried humdinger of a whodunit."
-Alan Gratz, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Heroes*

Libby.
The library reading app.

November 2026 Lunch

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 Chicken Strips 6g Macaroni and Cheese 43g Carrots 4g Peaches 12g	3 Meatball Sandwich 44g Green Beans 4g Fresh Broccoli 3g Pears 15g	4 Fajitas 22g Taco Fiesta Beans 22g Pineapple 22g	5 Orange chicken 19g Rice 54g Mixed Veggies 7g Mandarin Oranges 17g	6 Chili Dog 38g Crunchy Carrots 6g Curly Fries 22g Fresh Fruit 6g SIP-no lunch CJHS
9 Chicken Nuggets 16g Au Gratin Potatoes 18g Corn 13g Peaches 12g	10 Cheese Burger 33g Chips and Salsa 20g Celery Sticks 3g Pears 15g	11 No School! Veteran's Day!	12 Pizza 32g Peas 3g Broccoli Salad 11g Mandarin Oranges 17g	13 Loaded Baby Bakers Baked Beans 29g Crunchy Carrots 6g Fresh Fruit 6g
16 Chicken Drummies 12g Sweet Potato Fries 23g Corn 13g Peaches 12g	17 Grilled Cheese 30g Chips 24g Cucumbers 2g Pears 15g	18 Turkey Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Roll Green Beans Holiday Dessert Pineapple	19 Pulled Pork 28g Cottage Cheese 5g Peas 10g Mandarin Oranges 17g	20 Ravioli 35g Bread Stick 17g Fresh Broccoli 3g Green Beans 4g Fresh Fruit 6g
23 Grilled Chicken Sandwich 29g Chips & Salsa 20g Baked Beans 29g Peaches 12g	24 Pizza 32g Peas 10g Crunchy Carrots 6g Pears 15g	25 No School! Special Holiday!	26 	27 No School! Special Holiday!
30 Chicken Sticks 11g Cheesy Broccoli 5g Crunchy Carrots 6g Peaches 12g				1% White Milk 1% Choc. Milk Skim White Milk

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***. 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.

November 2026 Breakfast



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 Cereal- 22g Yogurt- 19g Peaches- 12g Juice- 15g	3 Cereal- 22g Breakfast Pizza- 24g Pears- 15g Juice- 15g	4 Cereal- 22g Cheese Omelet- 1g Pineapple- 22g Juice- 15g	5 Cereal- 22g Mini Strawberry Bagels- 42g Mandarin Oranges- 17g Juice- 15g	6 Cereal- 22g Muffin- 25g Applesauce- 14g Juice- 15g **SIP DAY**
9 Cereal- 22g Yogurt- 19g Peaches- 12g Juice- 15g	10 Cereal- 22g Cherry Frudel- 38g Pears- 15g Juice- 15g	11 **Veteran's Day** **No School!**	12 Cereal- 22g String Cheese- 1g Mandarin Oranges- 17g Juice- 15g	13 Cereal- 22g French Toast Sticks- 38g Applesauce- 14g Juice- 15g
16 Cereal- 22g Yogurt- 19g Peaches- 12g Juice- 15g	17 Cereal- 22g Breakfast pizza- 24g Pears- 15g Juice- 15g	18 Cereal- 22g Cheese Omelet- 1g Pineapple- 22g Juice- 15g	19 Cereal- 22g Mini Strawberry Bagels- 42g Mandarin Oranges- 17g Juice- 15g	20 Cereal- 22g Muffin- 25g Applesauce- 14g Juice- 15g
23 Cereal- 22g Yogurt- 19g Peaches- 12g Juice- 15g	24 Cereal- 22g Pop Tart- 36g Pears- 15g Juice- 15g	25 ***No School!***	26 ***Thanksgiving*** ***No School!***	27 ***No School!***
30 Cereal- 22g Yogurt- 19g Peaches- 12g Juice- 15g				1% White Milk 1% Choc. Milk Skim White Milk

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 Katrina Smith @ 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:

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


HAPPY
THANKSGIVING!