

The Eureka Elementary Orbit

October 30, 2023

Important Dates

October 31- Halloween Parade 3:20pm

November 21- Early Release 1:35

November 22- Early Release 1:35

November 23- Thanksgiving

November 24- NO School

December 4- Holiday Concert



Halloween Celebrations/ Parade

This year for our Halloween Celebration we will be having a parade through the school starting at 3:20. Parents are welcome to view the parade in the gym. Students will return to class for the remainder of the day unless a parent signs them out in the classroom. Teachers will communicate any other information regarding classroom celebrations if any.

Costume Rules:

All student should be able to dress themselves in their costumes.

1. No Weapons (even fake or play)
2. Students should be able to dress themselves in costume over their clothes.
3. No Masks
4. No make up
5. Nothing depicting blood or gore



Update from Mr. Fillwock



Students have been earning a variety of recognitions this month by modeling our STAR behavior. With those STAR expectations and classroom social contracts as a guide, students have earned **963** Rocket Cards and class stars over the last month. The class with the most class stars is the **Kindergarten** class for the second month in row. The class star will hang above the doorway of their classroom for the next month.

Rocket Card Counts by Grade-

K-44

1st- 215

2nd- 180

3rd - 111

4th- 217

5th- 196

The following students were identified as students who modeled Outstanding Star Behavior over the last month of school: Gabriella Sills, Kia Gartside, Harper Watts, Savanna Barrett, Grant Macvaugh- Bailey, Cameron Barnes, Nora Monahan, and Elouise Warnke.

As weather changes please send students to school with coats, hats, glove and boots if we start to get the white stuff! As the handbook reads: "**When the temperature and/or wind chill is zero or below, students will stay indoors for recess. When the temperature is above 50 degrees, students may remove coats.**" We will still be having a great time at recess with the colder temperatures!

Also this month we were able to get in our Eureka Elementary Fun Run put on by PTO and Mr. Matulis during PE time. This was a hit and all students seemed to enjoy the variety of different obstacles on the course. Below is a link to the photos Mr. Hallead took and shared on the St. Johns Public School page.

[Eureka Elementary Fun Run Pictures](#)

EUREKA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Eureka Elementary Student Handbook

Classroom News



Kindergarten

Kindergarten is focusing on short vowel sounds and making CVC words. They are also becoming great storytellers and writers. They are learning how to think, picture, say, sketch, and write their own stories!



1st Grade

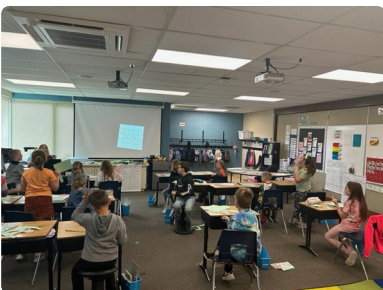
For math time first graders have been working on math word problems. Each student solves the math problem in their own way. Then students share their math thinking. After we have a class discussion on how there can be multiple ways to solve a math problem.

During class whole group reading time students have been comparing character traits between books. They are finding the similarities and differences between the books. Students are able to apply this learning within our classroom environment and build positive friendships in First grade.

All first graders had an amazing time during the fun run and we had great participation.

2nd Grade

Second graders had the opportunity to go on a field trip to MSU Children's Gardens to support learning. They learned about the plant life cycle, bee life cycle, trees and leaves. Each student also brought home a plant and had a ton of fun learning away from our building.



3rd Grade

Third graders have finished their personal narratives and are moving onto learning about informational reading and writing. We also learned about Michigan's government and its importance.

4th Grade

In 4th grade we just had our first writing celebration of the year where students got the chance to share their published writing piece with the class while enjoying some snacks. We have also been having fun experimenting during science. So far we have made "robot fingers" and a working model of our eye!



5th Grade

[Attached](#) is this week's newsletter written and shared by our very own 5th grade class! A shout out to the 5th grade class and their work on the New Pollinator Garden. This is mentioned in the newsletter but big thanks to Maple Rapids Lumber Mill, Inc. for donating mulch and to Miller Brothers Excavating, Inc. for delivering the mulch for the garden. Also thank you to Mrs. McDonald and the parent volunteers.

Library

In the Library, students learned that October is National Apple Picking month and learned about grafting to make apple tree production consistent.



