



August 2025

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## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

To report attendance please call your child's school:

**Elementary: 815-864-2300**

**Jr/Sr High: 815-493-6341, option 1**

For any bus related needs, please call the bus garage:

**Bus Garage: 815-493-6410**

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## SUPERINTENDENT LETTER

As the summer draws to a close, I want to extend a warm welcome back to each of you. I hope this letter finds your family rested, recharged, and ready for the new school year. It is with great excitement and optimism that we begin the 2025-2026 school year together.

Our staff have been hard at work preparing for a successful year of learning. Classrooms are ready, buses are being routed, and new programs are being launched—all with the goal of supporting every student in reaching their fullest potential. We remain committed to providing a safe, welcoming, and inclusive environment where every child feels seen, supported, and challenged.

### **Staff Updates:**

#### Hirings:

Hunter Todd: EJSJS Math

Payton Clause: EES PE

Katie Krogman-Grobe: 4th Grade

Jamie Lazarra: 5th/6th Grade

Tom Ames: EJSJS Custodian

Dan Kiefer: EJSJS Custodian

Bobbi Barnes: EES Kitchen

Kacie Madl: EES Kitchen

### **Facility Updates:**

#### EES

PreK Classroom Remodel

Sidewalk Entrance

Outside Basketball Pad

#### EJSJS

Family and Consumer Science Classroom

#### Internal Transfers:

Tracie Blount: EJSJS to EES Custodian

Vickie Meinsma: EES Custodian to EJSJS Custodian

Whether your child is stepping into kindergarten, transitioning to high school, or preparing to graduate, know that we are here to support them every step of the way. Education is a team effort, and we value the strong partnership we share with you—our families, caregivers, and community members.

Please stay connected with us through district newsletters, school websites, and social media. Your engagement and feedback make our schools stronger.

Thank you for your continued trust and support. Let's make this a fantastic year!

Sincerely,

Dr. Alex Kashner  
Superintendent



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## AUGUST 2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR

For up-to-date information please check [www.eastland308.com](http://www.eastland308.com)

|           |                                                                            |
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| 8/1-8/15  | Eastland Music Boosters - NW IL Daily Drawing Ticket Sales                 |
| 8/4-8/10  | IHSA Dead Week                                                             |
| 8/4-8/7   | Drumline - HS Drumline, 8:00am                                             |
| 8/4 - 8/7 | Full Marching Camp - HS Marching Band, 9:00am                              |
| 8/4-8/7   | 8/4-8/7 EPC Youth Drama Camp, Grades 9-12, 12:30pm                         |
| 8/4-8/7   | 8/4-8/7 EPC Youth Drama Camp, Grades 4-8, 1:30pm                           |
| 8/11      | Teacher Institute (No Student Attendance)                                  |
| 8/12      | Teacher Institute (No Student Attendance)                                  |
| 8/12      | Back to School Open House, 4:00pm                                          |
| 8/13      | 1st Day of Student Attendance (PreK-12)                                    |
| 8/14      | CC, FB Cheer, VB Photos @ EJSHS, 3:30pm                                    |
| 8/15      | Golf Photos @ Lake Carroll, 3:30pm                                         |
| 8/16      | HS Golf Eastland Invite, 1:00pm                                            |
| 8/18      | HS B Golf @ DuPec, 4:00pm                                                  |
| 8/18      | Music Boosters Meeting, 5:30pm                                             |
| 8/19      | JH 7th VB @ Chadwick Round Robin, TBA                                      |
| 8/19      | HS EPC FB, JH EPC FB, Band photos @ EJSHS, 3:30pm                          |
| 8/19      | HS B/G Golf vs Dakota, 4:00pm                                              |
| 8/20      | JH VB Photos @ EES, 3:30pm                                                 |
| 8/20      | HS G Golf @ Le-Win/PC, 4:00pm                                              |
| 8/20      | Manny's Fundraiser - Volleyball, 4:00pm                                    |
| 8/20      | Regular Board of Education Mtg @ EES, 6:30pm                               |
| 8/21      | HS B/G Golf @ Galena, 4:00pm                                               |
| 8/22      | HS JV EPC FB vs Oregon (Scrimmage) in Lanark                               |
| 8/22      | HS V EPC GB vs Oregon (Scrimmage) in Lanark                                |
| 8/25      | JH VB @ Fulton, 4:00pm                                                     |
| 8/26      | Beginner Band Instrument Open House, 4:00pm                                |
| 8/26      | HS CC @ Rock Falls, 4:30pm                                                 |
| 8/26      | HS VB vs Oregon, 5:00pm                                                    |
| 8/27      | HS B Golf @ Amboy/AFC, 4:00pm                                              |
| 8/27      | JH VB vs Stockton, 5:30pm                                                  |
| 8/27      | EAC Annual Meeting, 7:00pm                                                 |
| 8/28      | HS B/G Golf vs W Carroll, 4:00pm                                           |
| 8/29      | HS Marching & Color Guard - Football Game (Senior Night) in Lanark, 7:00pm |
| 8/29      | HS V EPC FB vs Fulton (Senior Night) in Lanark, 7:00pm                     |



EARLY STEP PRESCHOOL, EASTLAND  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND EASTLAND  
JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS...



