



In Otter News...

February 2021



Calendar of Events

February 8

Board Meeting 7pm

February 15

No School

February 19

Bus Evacuation Drill

February 19

Rise N Roll Fundraiser begins

February 22

Board Meeting 7pm

February 24

Schedule 2 Hour Delay

Note from the Office

Please have your student bring a mask to school and a back up in their bookbag. The back up one is for when they go outside for recess

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope all is well with you and your families. As we move through February, we will be keeping an eye on the weather and hoping for minimal disruptions. Keep in mind that any school cancellations moving forward will result in e-learning days for students. Details regarding e-learning days can be found in our newsletter and on the district website. I encourage you to reach out to your child's teacher if you have specific questions related to their class.

The Indiana Department of Education has determined that schools will resume spring testing this year. As a result, third grade students will be preparing to take the state mandated IREAD3 assessment in March. The test window for **IREAD3** is **March 8-19** and is only for 3rd grade. More information regarding the IREAD3 assessment can be found on the Indiana Department of Education website at www.doe.in.gov. You may also contact your child's teacher or Mr. Zern if you have questions.

As we continue on our journey to the end of the year, please take a moment to review the announcements and events for the coming weeks and keep in mind that schedule changes may be possible due to delays, cancellations, and quarantines. Thank you for taking the time to review our newsletter. Your support is outstanding and very much appreciated!

Respectfully,
Mr. Zern

eLearning Information

Onsite students

On an eLearning day, teachers will have lessons posted on their Canvas page by 9 a.m. In the event of a 2-hour delay that becomes a cancellation, teachers will have lessons posted by 10 a.m.

Remote students

On an eLearning day, the first Google Meet is at 9a.m. and follow our normal schedule starting at noon. On the event of a 2-hour delay that becomes a cancellation, the first Google Meet will be at 10 a.m. and follow our normal schedule for the remainder of the day.

Kindergarten Enrollment will begin in February, 2021.

Kindergarten Enrollment will be open on-line starting in February. This is an important event for anyone enrolling a Kindergarten student for school in the fall of 2021. Please help us pass this information along to anyone in our attendance who may have a child ready to start school. A Kindergarten Orientation event will be scheduled later in the year. Specific dates and detailed information will be coming soon.

Important Reminder: Children need to be 5 years old on or before August 1, 2021 to enroll in Kindergarten. A copy of your child's birth certificate, immunization records, and proof of residence (a utility bill) are required to enroll.

How will I know if my child is ready for Kindergarten? – Children all mature differently. There is no one-size-fits-all age for kindergarten readiness. Below are a few things to consider in deciding when to send your child to kindergarten:

[Kindergarten Readiness.pdf](#)

[Kindergarten Readiness - Literacy.pdf](#)

[Kindergarten Readiness - Mathematics.pdf](#)

What can I do to make sure my child is ready? – The Indiana Department of Education has created some resources that give parents tools to help their child grow academically, socially, and emotionally. You can access these Mighty Moments resources here:

https://www.doe.in.gov/earlylearning/mighty-moments-early-learning?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=



**Congratulations to our 2021
Spelling Bee winners.**

First Place—Ruby Gilmore

Runner-Up—Toby Nguyen



Counselor Corner

A Message from

Mrs. Lange



Every Wednesday we celebrate WOW Wednesday here at Eel River.

I recognize one student and one staff member each week for WOW – “Wonderful Otter Wednesday.” Students nominated for the month of January are :

Landon Huck nominated for being courteous to others and an example to all of patience and kindness!

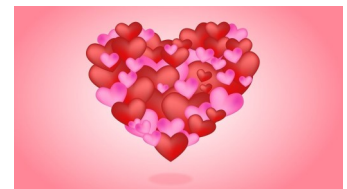
Raya Averkamp nominated for being awesome and “wow”ing us with all that you do!

Jacob Neuhauser and **Brenna Kelly** were both nominated by their teachers for being great examples to other of how to use manners each day! They are both very helpful towards others and always willing to help.

Congratulations to all!!!

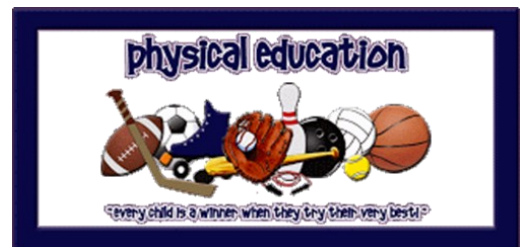


Class Composites are now available to order! Get yours today at inter-state.com/order. Use Order Code 56488QQ. These are available until 02/17/2021 at 11:59 pm.



Eel River PE

January was a month filled with competition as we worked on our throwing and dodging skills during our



Snowball Unit. Students competed as individuals and as teams during Snowy Meadow Snowball Fight, Snowball with Forts and Jailbreak Snowball Fight. Ask your student which version they liked best. In February we will continue with competitive activities as we begin our Pinball Unit as we try to strike down bowling pins in multiple lessons as both individuals and teams. In March we look forward to sharpening our basketball skills. As soon as the weather warms up we will look to move activities outdoors again.

I am very proud of the effort students are making to doing their personal best in PE this year. Keep up the good work Otters!!
Mrs. Goings

Spring Testing Time

We will be doing various testing for the next couple of months. Please have your student well rested, chrome book charged everyday and have a set of ear phones at school.

Eel River Parents,

Our February LIFESKILL is KINDNESS! We will be discussing this all month. Help us keep the kindness going by reinforcing this lesson of Kindness at home! CIRCLE or HIGHLIGHT 15 of the above ACTS OF KINDNESS (which can be done in any order) and return this calendar on FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28th! All returned calendars will go into a drawing. The winner will be treated to a lunch of their choice with our Guidance Counselor, Mrs. Lange in March!!

Student's Name _____

Teacher's Name _____ Grade _____

My child participated in the KINDNESS CHALLENGE - Parent Signature _____

EEL RIVER FEBRUARY 2021 KINDNESS CHALLENGE CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Leave a kind note where someone	11 Tell someone all the reasons you	12 Share something with others	13 Help make dinner
14 Fill a box with toys or clothes	15 Make a card for a school staff mem-	16 Draw a picture for the school nurse/	17 Ask someone "How is your day	18 Do a Chore for	19 Mail a postcard to a friend or family	20 Give a card or treat to a neigh-
23 Write a thank you	24 Collect loose	25 Make a card for	26 Donate an item to	27 Hold the door	28 TURN ALL	29



We are requesting that first and last names be printed on the transportation change notes for both the student and the parent. This would help out tremendously to make sure your student goes home the correct way. We have included a form that you can copy and fill in as needed. Thank you!

Transportation Change Note



Date _____

Print Students Name

_____ First _____ Last

Print Teacher Name _____ Grade _____

Needs to be picked up for a/an _____ at _____ a.m./p.m.

Needs to be a car rider

Needs to ride bus # _____ to Home Daycare Other _____

Print Parent Name

_____ First _____ Last