

October News

Bolin School
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A Note from Mr. Kolowski

Hello Bolin Families! It is hard to believe that the month of September is coming to an end. While the temperatures are warmer than expected, fall is just around the corner. With the change in season and cooler weather that is coming, please make certain that students are dressed appropriately for the weather. We want students to be comfortable throughout the day so layers are recommended.

Our fall academic assessment window has come to a close. Students did a great job completing their i-Ready assessments. These assessments are a key component in determining our students' current levels and providing them appropriate instruction moving forward.

Our first Armstrong/Bolin Parent Club meeting was held in September. Our officers are excited to serve the students and staff of Armstrong and Bolin Schools!

Bolin School has been chosen again this year to receive an Adopt-A-Classroom donation sponsored by Uftring Subaru in East Peoria! We are honored to have been selected again this year and look forward to purchasing items to support the students and staff at Bolin School!

It has been a busy start to the 2025-2026 school year and we appreciate your continued support!

Mr. Kolowski

Dates to Remember:

October 3 ~ Early Dismissal @ 12:40 p.m. (School Improvement Day)

October 13 ~ Columbus Day - No School

October 16 ~ Board of Education Meeting - CJHS @ 7:00 p.m.

October 23 ~ 1st Grading Period Ends

October 23 ~ Half-Day - Parent Conferences -12:40 p.m. dismissal

October 24 ~ Parent Conferences - No School

October 31 ~ Halloween Parties - 2:15 p.m.



Parent Teacher
Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Dates: October 23 from 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm (School will dismiss at 12:40 pm)

October 24 from 8:00 am - 11:00 am (No School for Students)

*Information regarding signing up for conferences will be coming soon. You will have the option of attending in person or virtually. If at all possible, please limit attendees at the conference to parents/guardians. Appointment times are on a first come first serve basis. Directions on how to complete the sign-up will be coming soon.

MTSS UPDATE

*Data meetings were held in each of the K-5 buildings.

*Recommendations for academic interventions were made by classroom teachers and intervention staff.

*Academic interventions started.

*If your child was recommended for an academic intervention, you will receive an email notification

Math Interventions Utilized

K-8

iReady Small Group Inst.
iReady myPath



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OCTOBER?

*Students and Teachers complete the SAEBRS and mySAEBS social, academic, and emotional screener.

SAEBRs-completed by teachers about their students' social, academic, and emotional behaviors

mySAEBS- completed by students about their social, academic, and emotional behaviors

Fundations, Fun in Focus, Wilson, Just Words, and Heggerty are Multisensory, Research-Based Interventions.

Focus:

- *Phonemic Awareness
- *Phonics
- *Word Study
- *Vocabulary Development
- *Reading Fluency
- *Spelling

iReady Reading and Math instruction

Focus:

Students' deficit areas and prerequisite skills required to close learning gaps. This information is obtained from iReady benchmark reports.

Reading Interventions Utilized

K-3
Fundations
Fun in Focus
Heggerty
Wilson

iReady Small Group Inst.
iReady myPath

4-8
Just Words
Wilson
iReady Small Group Inst.
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iReady myPath

School Counseling Connection with Mrs. Strickler

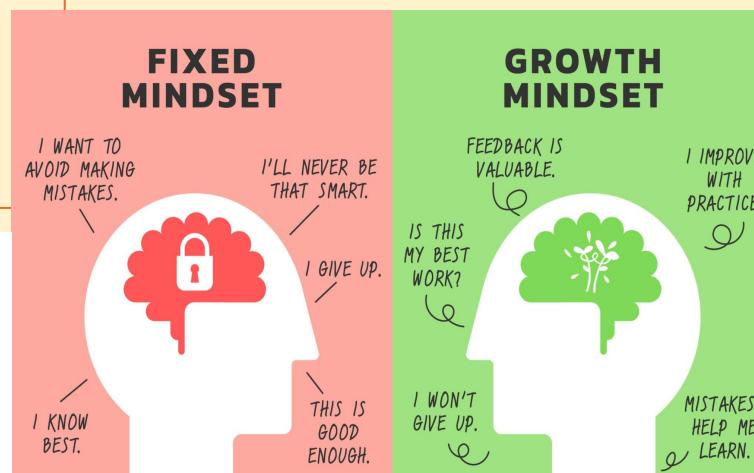
October is national bullying prevention month.