# BACK TO SCHOOL



## OPEN HOUSE FOR PREK - 12TH GRADE

MEET THE TEACHERS • BRING IN SCHOOL SUPPLIES • LEARN  
ABOUT EXTRA-CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES AT EJSHS •  
TOUR THE BUILDINGS • APP ACTIVATION HELP



**TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2025**  
**4:00 - 6:30 P.M.**



**GRAB AND GO MEALS WILL BE  
PROVIDED FOR ANYONE IN  
ATTENDANCE!**

**7TH GR. ORIENTATION**  
**6:00-6:30**  
**AT**  
**EJSHS BIG GYM**



### GIVEAWAY

All families in attendance  
will have a chance to win  
a gift basket at each  
building that includes a 1-  
year family athletic pass  
good for all home athletic  
events.





# **Save The Dates For 5th Grade Band!**

**Instrument Open House**

**Tuesday, August 26th**

**4-6 PM @ EES Cafeteria**

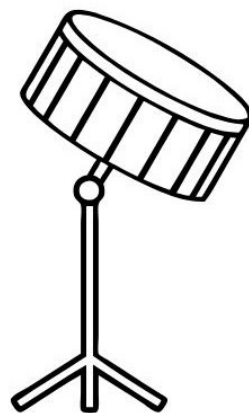
(No need to attend if you have already obtained an instrument.)

**1st Lesson and Parent Meeting**

**Tuesday, September 16th**

**6-7:30 PM @ EES Cafeteria**

(Required for all 5th Grade Band students. Instruments will be handed out that night.)



# Jr/Sr High Breakfast Menu

All Options include Juice, Fruit, and Milk to make a complete breakfast.

| MONDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | TUESDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | WEDNESDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | THURSDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | FRIDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| <p><u>CHOOSE 1 OPTION</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Sausage Pancake Bites</li> <li>❖ Yogurt Parfait &amp; WG Mini Loaf or Granola</li> <li>❖ WG Banana Bread &amp; String Cheese</li> <li>❖ WG Donuts &amp; String Cheese</li> </ul> | <p><u>CHOOSE 1 OPTION</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Breakfast Sandwich</li> <li>❖ Yogurt Parfait &amp; WG Mini Loaf or Granola</li> <li>❖ WG Banana Bread &amp; String Cheese</li> <li>❖ WG Donuts &amp; String Cheese</li> </ul> | <p><u>CHOOSE 1 OPTION</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Breakfast Pizza</li> <li>❖ Yogurt Parfait &amp; WG Mini Loaf or Granola</li> <li>❖ WG Banana Bread &amp; String Cheese</li> <li>❖ WG Donuts &amp; String Cheese</li> </ul> | <p><u>CHOOSE 1 OPTION</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ WG Donut &amp; Scrambled Eggs</li> <li>❖ Yogurt Parfait &amp; WG Mini Loaf Or Granola</li> <li>❖ WG Banana Bread &amp; String Cheese</li> <li>❖ WG Donuts &amp; String Cheese</li> </ul> | <p><u>CHOOSE 1 OPTION</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Sausage Gravy &amp; WG Biscuit</li> <li>❖ Yogurt Parfait &amp; WG Mini Loaf or Granola</li> <li>❖ WG Banana Bread &amp; String Cheese</li> <li>❖ WG Donuts &amp; String Cheese</li> </ul> |

Choose 3 items to make a complete breakfast. 1 **MUST** be a fruit or juice.

**Milk Choices:** Fat Free White Milk, FF Chocolate Milk, 1% White Milk.

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## **Eastland Jr./Sr. High School Lunch Menu August 2025**

| Monday                                                                                       | Tuesday                                                                                                                                                                                         | Wednesday                                                               | Thursday                                                                                  | Friday                                                                                        |
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| 4.                                                                                           | 5.                                                                                                                                                                                              | 6.                                                                      | 7.                                                                                        | 8.                                                                                            |
| 11.<br>Teachers Institute                                                                    | 12.<br>Teachers Institute                                                                                                                                                                       | 13.<br>Pizza<br>Caesar Salad<br>Green Beans                             | 14.<br>Cheeseburger<br>WG Bun<br>Baked Beans<br>L, T , O<br>Baked French Fries            | 15.<br>Chicken Nuggets<br>WG Dinner Roll<br>Mashed Potatoes<br>Gravy<br>Steamed Carrots       |
| 18.<br>Calzone<br>Caesar Salad<br>Green Beans                                                | 19.<br>Taco in a bag<br>Romaine Lettuce<br>Tomatoes, Salsa<br>Refried Beans<br>Corn & BB Salsa<br>WG Treat                                                                                      | 20.<br>Hot Dog or Brat<br>WG Bun<br>Baked Beans<br>Pasta Salad<br>Chips | 21.<br>Quesadilla<br>Spanish Rice<br>Romaine Salad<br>Tomatoes, Cucumbers<br>Veggie Juice | 22.<br>Baked Potato Bar<br>Taco Meat or Bacon<br>Cheese Sauce<br>Steamed Broccoli<br>WG Donut |
| 25.<br>Orange Chicken<br>WG Fried Rice<br>Steamed Broccoli<br>Veggie Juice<br>Fortune Cookie | 26.<br>Burrito Bowl w/Cilantro lime<br>Rice<br>Chicken Fajita or<br>Pork Carnitas<br>WG Tortilla Chips or Wrap<br>Chipotle Beans<br>Guacamole , Tomatoes,<br>Salsa, Corn & BB Salsa<br>WG Treat | 27.<br>Pulled Pork<br>WG Bun<br>Tater Tots<br>Pickle Spears<br>Coleslaw | 28.<br>Bosco Sticks<br>Marinara Sauce<br>Broccoli Salad<br>Green Beans                    | 29.<br>Chicken Drumstick<br>Mac & Cheese<br>Tossed Salad<br>Steamed Carrots                   |

