

East Alexander Middle School

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Principal's Note

We have had a great start to the 2018-19 school year!!!! Our students seem to enjoy Falcon Friday, where they have the opportunity to choose from various activities on Friday if they have completed all of their work for the week. We have more targeted extensions based on students' iReady performance, and Illustrative Math is stretching us as we adapt to the pace and content of the Math Standards. Many of our students are learning to love reading and writing in their ELA classes while we focus on Vocabulary in every class. Students should be learning vocabulary that is relevant to their various subjects. Please contact your child's teacher if you have questions about how you can help your child at home.

We are celebrating National Custodial Appreciation Week this week!! Please take a moment to thank Karen, Sam, and Donivan for keeping our school so clean!!! They do a wonderful job everyday at East!!! We appreciate all three of you!!!

As always, please let me know if you have questions!!

Thank you,
Dr. Harrington

Falcon Buses

Bus routes are running smoothly now! Please remind your student about our bus behavior expectations as outlined in their student handbook. Here are few quick reminders:

- Students should face forward and keep the aisles clear of legs and personal belongings.
- Students should remain in their seats at all times and maintain a quiet talking level with appropriate language.
- Students should keep hands, feet, and belongings inside the bus at all times.
- Students should be waiting on their bus at the designated stop site 10 minutes prior to their scheduled pick-up time.

As always, our number one priority is the safety of our students! Please feel free to contact me with questions.

~Mrs. Daigle



Missing just 2 days of school per month adds up to 18 missed school days per year! This is called Chronic Absenteeism and can negatively affect student achievement.

Help your student be at school, on time, every day!

[Click to watch EAMS Attendance Awareness Video](#)

Tech Tips

- ❖ If a student's chromebook is not connecting to your home's wifi please follow the z-scaler instructions. If you need a copy of the instructions let your child's teacher know.
- ❖ When a chromebook freezes, try holding down the power button until the Chromebook powers off. Then press the power button to turn it back on.
- ❖ If the chromebook is taking a long time to load pages, try clearing your browsing history, cache, and cookies. This can be done in settings.

Other Information

MISSING MINUTES

ARRIVING
15 MINUTES LATE
EVERY DAY IS THE
SAME AS BEING
ABSENT FOR
TWO WEEKS
EACH YEAR!



Important Dates

Oct 2-Softball/Soccer vs Hudson @ home 4:00
Oct 3-Ftball home vs Hudson @ 4:00
Oct 4-Softball/Soccer @ William Lenoir @ 4:00
Oct 5-7th grade VA payment due
Oct 9-Softball/Soccer@ Granite Falls@4:00
Oct 9-School Board Meeting @6:00
Oct 10-Football @ Granite Falls @ 4:00
Oct 11-Softball/Soccer Home vs West @ 4:00
Oct 12-Final DC payment due
Oct 15-18--Softball/Soccer Tourney
Oct 16-Apple Bowl vs. West 6:45 @ ACHS
Oct 18-Rocket Day
Oct 19-7th gra VA payment due
Oct 22-25--8th grade DC trip
Oct 24-26--7th grade VA trip
Oct 26-Early Release
Oct 26-End 1st quarter
Oct 29-No school for students/Required teacher workday

Nov 2-Report cards go home with students
Nov 2-Fall pix make up day

Counseling Center

Welcome from the EAMS Counselors! We will add more information to this page throughout the year.

If you have concerns about your child, please feel free to contact the East Alexander Counseling Department.

Thank you,
Mrs. Bentley and Mrs. Gaddy

Nurse News

Cold and Flu Season

Cold and Flu Season is here. It can be tricky to stay healthy during cold and flu season, but here are a few good cold and flu prevention habits that can get you and your student through without succumbing to illness.

- Good handwashing is key!!!
- Get plenty of rest
- Stay well hydrated
- EAt a well-balanced diet
- Exercise regularly
- GET A FLU SHOT!!

As a reminder:

- Alexander County Schools send children home who are found to have a temperature of 100.5 or higher, repeated or projectile vomiting, or diarrhea.
- Children should stay out of school for at least 24 hours after the last episode of fever, vomiting, or diarrhea. If medication is needed to control these symptoms, then students need to remain out of school until 24 hours after last dose of medication is needed.
- If your child is absent from school due to illness, please remember to send in a doctor's note or a parent note for the date of illness.

Stay healthy and safe!

Nurse Jones

*He who sows courtesy reaps friendship; and he who plants kindness gathers love.
Saint Basil*