

Effingham's Snippets

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Effingham Elementary School

October 22, 2018

Happy Halloween!

The first six weeks of school have been busy ones at EES! Classrooms have established their own sets of rules and EES held a Constitutional Convention to draft a set of school-wide rules. Representatives from classrooms worked together to create the following rules that we all believe can be applied to all settings that students will be in.

At Effingham Elementary, we are:

- Responsible,
- Respectful,
- Kind,
- And we use a Growth Mindset!

EES students have also participated in two safety drills this year: Evacuation (fire drill) and Shelter in Place. The Shelter in Place drill was just held last Friday. All students and staff did an excellent job at both drills. EES will continue to practice life and safety drills about once a month. The drills that we will practice throughout the year include: Evacuation, Shelter in Place, Reverse Evacuation and Lockdown.

All students at Effingham will participate in Winter Sports in 2019. Grades K-6 will go to King Pine for skiing or snowboarding. K will participate in the Knee-Hi program on Mondays and grades 1-6 will have lessons on Thursdays. Please complete the attached paperwork and return it to school!

Thank you for your patience with the delay of school last Tuesday! If you did not receive an automated message(phone, text, email) from SchoolMessenger and would like to, please contact the office and Mrs. Hill can update your information.

Patti

Halloween Parade

Effingham Elementary will participate in the annual Halloween Parade at 2:15pm on Wednesday, October 31, 2018. We will walk from school, to the town offices, and back. After the parade, classrooms will have the opportunity to enjoy snacks and social time together. Students should be able to put on their costume with minimal help and no masks or weapons please!



Upcoming Events:

October 24: Flu Clinic (rescheduled from Oct. 16)
October 24: Grades K & 1 Pumpkin Picking
October 31: Halloween Parade at 2:15pm
November 6: Voting Day - No school for students
November 9:: Picture Re-Take Day
November 9: Vendor Bingo at 6pm
November 12: Veterans' Day Observed - No school
November 15: Thanksgiving Theater and Pie at 2pm
November 19 & 20: Parent Conferences
November 21-23: Thanksgiving Break
November/December TBD: Nutritional Cooking #2
December 5: GMCG Meeting at 6:15pm
December TBD: Rental Sizing with King Pine

Thank you Shoppers!

The 2018 EES Yard Sale was a HUGE success! Thank you to all of the donators, shoppers, lifters, workers, bakers, eaters, cleaners and smilers! All of your efforts came together to make a wonderful event! This event wouldn't be possible without a group effort.

The PTO is already planning for Yard Sale 2019!



InfoSnap

All families have received information to complete the InfoSnap Registration. Included in this registration process is permission for Walking Field Trips. The Halloween Parade is a walking field trip. Students that have not had the InfoSnap registration completed - or have not given permission for Walking Field Trips - **will not** be able to walk in the Halloween Parade. If you require assistance, please contact the office.

Fabulous First Grade

The first graders are showing just how fabulous they really are. We've each adopted a tree, named it, and will observe and record the changes that occur each month.

MAP testing in reading and math was completed two weeks ago.

We've picked apples and used some for math and science experiments.

Wednesday is our trip to Sherman Farm. It looks like it will be windy and chilly so please dress your child appropriately. Your child should wear boots rather than shoes or sneakers because of the mud.

Have your child bring shoes or sneakers to change into when we return. The children will bring their pumpkins home on Thursday so we can use them for math, science, and writing.

Isn't Fall just the best?



Thanksgiving Basket Raffle!

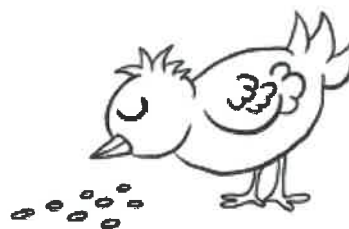
The 5th and 6th grades are raffling off a beautiful basket filled with all the fixings for a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner! Items included: the turkey, stuffing mix, gravy, canned and fresh veggies, pie goodies, a Hannaford gift card, a beautiful wooden cutting board, festive fall coasters, and so much more!!!

Tickets are 3 for \$1.00 or 0.50 each. The proceeds of this raffle benefit the spring trip to Boston, which includes an overnight camp-in at the Boston Museum of Science. This is a fantastic trip for 5th and 6th graders that we take every other year. The drawing will be held on November 15th. Tickets have been sent home and more may be purchased at school. They will also be for sale on Election Day, Nov. 6. Voting is at EES! Don't forget!



Life Science in Fourth Grade

The fourth graders started the year off preparing for the macroinvertebrate collection trip in science. Last week they joined the third graders for a guest speaker from NH Fish and Game. Mary Goodall led an interactive program called Habits and Habitats. The children enjoyed a relay where they matched animals to their habitats and another game called "Oh Deer" that taught about sustainability and limiting factors. The students have been drafting, revising, and typing letters to our local conservation officer, Joseph Canfield. Most recently they have done an investigation called Birds and Beaks. This showed how different types of beaks impact what foods birds can eat.



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Nutritional Cooking - Round #2

Nutritional Cooking will be hosting a second session prior to the Christmas break. Be on the lookout for more information!