### NOTES

Milk served with every meal.

- FF White
- FF Chocolate
- 1% White

Fresh and Canned Fruit are offered every day.

Daily alternate meal choices:

Chef Salad

Vegetarian Salad

Caesar Salad

Charcuterie Box

Ala Carte snacks for sale daily:

PB & J Uncrustable

Assorted Chips

Whole Grain Bars

Bottled Water

Gatorade

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## Eastland Elementary School Cycle Breakfast Menu for SY 2025 - 2026

| Monday                                         | Tuesday                                            | Wednesday                                    | Thursday                                        | Friday                                                           |
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| WGR<br>String Cheese<br>Fruit<br>Juice<br>Milk | Pancake<br>Sausage Bites<br>Fruit<br>Juice<br>Milk | Breakfast<br>Pizza<br>Fruit<br>Juice<br>Milk | WG Pancakes<br>Yogurt<br>Fruit<br>Juice<br>Milk | Sausage, Egg<br>WG Biscuit<br>Sandwich<br>Fruit<br>Juice<br>Milk |

- **Daily Alternate Breakfast Entree: WG Cereal or WG Muffins**

## **Eastland Elementary School Lunch Menu August 2025**

**PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY & STRING CHEESE is now offered DAILY as an alternative to the daily entree.**

**Students will be able to order the PB&J in the morning when lunch count is taken.**

| Monday                                                                                                       | Tuesday                                                       | Wednesday                                                                                                                                            | Thursday                                                                                                                               | Friday                                                                                                                    |
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|                                                                                                              |                                                               |                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                        | 1.                                                                                                                        |
| 4.                                                                                                           | 5.                                                            | 6.                                                                                                                                                   | 7.                                                                                                                                     | 8.                                                                                                                        |
| 11.<br>Teachers Institute                                                                                    | 12.<br>Teachers Institute                                     | 13.<br>Bosco Sticks<br>Marinara Sauce<br>Steamed Broccoli<br>Veggie Juice<br>Fresh Orange                                                            | 14.<br>BBQ Riblet<br>WG Bun<br>Coleslaw<br>Tater Tots<br>Pears                                                                         | 15.<br>Chicken Nuggets<br>Mashed Potatoes<br>Gravy, Fresh Broccoli<br>Fruit Slushy<br>WG Dinner Roll                      |
| 18.<br>All Beef Hot Dog or Brat<br>WG Bun<br>Baked Beans<br>Fresh Carrots<br>Fresh Grapes                    | 19.<br>Pizza<br>Corn<br>Fresh Watermelon or kiwi              | 20.<br>Taco in a Bag<br>Taco Meat<br>Shredded Ched. Cheese<br>Refried Beans<br>Lettuce, Tomato, Salsa<br>Green Beans, Applesauce cup<br>Apple Churro | 21.<br>Chicken Drumsticks<br>Baby Bakers<br>Pasta Salad<br>Banana<br>WG Biscuit                                                        | 22.<br>Hot Ham & Cheese on<br>WG bun,<br>Smile Potatoes<br>Strawberry Spinach Salad,<br>Banana                            |
| 25.<br>Grilled Cheese<br>Tomato Soup<br>WG Crackers<br>Fresh Carrots & Celery<br>Applesauce cup<br>Jonny Pop | 26.<br>Calzone<br>Caesar Salad<br>Green Beans<br>Fresh Grapes | 27.<br>Chicken Patty<br>WG Bun<br>L,T,O<br>Baked Beans<br>Peaches                                                                                    | 28. <u>Pasta Bar</u><br>Choice between<br>Alfredo Sauce & Red Sauce<br>Chicken or Meatballs<br>Garlic Toast<br>Veggie Juice<br>Peaches | 29.<br>Loaded Tater Tots<br>Taco Meat <u>OR</u> Bacon Bits<br>Cheese Sauce<br>Fresh Carrots<br>Fresh Orange<br>WG Grahams |

Milk served everyday includes 1% White, FF White, 1% Chocolate

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