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Eaton Rocketeer

The mission of Eaton Elementary is to develop independent thinkers and patient problem solvers for life.

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From the desk of Mrs. Baessler, Principal



Happy New Year to all! I hope the holidays were pleasant and restful for you and your family. I'm glad our district gave us two weeks to visit with family and take time to appreciate the important things in life.

Please check Skyward to ensure we have the most

current number for any alerts for "Monday Minutes" and emergency calls.

Other ways to stay in the know are adding our app to your phone, following us on twitter @EatonElementary, Instagram, and Facebook.

Starting in January we begin to prepare for inclement weather. If inclement weather approaches, please check WBIR for the "Snow Report" for any possible cancellations or delays. The website, Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, and Loudon County

App will also be used to inform you of any cancellations or delays.

We are so thankful to have the privilege of teaching your child. Thank you for trusting us every day to do the right thing for your child. If we can help you in any way, please let us know.



Helpful Education Tips for January: It's a great time to set fresh routines

that support your child's learning. Encourage daily reading at home, just 15 minutes each evening builds vocabulary & comprehension skills. With winter weather keeping kids indoors, try turning everyday activities into math practice, such as measuring ingredients while cooking or counting change at the store. Help your child stay organized by reviewing their homework folder together and setting small weekly goals. Most importantly, celebrate effort as much as achievement, praising persistence teaches resilience and builds confidence for the months ahead.

From Ms. Welden, Vice-Principal



Happy New Year! Welcome back. I hope you had a restful and enjoyable winter break. It was nice to spend time with family and slow down a little bit the last couple of weeks. As we enter the next 9 weeks, I want to put out a

few reminders. Flu and sick season are upon us. Please remember if your child has been out sick to send in a parent note or doctor's note. If your child has a fever, he/she must be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school. We want to keep the germs away as much as possible.

This is also the time when our Lost and Found is overflowing with coats. Make sure you put your

child's name in the coat to make it easier to return. Watch the temperatures to make sure students have a coat for recess since our temperatures will be lower in the next couple of months.

January is a time for us to set new goals. What goals are you setting for the New Year? Will you set a reading goal to read a certain number of books each month or read with a

family member? Will you set aside time to play games as a family? Will you learn a new skill? Will you spend less time on electronic devices. Setting goals is a great time to create new habits, learn and grow. I can't wait to see what our students can do over the next few months as we begin 2026.



As we enter second semester, we wanted to remind everyone regarding teacher requests for the 25-26 school year. We will not be accepting specific teacher requests. If you send a letter with a specific name(s), it will not be reviewed. Instead, we encourage parents who feel led to send a request to focus on the qualities of a teacher that they feel would best suit their child's needs. We believe that this shift will contribute to a more inclusive and well-rounded educational experience for all students. While we understand that some families may have specific preferences, we are confident that our dedicated and talented teaching staff will continue to foster a nurturing and supportive atmosphere for every student. If you have a specific non-request, please email Mrs. Baessler at baesslera@loudoncounty.org. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we work together to create an optimal learning environment for all students.



LOCAL LEADERSHIP LASTING IMPACT

TENNESSEE SCHOOL BOARD APPRECIATION WEEK
JANUARY 25 - 31, 2026

Eaton Elementary will join school across Tennessee in honoring our local education leaders during School Board Appreciation Week, celebrated statewide from January 25-31, 2026. This annual observance provides an opportunity to recognize the dedication and service of our school board members and to reflect on how local leadership has lasting impact for our students and community. Their decisions directly affect teachers, administrators, and support staff who work each day to support student learning and wellbeing. We extend our deepest appreciation to the dedicated men and women who make local participation in public education possible. We proudly recognize the members of the Loudon County School Board for their service, leadership, and commitment to our community. Please join us in thanking our school board members!

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JANUARY

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Return
from
Winter
Break

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Rocketeer
goes home

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Fire Drill

T2 Report
Cards go
home

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National
Rubber
Ducky Day

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National
Bagel Day

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National Bubble
Wrap Day

Family Night 5:30-
7:00



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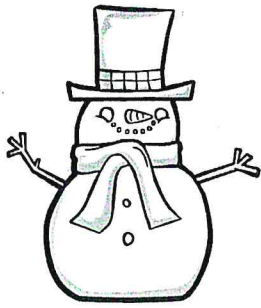
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- - School Board Appreciation Week - -



Name: _____

Snow Day Activities!

