



EAST SUNFLOWER ELEMENTARY



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"Equitable Education for Every Student"

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Principal's Message

The month of October is filled with fun activities and learning opportunities for our students. Expectations are still high for all stakeholders. We encourage everyone to continue to work to enhance teaching and learning at ESE. One area in which we are working intensively to improve is students' reading abilities. By providing students with strategies to improve their reading such as building phonemic awareness, decoding words, expanding vocabulary, and increasing fluency we will create stronger readers. A second focus is teaching students how to cope with issues that affect our society such as bullying, illegal drugs, and sickness. Students will receive helpful tips and information that will positively influence their decision making. It is our mission to provide all students with an equitable education in a safe and positive environment.



- ◆ 10/6-10/7- Progress Reported Issued
- ◆ 10/9th - Staff/ Faculty Parade
- ◆ 10/13rd- Drive- thru Parent Meeting
- ◆ 10/5th -6th -Fall Break (students only)
- ◆ 10/26th -30th -Red Ribbon Week

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE POLICY



Students are expected to be in school except in case of emergency, illness, or school-approved absences. Parents should call the school office on the day a student is absent (569-3137). The school will call home if no parent contact is made by 9:00 a.m. A doctor's statement may be required for extended illness.

Character Ed Word of the Month

OCTOBER

Social intelligence refers to awareness of other people's motives and feelings as well as using this understanding to navigate social situations appropriately.

Counselors Corner, Nearline Anderson

Inteligencia social se refiere a la conciencia de otras personas motivos y sentimientos tan bien como utilizar este entendimiento para navegar adecuadamente en situaciones sociales.

East Sunflower Backpack Pick-Up for Virtual Learning!!



The backpack contained all instructional resources needed for a successful school year!!!

Distance Learning Tips

It is important to make sure students are successful during distance learning. Here are a few tips to help students be fully present and do their best:

1. Provide a set space for students to work free from distractions.
2. Create a schedule for students and help them stick to it.
3. Ask students to show you their assignments/activities for the day before they begin and after they complete them.

Email their teachers if you have any questions or need any assistance. We are here to help!

It is our goal for students to be successful, and we appreciate you partnering with us in your child's education.



Greeting Parents:

My name is Tabatha Jones and I am your new Parent Liaison. I am very excited to begin this journey with you; working alongside you so that you may become a partner in the educational process. This is my first year in the district and throughout my career I have found that each person has an individual story to tell. I will be here to guide you in expressing your part as a leader in your own child's future. It my promise to you to work with you so that we can reach the key to student success! We have an open door policy and my hours are from 7:00a.m.-4:00p.m. Monday-Friday. I will be glad to assist you with any questions you may have. As your Parent Liaison, my goals are to motivate, empower, and assist you.

Tabatha Jones, Parent Liaison

RED RIBBON WEEK

Red Ribbon Week is about encouraging students to focus on maintaining healthy bodies and remain drug free. Every day the students will participate in doing something for Red Ribbon week.

Monday October 26	"Red Out" Wear as much red as you can.
Tuesday October 27	"Cancer Awareness" Pink attire/khaki pants
Wednesday October 28	"Join The Teams Against Drugs" Wear your favorite team jersey
Thursday October 29	"Put a cap on drugs" "Wear Cap Day"
Friday October 30	"Scare Away Drug" Wear Halloween Costume



October 27th ESE will **"GO PINK"** in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month! Pink attire will be worn on October 27th.



In the Spotlight



ESE Panthers of the Month



Earl Liddell
P.E. Teacher
Teacher of the Month



Tabatha Jones
Teacher Assistant/ Parent Liaison
Staff of the Month



Rev. Rodney Richards
Parent of the Month



Have you recently moved or changed your contact information? Please make sure your information is updated at your child's school. This helps the school update its database in the event that we need to contact you and provide you with important information. Thank you for your help.

Ways to keep your trick-or-treating safe:

- **Establish ground rules.** Your child shouldn't be digging around a candy bowl, touching multiple pieces. Ask them to choose one and stick with it.
- It's hard to ask kids not to run around the street, you should ask them to stay as far away from people outside of your household, to continue to do social distancing even outside."
- **Don't share props, toys or bowls.** Keep the words, wands and tiaras from being passed around if you can.
- Ask each of your children to hold onto their own candy bags.
- **Bring hand sanitizer, and practice not touching your face.** "It's always good to take a break, do a check in and give kids some hand sanitizer to clean their hands between multiple homes.
- This is also an opportunity to give kids a break from wearing a mask if they need it, in a safe spot away from others where they can remove their face mask while cleaning their hands

