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***Erickson Express
August 27, 2020***



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Erickson Elementary School



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Important Dates & Information

Thursday, August 27, 2020: Student Material Pick-Up 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Friday, August 28, 2020: Student Material Pick-Up 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Friday, August 28, 2020: Meet the Teacher - [Click here](#)

Monday, August 31, 2020: First Day of School for 1st-5th grade **FULL REMOTE**

Monday, August 31st - Wednesday, Sept 2nd: [Kindergarten Assessment by appointment](#)

Thursday, September 3, 2020: First Day of School for Kindergarten & Preschool **FULL REMOTE**

Virtual Information Day: [Click here](#) to access the important forms and documents for the upcoming school year!

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Chromebook Password Changed: The Bloomingdale School District changed all student passwords for safety and security purposes. A new password will be included in the Material Pick-Up bags. Please place this password in a safe location for future reference. If you need a password reset please submit a Student Technology Request using the following link: <https://forms.gle/Uf25XE6E4zibify6>

Meet the Teacher: Erickson will host a Virtual Meet the Teacher tomorrow afternoon. This is a chance for students to meet the teacher and say hello to classmates. Parents are invited to attend the Meet the Teacher alongside their child(ren). We will host another Parent-Only Meet the Teacher/Curriculum Night in the near future for parents to learn more about classroom expectations and curriculum for the upcoming school year.

First Day of School: The first full day of school is Monday, August 31, 2020, for students in first - fifth grade. **All students will participate in Full Remote Learning.** *Kindergarten & Preschool students start school on Thursday, September 3, 2020.*

8:40 am - 8:45 am: Morning Announcements - Students will view morning announcements on their own. A link will be shared with students from the teacher Google Classroom

8:45 am - 8:50 am: Attendance - Students must virtually attend the Google Meet to be considered In-Attendance

Flyers & other Information: [Click here](#) to access additional flyers and information from organizations outside the Bloomingdale School District.

Remote Learning

Calendar & Schedule

1. Remote Learning school days consists of:
 - 5 hours of instruction for grades 1-8
 - 1:40 pm Dismissal Every Other Week, starting September 9th
 - 2.5 hours for EC & Kindergarten
2. Remote Calendar is Identical to the In-Person Calendar
3. Remote Learning daily schedules will match In-Person daily schedules for each building.

Erickson will follow the [Bloomingdale School District Calendar](#). Remote Learning will be provided five days a week (Monday - Friday) at designated times below. In the past, the district has reserved one Wednesday a month as an Early Release Day (1:40 pm dismissal) for staff to receive professional development. During Remote Learning, the district will have Early Release Days every other week starting September 9th to ensure staff is provided the guidance and professional development necessary to successfully Educate and Inspire students. Students will be expected to follow the daily schedule posted by the teacher and fully participate in all subject areas. Teachers will engage students in live instruction throughout the course of the day/week.

School Hours

Preschool AM: 8:40 am-11:15 am

Preschool PM: 12:50 pm - 3:25 pm

Kindergarten AM: 8:40 am -11:30 am

Kindergarten PM: 12:40 pm - 3:30 pm

First-Fifth Grade: 8:40 am - 3:30 pm

Remote Learning

Attendance & Engagement

1. Virtual attendance is required during the remote learning school day
2. Attendance will be recorded similarly to In-Person
3. Engagement will be rated by families

Teachers will take attendance two times a day (8:45 am & 12:50 pm). Students are expected to be present during the live google meet at 8:45 am & 12:50 pm to be considered *In-Attendance* for the day. Students who are not in attendance at these times will be marked absent by the classroom teacher. We will survey parents on a regular basis to determine if the Remote Learning format provided by the Bloomingdale School District is engaging to our students. We want Remote Learning to be an engaging and enjoyable experience for students and families.

- Each time a student is absent, state law requires that the school principal decide whether the absence is excused or unexcused. Absences will be considered excused for reasons of 1) personal illness, 2) quarantine, 3) bereavements, 4) family emergencies, 5) observance of religious holidays, and 6) requests in writing, approved in advance by the school principal.

Please call the school office before 8:30 a.m. to report an absence. Call each day a child is absent. If you do not call, you will receive a call from the school office after 9:00 a.m. inquiring about your child's absence.

Remote Learning

Health & Safety

1. Social Emotional Check-ins will be documented weekly
2. Student device usage will be monitored off-site
3. Appropriate use expectations and technology guidelines will be updated

Teachers will be spending the first couple weeks of school developing the relationships necessary to ensure academic success. Besides academics, we want to ensure students find social and emotional success during Remote Learning. Each morning, classroom teachers will begin the day with a morning meeting. During the morning meeting, teachers will check-in with the class and provide opportunities for students to connect with classmates. We will also be reaching out to parents on a regular basis to find out how students are doing in the remote setting.

The district has also upgraded and/or purchased additional technology tools and resources that will allow teachers to monitor chromebook use while away from the classroom. Teachers will share expectations for technology use the first week of school.