Wear **blue** on **Monday**, **October 6** for World Day of Bullying Prevention and **Wednesday, October 22** is Unity day. Wear **orange** on Unity Day to come together to send a visible message of building comm**UNITY** through kindness, acceptance, and inclusion.

#unityeveryday



Classroom lessons will focus on growth mindset and bullying prevention. “Growth mindset helps us in school **and in life** — even when we deal with bullying. It reminds us: We can keep trying, stand up for ourselves, and ask for help.”

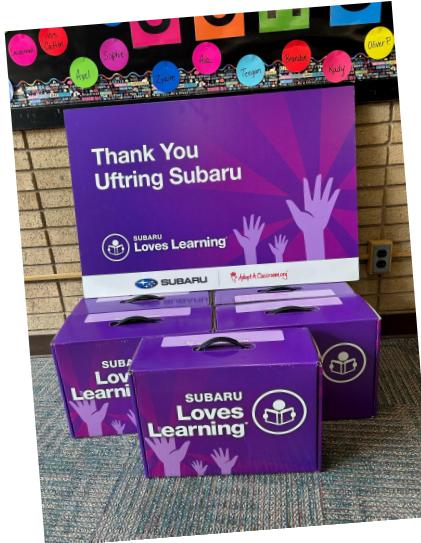


Practice at home:

Help your child build a growth mindset with a simple routine. When you hear “I can’t,” pause and prompt, “Add yet.” Practice the full sentence together: “I can’t do this yet.” Explain that yet means we are still learning. Ask, “What is one small step you can try?” Invite them to choose and try for three minutes. Afterward, reflect: “What worked? What will you try next?” Praise effort and strategy. “You kept going and tried a new way,” so yet becomes a habit. **For Caregivers:** I can model how to face challenges with calm, curiosity, and courage. **For Students:** I can keep trying even when something feels tricky

Subaru Adopt-A-Classroom

I am excited to announce that Bolin School has been selected again to receive \$3,000 dollars this school year through the AdoptAClassroom program. Uftring Subaru in East Peoria has partnered with AdoptAClassroom.org to make this possible. In order to help this generous donation positively impact all students at Bolin, grade level/department leads have been designated so that materials can be purchased to support students across all grade levels and departments instead of one specific class. This is an amazing opportunity and I am excited that Bolin was selected as the recipient of this award again!



HALLOWeen PARTIES

Holiday parties are just around the corner. All visitors will have their license run through our Hall Pass system so a name badge can be printed. Please let your child's teacher know ahead of time if you plan on attending. If you plan on attending, please be prepared to assist with the party if the need arises.

The Halloween party will be Friday, 10/31 from 2:15-3:00.

As was the case last year, costumes will not be worn to school or during the party. Students are encouraged to wear school appropriate Halloween themed clothing.

There will be no Halloween parade.



TRUNK OR TREAT

East Peoria District 86 schools and community partners are hosting the 3rd Annual Trunk or Treat event open to all kids in East Peoria ages birth through 8th grade. The event will be held on **Sunday October 26th** from **4:00-5:30 pm** at Central Junior High School. No registration or sign up is required.



Costumes are welcomed
but not required 😊

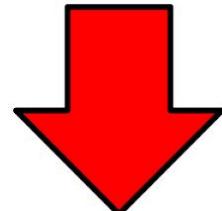
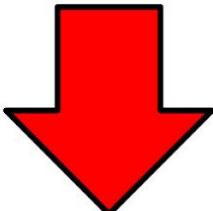


ATTENDANCE

MATTERS

Missing a day of school here and there
may not seem like much, but

ABSENCES ADD UP!



When a student misses 2 Days a month...