RIF NEWS

I find myself chasing grants for the Reading Is Fundamental Program. How I miss those federal funds! So far I have been unable to find book money through any grant programs, but I am hopeful something will eventually turn up.

Keep your fingers crossed. Our wonderful PTO is keeping us on their radar as they continue to fundraise for so many things here at Effingham.

October! What an amazing month! Gone is the newness, tentativeness of September. It seems as if everyone is hitting their stride in their educational journey, stepping evermore with confidence.

I'd like to share the last stanza of a poem called **October** by Joseph Pullman Porter:

Radiant joy is everywhere
Spirits in tune to the spicy air
Thrill in the glory of each day
Life's worth living when we say,
October!

On a personal note, this happens to be my favorite month-I love the briskness of the days, the frosty nights, AND it is both National Cookie Month and National Pizza Month AND my birthday month-pretty perfect if you ask me!

This is a great month to curl up in a cozy corner with a good book. Keep on reading!

Mrs. Hartnett
The RIF Lady



5V News

Fifth graders have been hard at work! Students created a map of the United States and practiced identifying states and physical features. In science, we have been learning about the web of life and how living things are connected. We played a fun food chain game called Eat or Be Eaten. In math, students have been using place value charts to extend their place value skills to include decimal values. We have also examined mentor texts for good examples of short stories. Then, students used a spooky picture prompt to write their own short story! Phew....a busy time with lots of learning taking place!

2R News!

Second graders just finished up an incredible unit with Mrs. Lush on the Grand Canyon. She tied her trip into our science unit of erosion, and how water changes the Earth's surface. From creating sandy beaches to carving canyons, water is just something we drink!

In math, we are continuing our review of place value, adding 2 digits and learning math vocabulary.

Music News

EES Band and Chorus have started rehearsing for the Christmas Concert on Dec. 18. The band has fifteen students. The chorus has eighteen participants this year. Band selections include Beethoven's Ninth Symphony. Chorus selections include 'You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch'!

Effingham Elementary School Winter Sports 2018-2019



October 22, 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Yes, it is that time of year again!! For four Thursdays in January and February, all Effingham students in grades 1-6 will have the choice of alpine skiing or snowboarding at the King Pine Ski Area. The winter sports program is an important component of our health and physical fitness curriculum, and we look forward to providing each student with this exciting hands-on learning opportunity. Lessons will be held at 10am, followed by lunch and a time for "free ski." All students will return to EES for regular dismissal. Students will need to bring lunch from home with them. "Brown bag" lunches are available from the school food service, with prior notice. EES participants will not be purchasing lunch at King Pine.

Please be reminded that all participants are required to wear a helmet.

Please mark the appropriate box on the attached form and return to school. You are encouraged to keep this first page as a handy reference.

Grades 1-6: (All Thursdays) January 10, January 17, January 24, & January 31
February 7 and February 14 will be a make-up days if needed

Fee Schedule:

Snowboarders(ages 8 and up):	Renters	\$130	Owens Equipment	*\$70
Skiers:	Renters	\$110	Owens Equipment	*\$70

Please make checks payable to Effingham Elementary School.

Sizing for rentals will take place at EES early in December, date to be determined. We would appreciate it if you could send this sheet back to school with a minimum of a \$50.00 deposit by Friday, November 16, 2018.

The balance is to be paid in full by December 21, 2018. If you need help or if you would like to set up a payment plan, please contact your child's teacher or Mrs. Morrissey.

*If you have a King Pine season pass, you may deduct \$10.00 from the total fee.

Please return this Registration Form only....Keep Page 1 handy for easy reference.

Registration Form

Student Name: _____ Student's Teacher: _____

Parent Name: _____

Day Phone Number: _____

First Emergency Contact Person/Phone Number: _____

Second Emergency Contact Person/Phone Number: _____

My child will (circle one) bring a lunch from home purchase a "brown bag" lunch from school

My child (circle one) rents equipment owns equipment

I can chaperone yes no (Please circle one)
(If you mark yes, you are agreeing that you will ski/board with and supervise groups of 2-6 skiers/boarders. Lessons are at 10am.)

My child would like to:

- Downhill Ski Beginner _____ Intermediate _____ Advanced _____
- Snowboard (8 yrs and up) Beginner _____ Intermediate _____ Advanced _____

Winter Sports Helmets are required and are available for skiing and snowboarding. Bicycle helmets are not allowed. All package prices include the cost of a helmet. If your child has his/her own equipment, but not a winter sports helmet, please add \$5.00 per week or \$12.00 for all four sessions.

I would like to rent a helmet (only) for my child at a cost of \$ _____.

I give permission for my child to ride the bus and participate in the above winter sports activity. I understand that fees must be paid by December 21, 2018 for my child to participate in Winter Sports. While I understand that safety precautions are taken, I know that skiing and snowboarding are not without inherent risks and I realize that the danger of injury exists. In the event of injury, I agree that the equipment provider, area operator, property owner, the GWRSD, EES staff and/or volunteers will not be held responsible.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

