

# Effingham's Snippets

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Effingham Elementary School

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## Welcome Back!

Effingham Elementary School is getting ready for another fabulous year! Mrs. Buswell and Mr. McKinley have been hard at work all summer to make sure our building is ready for students. Mrs. Hill has been ordering supplies and registering students. All of the teachers have been planning. We are welcoming two new staff members this year: Mrs. Melanie Jones will be teaching sixth grade and Mrs. Kim Canney will be working in the library media department. Welcome to both of them.

We are ready! The final piece we need is students ~ that's you!

The information below should help to get us started together.

- All elementary schools will have an afternoon Open House on Thursday, September 2, 1-3pm. This is a meet and greet style event. You and your student will have a chance to see the school, their classroom and meet their teacher.
- Following the district's [Stay Open plan](#), people will be required to wear masks indoors when the county transmission rate is substantial. Unfortunately, the county is currently in the substantial transmission rate, which means masks will be required indoors at school. Teachers, staff, students and visitors will be wearing masks at school.
- Masks will be required on buses at all times. Students are expected to come to the bus with a mask and wear it for the duration of their ride each morning. Students will be assigned seats on the bus to support contact tracing if necessary.
- EES will maximize the use of outdoor space and mask breaks. Classrooms will use outdoor spaces for teaching and breaks as often as they are able. Mask breaks will be determined by classroom teachers.
- The Covid Self Assessment does **not** need to be completed each morning by families. The school nurse, Mrs. Johnson, will evaluate students as necessary. Please do not send your student to school with any new or unexplained [symptoms of covid19](#).
- The first day is 9/7. School starts at 8:45am. Dismissal is at 3:15.
- Drop off for ALL students (bus and private transportation) will be at the front entrance this year.
- Pick up for bus students will be at the front entrance. Pick up for private transportation students will be on the side of the school using the fire road.
- Breakfast and lunch are free for all students for the 21-22 school year. Completing the Free and Reduced Meals application is still encouraged. This can be done at [MySchoolApps](#).
- Water bottles are given to each student. EES has water bubblers throughout the school. Each student will have a water bottle that will remain at school. They will be washed weekly.
- Picture Day is September 14, 2021. Info will be coming home soon.
- Be on the lookout for an upcoming PTO meeting in September.
- Be on the lookout for a letter from your child's teacher.

Looking forward to seeing you on September 2nd ~

*Patti Morrissey*