Make a fort with blankets and pillows and curl up with your favorite book! I read... _____ _____	Using a ruler, measure the snowfall! inches _____ centimeters _____	Build a snowman! Count the solid figures you use! Spheres _____ Cones _____ Cylinders _____ Other _____
Observe with your senses and make an adjective word web describing "snow" or "ice!"	Finish this story starter: Everything I touch is turning to ice!	Find an example of each type of matter: Solid _____ Liquid _____ Gas _____
Draw or paint the main characters and setting of your favorite movie! Then label them!	Make a wintery how-to writing with pictures! Ideas: How to...make hot cocoa, build a snowman, get dressed for the snow, sled	Write your own word problem about a snowball fight. Be creative!

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Breakfast Menu

Loudon County Schools

Draft 12-5-25

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5	6	7	8	9
Mini Cinnamon Pastry Cereal Fruit Fruit Juice, Milk	Waffles Yogurt Fruit Fruit Juice, Milk	Pancake Sausage Stick Cereal Fruit Fruit Juice, Milk	French Toast Yogurt Fruit Fruit Juice, Milk	Chicken, Biscuit Cereal Fruit Fruit Juice, Milk
12	13	14	15	16
Pancakes Cereal Fruit Fruit Juice, Milk	Pop Tart Yogurt Fruit Fruit Juice, Milk	Breakfast Pizza Cereal Fruit Fruit Juice, Milk	Muffin Yogurt Fruit Fruit Juice, Milk	Sausage, Biscuit, Gravy Cereal Fruit Fruit Juice, Milk
19	20	21	22	23
In-Service	Waffles Yogurt Fruit Fruit Juice, Milk	Pancake Sausage Stick Cereal Fruit Fruit Juice, Milk	French Toast Yogurt Fruit Fruit Juice, Milk	Chicken, Biscuit Cereal Fruit Fruit Juice, Milk
26	27	28	29	30
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Menu Notes

The two cereals below are \$7 more per case, please do not order more than a case a week of each.

7612492, Apple Jacks Cereal

7612559, Fruit Loops Cereal

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Lunch Menu

Loudon County Schools

DRAFT 11-26-25

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

5	Chicken Nuggets	6	Pizza	7	Hamburger or Cheeseburger	8	Sausage (2)	9	Hot Dog
	Mac n Cheese		Broccoli with Cheese		Baked Beans		Biscuit		Chili, Cole Slaw
	Green Beans		Corn		Fries		Tater Tots, Veggie Juice		Fresh Veggie Bowl
	Steamed Carrots		Fruit		Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle		Steamed Apples		Fries
	Fruit, Milk		Milk, Cookie		Fresh Fruit, Milk		Milk		Sidekick Slushie, Milk
12	Popcorn Chicken	13	Wild Mike's Cheesy Bites (4), Marinara Sauce	14	Chicken Sandwich (plain or spicy)	15	BBQ Teriyaki Chicken, Vegetable Fried Rice	16	Mini Corn Dogs
	Roll		Broccoli with Cheese		Baked Beans		Egg Roll		Fresh Veggie Bowl
	Breaded Okra		Corn		Fries		Normandy Blend Vegetables		Fries
	Mashed Potatoes, Gravy		Fruit		Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle		Fresh Fruit		Sidekick Slushie
	Fruit, Milk		Milk, Cookie		Fresh Fruit, Milk		Milk, Fortune Cookie		Milk
19	In-Service	20	Cheese Sticks	21	Hamburger or Cheeseburger	22	Beef Tacos (soft shell)	23	Grilled Cheese
			Marinara Sauce		Baked Beans		Tortillas (2), Nacho Cheese (2 oz)		Bowl of chili
			Broccoli with Cheese		Fries		Corn, Lettuce, Salsa		Fresh Veggie Bowl
			Corn, Fruit		Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle		Texas Ranchero Beans		Fries
			Milk, Cookie		Fresh Fruit, Milk		Fresh Fruit, Milk		Sidekick Slushie, Milk
26	Chicken Nuggets	27	Pizza	28	Chicken Sandwich	29	Sausage (2)	30	Hot Dog
	Mac n Cheese		Broccoli with Cheese		~~Hamburger~~ or plain or spicy		Biscuit		Chili, Cole Slaw
	Green Beans		Corn		Baked Beans		Tater Tots, Veggie Juice		Fresh Veggie Bowl
	Steamed Carrots		Fruit		Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle		Steamed Apples		Fries
	Fruit, Milk		Milk, Cookie		Fresh Fruit, Milk		Milk		Sidekick Slushie, Milk

Menu Notes

Fresh Fruit, on your production record, you must list the type of fresh fruit - banana, apple, etc.
 PK-5, use chicken patty #8473761 for the plain option