They will miss **20 DAYS a year.**



They will miss **30 HOURS of math over the school year.**



They will miss **60 HOURS of reading and writing over the school year.**



They will miss over **1 YEAR of school by graduation.**

ClassDojo

ClassDojo will be an important communication tool once again this school year. Teachers have sent invites electronically to get families connected. Please get connected if you have not done so already so you do not miss important announcements.

If you have any questions or cannot find your invite, please reach out to your child 's teacher.



Student of the Month

We want to celebrate a group of students who have been recognized as Student of the Month for their classroom so far this school year. Each month one student is selected from each classroom by a staff member based on their classroom performance (effort, grades, etc). Students are given a certificate along with some other goodies for their efforts. Great job Bolin students!

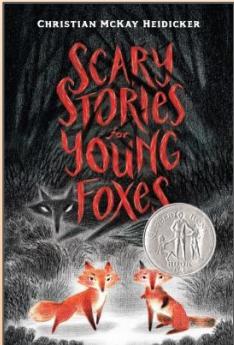
September

Liam - Ms. Allen 3rd
Duncan - Mrs. Hearn 3rd
Bella - Mrs. Brix 4th
Leah - Mrs. Watson 4th
Leo - Mrs. Freeman 5th
Hayden - Mr. Miller 5th
Layne - Mr. Heerman Music
Daniel - Mr. Weaver PE

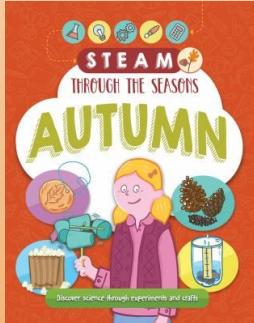




October Bolin Library News



October brings the Monarch Book Award nominees. I will read a nominated book to 3rd grade every week, up until voting in the Spring. For the 4th and 5th graders, I highlight a different random book each week. This helps prove that “You can’t always judge a book by its cover”.



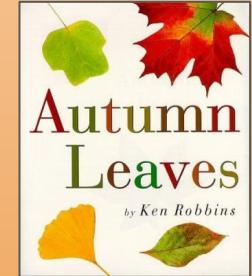
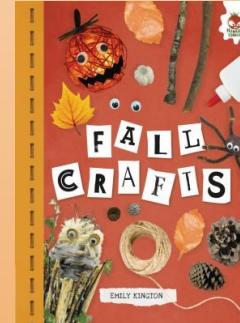
October Library Days:

