



ELLIS EAGLES NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 4, 2011

Attendance

At this time we would like to remind parents of the importance of your child's daily school attendance. Please make every effort to ensure that your child comes to school, unless they are sick. Studies have shown that daily school attendance is critical to the educational success of your students.

Children who attend school EVERY day:

- Get better grades
- Behave better at school and home
- Are successful in middle and high school
- Are more likely to go to college
- Hold higher paying jobs as adults

Children who are often absent from school:

- Do not perform up to their ability
- Have difficulty getting along with others
- Are more likely to go to college
- Are more likely to use drugs and alcohol as teens!

Below is the Ellis School student absence policy.

1. After the first five (5) days of absence for any reason, the appropriate Guidance Counselor will notify the parent/guardian.
2. After ten (10) days of absence for any reason, a School Administrator will notify the parent/guardian of a meeting to discuss the reasons for the absences. This meeting may include the Principal, Guidance Counselor, and a member of the Target Team.
3. After fifteen (15) absences for any reason, the parent/guardian will be notified by the Principal that the Superintendent of Schools will be notified. A meeting with the Principal, Guidance Counselor, and Target Team member will again be scheduled to provide an opportunity for the parent/guardian to submit justification for some or all of the absences. If some or all of the absences are deemed inappropriate and/or unjustifiable, a charge of truancy can be initiated by the Principal and reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

Parent Forum

Our next Parent Forum meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 16th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Ellis School Library.

Morning Arrival

This announcement pertains to Middle School students arriving before 7:30 a.m. Middle School start time is 7:45 a.m.. There have been students arriving before 7:30, some as early as 7:00. I need to make it clear that there is no formal supervision of students until 7:30. There may be a few staff members in the building prior to 7:30, however they are not working on behalf of Ellis School to supervise students. Beginning on November 14th, the outside doors to the school will be locked until 7:30 a.m.. At 7:30, students will be allowed to wait in the inner lobby between the two sets of doors until the 7:45 bell. I apologize for the inconvenience, but our concern for student safety. There is a morning and afternoon YMCA program, if you are in need of daycare. You can contact the YMCA at (603) 642-3361 or visit their website at www.ymcacamplincoln.org.

Mix-It-Up Lunch for Elementary and Middle School

Students thrive socially and academically within schools. For far too many students, school is where they feel excluded. Social scientists maintained that contact between diverse groups helps alleviate tensions and reduce prejudice. Mix-It-Up seeks to break down the barriers between students and improve intergroup relations so there are fewer misunderstandings that can lead to conflicts, bullying, and harassment. On Friday, November 18th, all students in 1st through 8th grade at Ellis School will participate in the National Mix-It-Up at Lunch day. Students are encouraged to sit with students they don't usually sit with. Mix-It-Up is a National campaign to improve intergroup relations, reduce prejudice, and build inclusive learning communities.

Coat Drive

Through the gracious efforts of the Raymond Rotary Club, which services the community of Fremont, a Coat Drive/Swap has begun. We are collecting new or very lightly-used laundered winter coats, snow pants, boots, hats, and mittens for male and female school-aged children, and are asking residents and businesses to help us with this immediate cause.

You may leave new or gently-used laundered winter items at the Ellis School, the Fremont Safety Complex, the Fremont Town Hall, or at Peoples United Bank, 55 Main Street in downtown Raymond.

As the cold has already set in, we are looking for an immediate response, but will accept coats, snow pants, boots, hats, and mittens until November 16th. All items will be distributed through the Fremont School District Social Worker, Mrs. LeBeau.

Winter Dress Code

According to our Student Handbook, flip flops are not allowed from November 1st through May 1st. This is a safety issue for students going out on the playground in the cold weather. Also, we encourage students not to wear shorts from November 1st through May 1st. If students are wearing shorts, we will NOT send them home or ask them to change. However, if it is too cold outside for shorts, we will not send them out for recess. Also, some students are not wearing any type of warm outerwear such as jackets or heavy sweatshirts. If students are not properly dressed for the outdoor conditions, they will stay in for recess.

Student Council

The Student Council is up and running! We have elected our Executive Board and our Classroom Representatives. The members are as follows:

Kelly O'Brien - President

Jolene Levesque - Vice President

Madison McLellan - Treasurer

Alex Melanson - Secretary

Jason Kelleher - 7K Representative

Sarah Richard - 7H Representative

Serena McFarlane - 7P Representative

Josh McLellan - 6F Representative

Ali Gannon - 6L Representative

Karin Fredrickson - 6P Representative

Lucas Pitkin - 5C Representative

Aidan MacDougall - 5M Representative

Alex Coulombe - 5W Representative

Congratulations to all of our Student Council members!

Important Dates

November 11 - No School - Veteran's Day

November 16 - Parent Forum - 6:00 p.m.

November 18 - Mix-it-Up Lunch

November 23-25 - No School - Thanksgiving

December 7 - Parent/Teacher Conferences

John Safina

Principal

**BREAKFAST WITH
SANTA & MRS. CLAUS**

**Please join the 8th Grade Class from Ellis School
at Applebee's in Epping, NH for a
Pancake Breakfast
with *Santa & Mrs. Claus*
*Bring your camera and record the moment!***

**Saturday November 26, 2011
8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**

TICKETS: \$5.00 EACH

**Tickets can be purchased now from any
8th Grader, at the door, or in advance by calling the
Ellis School Main Office at 603-895-2511**

***Breakfast is to benefit the Ellis School
8th Grade Class Trip to Washington DC.***

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!