

GUIDANCE UPDATE

The resiliency trait for March is Volunteerism and Mentorship. At Emma Love Hardee, students are encouraged to be kind to others and have a helping attitude towards their classmates and teachers.

This first week of March has also been designated as Kindness Week at Emma Love. The students will be given kindness challenges each day to help promote our culture of kindness at E.L.H.

Our Kindness Squad students have been sharing the daily challenges on the ELH Morning Annoucements.



INSTRUCTIONAL UPDATE

Welcome to March Little Pirates! Now that we are closing out our 3rd quarter, all of our classes are entering a spiral review of their standards in Reading Class. Coming up on April 3rd, our 4th and 5th graders will take their FAST-Writing test. This test is a computerized assessment that will be scored out of 12 points. Our Little Pirates will read various sources and respond to the writing prompt that they are given. The prompt will guide students to write either an informative or argumentative multiparagraph essay. We know our Little Pirates will do an amazing job!

SCHOOL DISMISSAL

School dismisses at 2:10 pm; Wednesday at 1:10. Changes for dismissal <u>must</u> be made before 1:40 by calling the school or sending in a note with your child.

*Remember to accompany your child to the front office when dropping them off tardy.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

FIFTH GRADE

MARY PAZAKIS
BRADY CANADA

FOURTH GRADE

HENRY KIMBALL
CARLYNN RANDOLPH

THIRD GRADE

LILLIE SELLERS
CATHERINE NORKUS

Bus Star

ALVA LEE MCCALLUM

*Names are drawn monthly. Students also receive ice-cream with the principals. Students have opportunities to receive Pirate Praise around campus by demonstrating the school wide expectations: Respectful, Responsible, Prepared and Safe.

HEALTH ROOM UPDATE

March is here and Spring Break is around the corner! With Spring blooming, pollen and other allergens will be making its appearance known which means potential seasonal allergies for Little Pirates. Parents, please monitor your child for fever and other symptoms. If your child is experiencing watery eyes, scratchy throats, sneezing, coughing with runny noses it could be seasonal allergies but can also be recognized as Flu or COVID symptoms with or without fever. There are several over-the-counter (OTC), non-drowsy allergy medications that help with allergy symptoms such as Children's Allegra, Claritin, etc. – just check with your local pharmacist on what is available for your child. Remember to send your child to school with a water bottle to stay hydrated!

If your child's medication changes, you must complete an updated Medication Administration Authorization form. This must also be completed by your child's medical provider. Over the counter medications must also be checked in at the Health Aide's office by a parent or legal guardian.

If your Little Pirate is sick at home, they must be fever free (without medication) for 24 hours before returning to school.

Stay healthy and if you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Rader at 491-7936 ext. 2247. Help us, help you keep your child safe and healthy!



Mrs. Sheffield



INSTRUCTIONAL EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Mrs. Lee

CALENDAR EVENTS



March 3-7th- Breakfast in Schools Week

March 7th- Clash of the Little Pirates Volleyball Game

March 10th- Spring Picture Day

March 10 & 11- Fifth Grade Field Trip

Egan's Creek Greenway with Wild Amelia

March 14- End of 3rd Quarter

March 15-24- Spring Break

March 24th Teacher Planning

March 25th Classes Resume (4th Quarter)

March 26th- 5th Grade and ESE Award Ceremony

March 27th- 4th Grade Award Ceremony

March 28th- 3rd Grade Award Ceremony

March 31st- School Advisory Council Meeting

ATTENDANCE REMINDER

Attendance Quest Challenge

We are excited for our attendance challenge: The Attendance Quest. Classes can earn prizes for great attendance. The winner of each grade level will receive an end of the year luncheon with the principals. Below is our leaderboard with the classes in the lead!

3rd Grade- Mrs. Hebert, Mrs. Schneider, and Mrs. Foster's Class (all tied with 40 days straight)

4th Grade- Mrs. Blandino's Class (40 days straight)

5th Grade- Mrs. Chafin's Class (40 days straight)



Establishing a positive collaborative culture that promotes and fosters teaching and learning among the community of learners.



ATTENDANCE

WHY IT MATTERS

ATTENDANCE OVERVIEW

- Research shows that missing just 2 days a month negatively impacts academic performance
- · Higher attendance rates lead to overall higher graduation rates
- Early Dismissal/Late Arrival negatively impacts student performance

IMPACT ON READING LEVEL

- Reading level and proficiency are both directly impacted by attendance
 - 61% chance of students chronically absent in K will be held back in 3rd Grade for reading below level
 - 81% chance of students chronically absent in K and 1st reading below grade level in 3rd

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Help your student feel excited about school and learning!
- · Set a regular bedtime and morning routine
- Develop backup plans for transportation
- · Encourage being at school on time every day



WHAT WE CAN DO

- · Track attendance and send out reminders
- Attendance incentives for students reaching our 90% attendance goals
- Reach out to see if resources are needed for transportation, etc.