Thursday, October 9

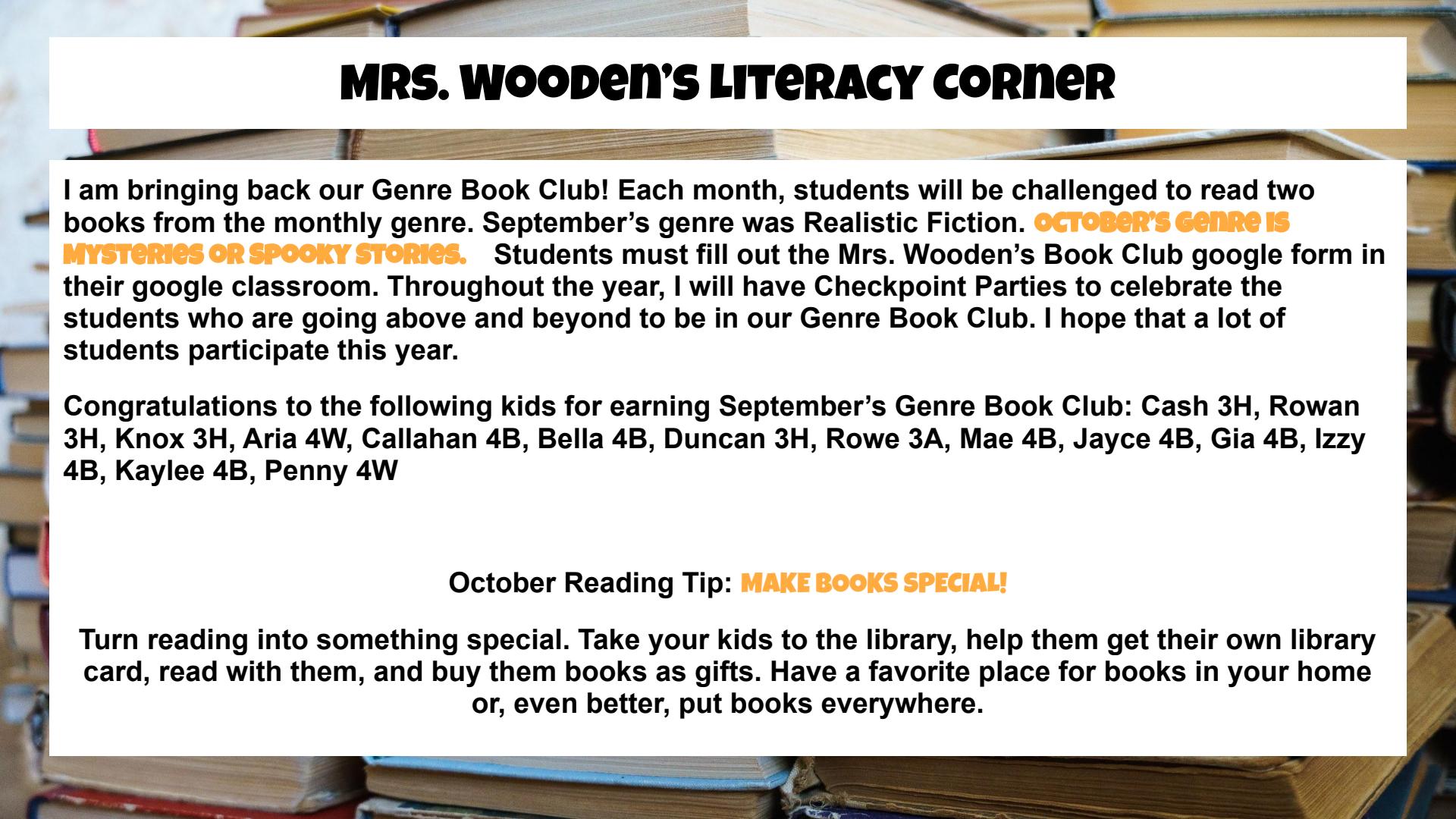
Wednesday, October 15

Tuesday, October 21

Thursday, October 30



MRS. WOODEN'S LITERACY CORNER



I am bringing back our Genre Book Club! Each month, students will be challenged to read two books from the monthly genre. September's genre was Realistic Fiction. **OCTOBER'S GENRE IS MYSTERIES OR SPOOKY STORIES.** Students must fill out the Mrs. Wooden's Book Club google form in their google classroom. Throughout the year, I will have Checkpoint Parties to celebrate the students who are going above and beyond to be in our Genre Book Club. I hope that a lot of students participate this year.

Congratulations to the following kids for earning September's Genre Book Club: Cash 3H, Rowan 3H, Knox 3H, Aria 4W, Callahan 4B, Bella 4B, Duncan 3H, Rowe 3A, Mae 4B, Jayce 4B, Gia 4B, Izzy 4B, Kaylee 4B, Penny 4W

October Reading Tip: **MAKE BOOKS SPECIAL!**

Turn reading into something special. Take your kids to the library, help them get their own library card, read with them, and buy them books as gifts. Have a favorite place for books in your home or, even better, put books everywhere.

Bolin Spirit Club News

Congrats to the following students for being chosen for our Bolin Spirit Club this year! This month's meetings are Oct. 7th + 21st.

THIRD GRADE

**SYDNEY A. 3H
STELLA W. 3H
DUNCAN L. 3H
CASH B. 3A
FINLEY R. 3A
ROWE R. 3A**

FOURTH GRADE

**GAVIN K. 4B
BELLA L. 4B
CALLAHAN M. 4B
BENNETT M. 4W
LEAH J. 4W
AVERY S. 4W
TATE K. 4D**

FIFTH GRADE

**GOLDIE M. 5M
ELLA L. 5M
HAYDEN W. 5M
OWEN M. 5F
SIDNEY L. 5F
ABIGAIL K. 5F**

School Store is opening on October 1st. It will be open every Wednesday and Friday before school by grade levels. We have pencils, erasers, and other fun school supplies to purchase. Most items are \$1-\$2.