Remote Learning

Communication & Feedback

1. Single weekly communication from District Office
2. Single weekly communication from Building
3. Weekly guide from each grade level (Elementary & Middle School) provided from each team.
4. Classroom Teachers will communicate via email with parents of students in grades Kindergarten-3rd, and with the parents & students for grades 4th - 8th

Erickson Elementary School will communicate with parents on a weekly basis through the Erickson Express. The Express will be emailed to parents every Thursday and placed on the Erickson Website for future reference. If you are not receiving the Erickson Express, be sure to contact the office at 630-529-2223. Erickson also uses twitter as a communication device. Please consider following us on twitter @D13Eagles. We will post pictures and information related to upcoming events.

Grade level teams and individual teachers will reach out to parents on a weekly basis. Most of the communication from classroom teachers will be sent via email. Some teachers may use other communication tools like Remind, Twitter, or Class DoJo to communicate with parents.

Parents should always feel welcome to email the classroom teacher or call if there is a question, comment, or concern. It is the responsibility of the parent and teacher to collaborate on a regular basis.

Remote Learning

Delivery of Instruction

1. Classrooms will be available for teachers to utilize when conducting remote learning.
2. Synchronous instruction can be delivered using resources, tools and connectivity available to teachers in their classrooms.
3. Templates used for daily/weekly assignments
4. Dedicated time for exchange of learning materials & resources

Students will be expected to participate in both live instruction and independent learning activities from 8:40 am - 3:30 pm. Classroom teachers will provide live instruction to students on a regular basis and meet with students as a whole class, small group, or individually throughout the school day. The amount of live, whole class instruction, depends on the subject and age of the student. Classroom instruction in the Remote Setting will mirror the instruction that is provided during In-Person learning. Most lessons and/or class periods will begin with the teacher sharing the lesson objective for the day in a live format. Once the teacher has set expectations for the class period, students will engage in learning activities that may require them to stay online or work independently without the use of the chromebook.

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Remote Learning

Student Assessment

1. Focus assessment on 1:1 assessments as much as possible
2. Use of formative and summative assessments will continue to be used
3. A virtual process will be used to continue leveled reading assessment to guide instruction

Students will receive a grade for the work that they complete during Remote Learning. Erickson Elementary School uses Standards Based Grading and Reporting Principles when determining a student's grade at the end of a trimester. Students will earn a M (Mastered), A (Approaching), or B (Below) based on their performance on assessments or attempts. We want students to feel comfortable throughout the learning process and realize learning is constant and will include mistakes. Students will receive feedback on learning tasks, but not all assignments will be graded or mistakes counted against students when determining a grade. Students will be provided multiple opportunities to demonstrate their understanding of lesson objectives and standards throughout the course of a topic or unit. [Click here](#) to view the grading principles and expectations for Erickson Elementary School.

When students are provided an assessment or attempt, we ask that parents not provide help or assistance. There will be many times that students will be asked to take assessments in a whole class setting or offline. The goal of the assessment is to determine what students know and inform the teacher on where to focus instruction in the future.

Remote Learning

Diverse Learners

1. Adjust curricular expectations based on student learning needs
2. Special Education, ELL support, Accelerated services would be in place from the start of the year
3. Increased time for brain breaks

We understand that students will return to us this school year academically in different places based on their experience with Remote Learning this past Spring. The focus of the Bloomingdale School District at the start of the upcoming school year will be on Academic Recovery. Curricular expectations for all learners will be adjusted, but especially for our diverse learners. Given the fact that we are starting the school year in Remote Learning, we realize it is unrealistic to cover and address all standards or curriculum compared to an In-Person Learning experience. Staff will prioritize learning standards/curriculum and determine what is essential for students to know or understand by the end of the school year. Time will be spent at the beginning of units and topics to determine student understanding. Teachers will use this information to plan lessons and opportunities for support/enrichment.

Remote Learning

Remote Learning Technology Support

1. Students in Kindergarten through 8th grade will continue to be provided Chromebook computers.
2. At the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year incoming 1st and 5th grade students will be provided with new chromebooks. This will occur at the first Student Material Pick-Up
3. At a developmentally appropriate time determined by Kindergarten teachers, students in their classes will be assigned Chrome Tablets to begin digital learning.
4. Improved Chromebook devices will be provided to all teachers for improved facilitation of remote learning and video conferencing.
5. Students or families experiencing problems with their technology can request support from the District Technology Department by emailing technology@sd13.org
6. Families who need financial assistance with connectivity and access should contact their building principals.

All grades, except preschool and kindergarten will use Google Classroom as the Learning Management Platform. Each student will have a Google Account and be added to the teacher's Google Classroom. There will be one Google Classroom that will contain all subjects and important information for students. More information about Google Classroom and other technology devices will be shared in the near future.

