

KEEP IN TOUCH

Early Childhood Learning Center
PARENT NEWSLETTER – October 2026

PRINCIPAL NEWS – Mrs. Beck

Can you believe it is already October? The start to the school year has been flying. The students have been quick to get into their school routine. I am so proud of the students and staff at the ECLC. Everyone is working hard. It is a great place for learning.

The teachers have a professional day on October 2nd so there will be no school for students that day. Book Blast will kick off on October 16th. Students can earn books and prizes. This is not a fundraiser for the school, just a way to build your home library. Finally, classroom fall parties will occur on October 30th. Teachers will send party details as the time approaches.

Our big October event is Fall Festival. This will happen on October 22nd from 6-7:30 p.m. There will be lots of activities for the kids to participate in; learning games, crafts, stories, fall games, prizes, and more. Please come and join in the fall spirit. Students may wear their Halloween costumes if they'd like, but it is not required. This is a come and go event. Please enter through the Kerr Street gymnasium door.

PTG

The October meeting for PTG will be held on October 7th at 8:15 am in the school library. We will discuss the Fall Festival, elect officers, and talk about what is coming in the next few months.

SAFETY DRILL

Safety at the ECLC is of the utmost importance to all of us. Therefore, this month we will conduct our inside safety drill. It is important to practice for all kinds of situations that have the possibility of happening. Better to be prepared! We will practice on October 21st.

END OF DAY DISMISSAL – No Remind App

Please make sure to send a note or call the office if your child is doing something different at the end of the school day for dismissal. Teachers do not always have the opportunity to check their Remind app before students dismiss each day. This will not be a method that we use for dismissal notifications/changes. Thank you for understanding.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

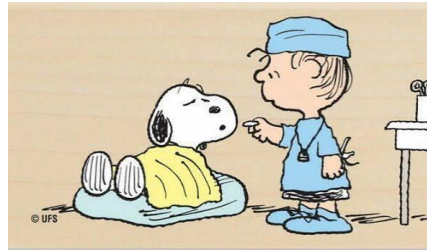
October 2	Teacher In-service NO SCHOOL
October 9	PreK Blue Day
October 16	Book Blast Begins
October 21	Safety Practice Drill
October 22	Fall Festival from 6-7:30 pm
October 29	PreK Yellow Day
October 30	Fall Parties at School Book Blast Ends



COUNSELOR'S CORNER – Mrs. Nichols



Happy Fall! Each month I will visit the classrooms to teach a social-emotional lesson. For the month of October, the lesson will be an introduction to the school counselor and the ways that school counselors help students. To assist with my goal of getting to know all of our ECLC students as much as possible, I will be holding a "LUNCH BUNCH" group for Kindergarten. On a Lunch Bunch Day, I will give out passes to join me for lunch. Every Kindergarten student will receive a pass to participate throughout the school year. As a reminder, I am available to work with students and families to help with any needs. Feel free to call with any questions or with requests for assistance.



HEALTH ROOM HAPPENINGS: FALL IS IN THE AIR!

Flu season will be here before we know it. So, please speak to your child's doctor about flu shots. Influenza can be dangerous for children. It is important to discuss this with your healthcare provider.

The nurses are busy administering vision, hearing, and growth screenings for all of our students. This is a requirement by the Pennsylvania school code. If your student does not pass a screening, you will be notified. If you haven't already, you will be receiving a letter about your student's BMI. This is also a requirement to notify parents. If you have any questions about the screenings, please contact the nurse.

Accidents happen a lot, especially with our little ones. Please keep an extra set of clothes in your student's backpack for accidents or spills. We have a limited supply in the health office so this really helps us out.

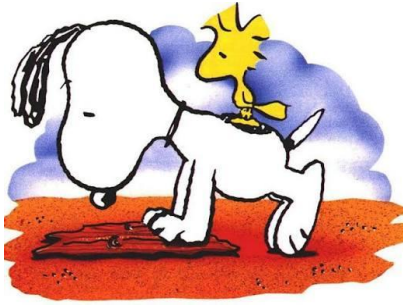
MUSIC NOTES – Miss H



The ECLC students have been doing awesome in the music room! We have already learned so many musical things! The kindergarten students have been learning about fast and slow, steady beat, and many other musical ideas. They have been able to play egg shakers, rhythm sticks, bells, and sound shapes. We will continue to learn about and play new instruments, as well as work on new musical concepts throughout October.

The prekindergarten students have also played some instruments and started vocal exploration for making musical sounds. They even got to sing a song in Spanish! The prekindergarten students will try some yoga this month to control our bodies and calm our brains. All of the students got to see the marching band on September 25th to celebrate Homecoming! If you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

THE PULSE in PE – Mrs. Tridico



We are off to a great start in PE! We've had a busy and exciting beginning to the school year! Students have been exploring lots of different ways to travel, balance, climb, and play while building strength, coordination, confidence, and body awareness.

Our young movers have been practicing how to move safely through the gym, try new challenges, and use equipment in many different ways. We're looking forward to a year filled with movement, learning, and FUN!

A quick reminder for families: As boot weather approaches, please send a pair of sneakers/athletic shoes with your child on PE days if they wear boots to school. Safe, comfortable shoes help everyone participate fully and safely.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Please read this carefully and call if you have any questions.

A parent excuse is accepted for any day absent up to the total of ten (10). A doctor's excuse will be accepted for any absence during the year and is counted in the first ten (10) parental excuse days. Following the accumulation of ten (10) parent excuses, parents will receive a written notice/letter advising them of the accumulation of ten absences, and that the district will require a doctor's excuse for each day's absence from the time of the notice until the end of the school year. **Please note: Vacation days are counted in the ten parental excuses.** Finally, if the school does not receive an excuse within three days of an absence, the absence will be recorded as an unlawful. Parents are allowed up to three (3) unlawful absences. Letters will be sent to keep you posted of any unlawful days. After the three unlawful absences, truancy procedures will be followed according to attendance law.

SCHOOL HOURS

The building opens for students at 7:30 a.m. To be to school on time, students must be in their classrooms by 8:15 a.m. or 12:15 p.m. for PM Prekindergarten students. Students are dismissed at 2:50 p.m. for walkers/parent pick-up for Kindergarten and 2:45 pm for PM Prekindergarten.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

October 4-10 is fire prevention week. *This is a good time to check the batteries in your smoke detectors and review your emergency plan with your family.*