October PE News by Mr. Weaver

Bolin PE started this year as it normally does. We hit a heavy dose of expectations, kickball, and four square. Along the way, we've been working on social skills and game management skills. I also emphasize to students that I don't care if they win or lose. I care HOW they win or lose.

One challenge we have had this school year is students missing PE activities due to not having proper footwear. Please remind your children to bring tennis shoes to school for PE. If they want to wear shoes other than tennis shoes to school, please have them keep a spare pair in their classroom. If you are having a hard time acquiring shoes, you can contact me or have your child let me know so that we can sort it out.

I'm looking forward to a great year!
- Mr. Weaver



I NEED TO STAY HOME IF...

I HAVE A FEVER	I AM VOMITING	I HAVE DIARRHEA	I HAVE A RASH	I HAVE HEAD LICE	I HAVE AN EYE INFECTION	I HAVE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL
Temperature of 100.4 or higher	Within the past 24 hours	Within the past 24 hours	Body rash with itching or fever	Itchy head, active head lice	Redness, itching, and/or "crusty" drainage from eye	Hospital stay and/or ER visit

I AM READY TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL WHEN I AM...

Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication i.e Tylenol, Motrin	Free from vomiting for 24 hours	Free from diarrhea for at least 24 hours	Free from rash, itching, or fever I have been evaluated by my doctor if needed.	Treated with appropriate lice treatment at home and proof is provided to nurse	Evaluated by my doctor and have a note to return to school	Released by my medical provider to return to school
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Congratulations to our 2025-2026 Armstrong/Bolin Officers!

President: Kara Doglio

Vice-President: Erin Schoedel

Secretary: Tiffany Good

Treasurer: Vacant Position





FONDULAC District Library

Babies & Books Storytime

Wednesdays,
9:15-10:00 a.m.
Ages 1 & under
Drop-in



FONDULAC
District Library

LEARN TO CODE WITH OZOBOTS

Wednesday, October 1
6:00-7:00 p.m.
Ages 6-9 • Register



FONDULAC
District Library

Toddler Time

Wednesdays
10:00-11:00 a.m.
Ages 1-2 • Drop-in



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Favorite Colors Storytime

Thursdays in October
10:00-10:45 a.m.
Ages 2-5 • Drop-in



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AI TRADING CARDS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3
2:30-4:00 P.M.
AGES 6-14 • REGISTER

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Fall Printmaking

Saturday, October 4
10:00-11:00 a.m.
Ages 8-14 • Register

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RIGHT TO READ STORYTIME

Monday, October 6
10:00-11:00 a.m.
Ages 3-6 • Drop-in

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National Noodle Day: Pasta Tree Art!

Monday, October 6
1:00-2:00 p.m.
Ages 3-6 • Register

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There is more going on at the library than just books...



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District Library

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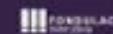
400 Richland St., East Peoria, IL 61611

309.699.3917

Register @ fondulaclibrary.org



**Spooky Tales
Storytime**
October 7, 14 & 21
12:00-12:45 p.m.
Ages 2-6 - Drop-in



Teddy Bear Tea Party
Wednesday, October 8
4:30-5:30 p.m.
Ages 2-8 - Register



**POKÉMON CLUB
SPECIAL EVENT**
WITH 101.9FM.com

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19
10:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.
AGES 5-14 - REGISTER



**FAMILY FIELD TRIP:
BEHIND THE SCENES AT FOLEPI!**

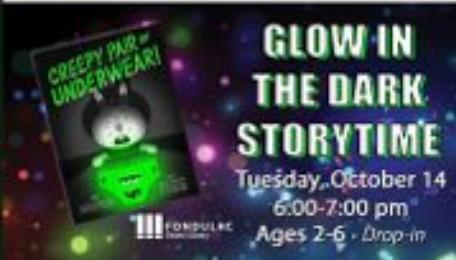
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22
5:00 - 6:00 PM

Located at FOLEPI's Marketplace
101.9FM.com
Each attendee must register.