September Calendar

Erickson Elementary School 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Kindergarten Assessment by Appt	2 Kindergarten Assessment by Appt	3 First day for Preschool & Kindergarten	4	5
6	7 No School 	8	9 Early Dismissal 1:40 pm	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 Early Dismissal 1:40pm Eagles Nest & Pillar Day	24 Fall Fundraiser Begins <i>Tentative Date</i>	25	26
27	28	29	30 Wacky Wednesday	Oct 1	Oct 2	Oct 3

PTO NEWS

August 26, 2020

SPIRIT WEAR: Just because students are learning at home doesn't mean they can't show their Erickson spirit! See our new Spirit Wear selection at <https://form.jotform.com/202024954593153>. Place your order online by 9/18. We will be coming up with some creative ways to have spirit contests at home so don't miss out!

MASK LANYARD: Since we will be starting the year with all remote learning, we will be holding onto the mask lanyards we purchased for all students until we start in-person learning.

SIGN-UP FORMS: As of now, all in school events are canceled due to COVID-19 but we want to be ready when restrictions are lifted so we are still asking parents to sign-up for PTO Committees and/or Room Parent Helpers. Some events we may even be able to host virtually and may look to volunteers to help come up with some creative ways for us to host these virtual events. Please don't let all remote learning deter you from signing up! We want to still make this a special school year for our students and we need people like YOU!

Click on the following links to sign-up:

[PTO Committees](#)

[Room Parent Helpers](#)

Back to School Treat from the PTO: Please check in your child's supplies you will be picking up from the school this week. You will find a treat from the PTO!

REMINDEXTS: With all remote learning, getting PTO Remind texts are now more important than ever. Never miss an announcement or important deadline. Click on the following link to sign-up: remind.com/join/ptoer

PTO IS ON TWITTER: Don't forget PTO is on Twitter! Follow us at @PTOErickson for announcements, reminders & pictures.

PTO DUES: Don't forget to pay your PTO Family Dues! While this year will look very different from previous ones, the PTO is still going to try and provide fun & safe events & activities for our Erickson families and support our Erickson staff. With limited fundraising opportunities this year, PTO Dues are more important than ever! Please pay through PushCoin or send a check made payable to Erickson PTO. Dues are \$20 per family (not per student). Thank you for your support!

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 27 1pm-4pm
August 28 9am-12pm
Student Material Pick-up

August 31
First Day of School
ALL REMOTE
Grades 1-5

September 3
First Day of School
ALL REMOTE
Kindergarten &
Preschool



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Virtual Meet the Teacher

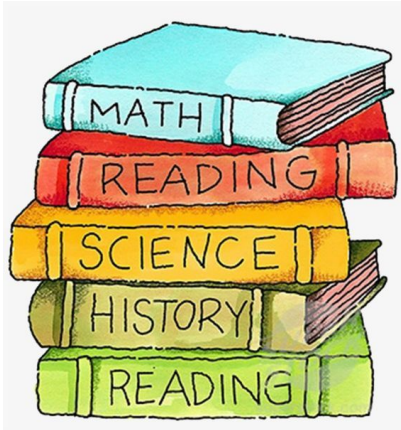
Students and parents are invited to Meet the Teacher on Friday, August 28th at the designated times below. Click on the teacher's name to take you to the Google Meet session. Teachers can't wait to meet YOU!

1st Grade 1:00-1:30	<u>Mrs. Crossley</u>	<u>Mrs. Gunther</u>	<u>Miss Ott</u>	
2nd Grade 1:30-2:00	<u>Mrs. Atchison</u>	<u>Mrs. Bucci</u>	<u>Miss Cockerham</u>	<u>Mrs. Koziol</u>
3rd Grade 2:00-2:30	<u>Mrs. Holm</u>	<u>Mrs. Ikens</u>	<u>Mrs. Sliwa</u>	<u>Mrs. Stankoskey</u>
4th Grade 2:30-3:00	<u>Mrs. Gajewski</u>	<u>Miss Krzoska</u>	<u>Mrs. Miller</u>	<u>Miss Winiarczyk</u>
5th Grade 3:00-3:30	<u>Ms. Becker</u>	<u>Miss Hayes</u>	<u>Miss Naples</u>	<u>Mrs. Paoletti</u>

*Kindergarten Meet the Teacher will be during the student's kindergarten assessment meeting.
*Preschool will have individual Meet the Teacher. The classroom teacher will contact preschool families to sign-up.

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OR

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Kindergarten Assessment Information

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Monday, August 31, September 1 or September 2.

Please sign-up using PTC Wizard: <https://er13.ptcwizard.com/parent>

- Kindergarten assessment will take place in-person at Erickson at your scheduled time. If you would like your PTC Wizard scheduled session to be virtual, please call the office. You will receive a link to the Google Meet Session.
- **In-person Kindergarten Assessment** is 1:1 for 30 minutes. Following the assessment the teachers will hold a parent meeting. One adult may attend from each family. Masks are mandatory.
- **Virtual assessments** will be 1:1 on Google Meet for 30 minutes. The Virtual Parent Meeting for families choosing the virtual assessment option will be on Sept. 2 at 3:00-3:30. You will be sent a Google link for this meeting.



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3rd Grade Girls - \$61.34

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5th Grade Boys - \$77.01

5th Grade Girls - \$76.53



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