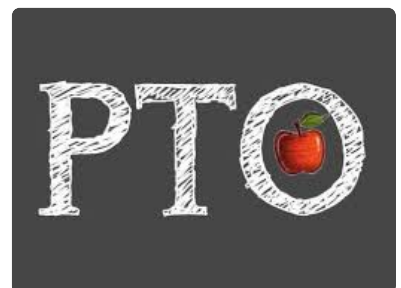
We also got "hired" for new library jobs. Students are able to choose jobs in the library after completing book checkout and demonstrating STAR behavior in the library. Students are excited to work together to keep our Eureka library a great place for everyone to use.

Family Talking Points:

1. What is grafting? Answer: the act of placing the bud of one apple variety into the rootstock of another.
2. What jobs are in the library? See if your child can explain the jobs.
Answers: Librarian in Training, Stick Manager, Dust Buster, Shelfie, Furniture Mover, Patron Support.

PTO Corner

Please check the PTO facebook page in the near future with apparel sale information to run from the November 3rd to the 27th if you are looking for holiday gift ideas.



Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

8:55 am- Students May Arrive

9:10 am - School Day Begins

4:07 pm - Dismissal



Drop Off

1. If you are dropping your student off please stay in line and pull your vehicle up to the next available adult. Staff will begin letting students out of cars at 8:50.
2. Doors Open at 8:55. Students will use the east entrance to come into the building.
3. If your student is late to school and an adult is not out front, please go to the front door and press the button to be let in and sign in, in the office.

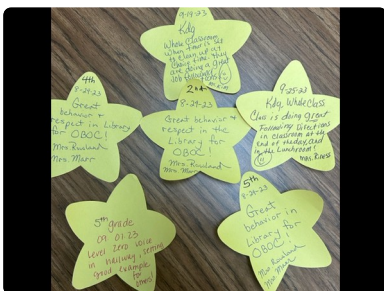
Pick Up

1. STAY IN LINE and **PULL AS FAR FORWARD AS POSSIBLE** so there is less traffic in the road.
2. Please pull as far forward as you can (closest to Welling Rd.). Your student will be called from their line and come to your vehicle.
3. Please plan to have your child enter your vehicle through the passenger side of the vehicle.
4. We would like to reduce the number of walk up pickups for safety purposes.

Buses

Buses will use the back drive of the school in both morning and afternoon. Avoid these drives

STAR Behavior Expectation



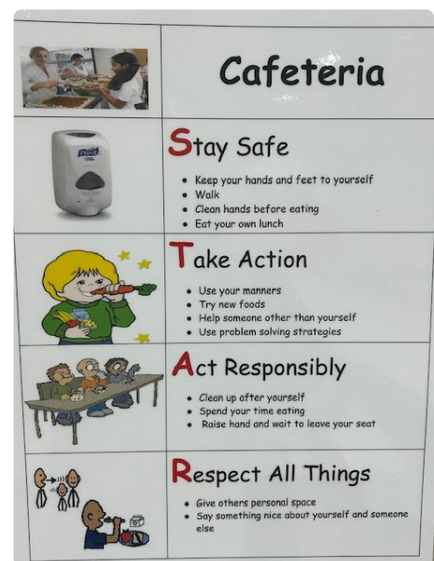
Stay Safe

Take Action

Act Responsibly

Respect All Things

More details on pages 39-41 in Student Handbook (Link Below)



Food Service

November Breakfast Menu

November Lunch Menu

Mental Health Resources



In response to parent concerns about mental health and well-being, St. Johns Public Schools is partnering with [ParentGuidance.org](https://parentguidance.org) to deliver presentations developed by licensed therapists.

Bullying- Stop the Cycle

October 18, 2023

6:30-7:30 via Zoom

Register in link below



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Welcome! You are invited to join a webinar: Bullying: Stop the Cycle - Mental Health Series - St. Johns Public Schools, MI. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email about joining the webinar.

Over the past several years bullying is a growing problem. Learn from Dr. Melissa Lopez-Larson as she teaches parents how to identify bullying, how to stop the bullying cycle, and strategies for prevention.

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Mental Health Resources

PTO Corner

Meetings held 2nd Monday of month @ 6:30 pm in the Eureka
Library

eurekarocketspto@gmail.com



November 13 is the next PTO meeting.

An opportunity for you to purchase apparel to support our PTO will be coming November 3-27th. The holiday season is coming this may be an good chance to buy a gift for your student.

Eureka Specials Calendar

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