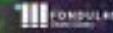
**VR NIGHT:
HALLOWEEN
FRIGHT!**

Monday, October 13
5:00-7:00 p.m.
Ages 5-12 - Drop-in



**GLOW IN
THE DARK
STORYTIME**

Tuesday, October 14
6:00-7:00 pm
Ages 2-6 - Drop-in



**Halloween
Storytime**

Friday, October 31
10:00-10:45 p.m.
Ages 2-6 - Drop-in



**Registration begins November 1!
Gingerbread House Decorating**

Saturday, December 6
9:30 am-3:30 pm
All ages welcome!

Must register in person.
Preparation of 45 per house required.
Limit of 3 per household.



Check out the library for exciting things to do...

East Peoria Elementary District 86 is currently accepting applications for Qualified Substitutes in the following areas: Teachers for K-8, Classroom Aides & Cooks

Substitute Teacher: Bachelor's degree or higher from a regionally accredited institution.

Short- Term Substitute: Associate degree or higher from a regionally accredited college or university or at least 60 semester hours of coursework from a regionally accredited college or university required.

A Parapro License (Aide: can be applied for if you are 19, have an associate's degree or higher or 60 semester hours of coursework. If you have less than 60 semester hours and are 19, you can sign up on the ROE 53 website to take the parapro test.

Short Term Paraprofessional License: If you are at least 19 & have a high school diploma or higher. If you are subbing on the Para Short Term License you must be working to complete the requirements for the full license.

How to Get Your License:

- Log into Educator Licensure Information System(ELIS) @www.isbe.net •
- From Action Center, select "apply for sub, short-term sub or paraprofessional license"
- Complete application and pay fee
- Your institution must submit your official transcripts to ROE 53 or transcripts @isbe.net.
- License will be issued once ISBE verifies your transcript.
- Register your license in ELIS.

**Teachers - \$130 per day
\$155 per day for Long-term**

**Classroom Aides - \$110 per day
Cooks \$14.50 per hour**

If you or someone you know is interested, check out our website at www.epd86.org or call Tracy Ellis @ 309-427-5100.



Bus Drivers and Monitors Needed

- Drivers start at \$24.00/HR
- Monitors start at \$17.00/HR
- Guarantee of 4 ¼ hours per day



If interested please contact:

Bob Bodtke at 427-5186 or email him at bodtker@epd86.org for more information.



October 2025 Breakfast



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1% White Milk 1% Choc. Milk Skim White Milk	1 Cereal Cheese Omelet Pineapple Juice	2 Cereal Mini Strawberry Bagels Mandarin Oranges Juice	3 Cereal Muffin Applesauce Juice SIP-no lunch CJHS
6 Cereal Yogurt Peaches Juice	7 Cereal Pop Tart Pears Juice	8 Cereal Sausage Pineapple Juice	9 Cereal String cheese Mandarin Oranges Juice	10 Cereal Long John Applesauce Juice
13 <i>No school Columbus Day!</i>	14 Cereal Breakfast pizza Pears Juice	15 Cereal Cheese Omelet Pineapple Juice	16 Cereal Cini Mini Mandarin Oranges Juice	17 Cereal Dutch Waffle Applesauce Juice
20 Cereal Yogurt Peaches Juice	21 Cereal Apple Fruidel Pears Juice	22 Cereal Sausage Pineapple Juice	23 Cereal String Cheese Mandarin Oranges Juice	24 <i>No school Teacher Conferences</i> Conferences-no lunch CJHS
27 Cereal Yogurt Peaches Juice	28 Cereal Breakfast pizza Pears Juice	29 Cereal Cheese Omelet Pineapple Juice	30 Cereal Mini Strawberry Bagels Mandarin Oranges Juice	31 Cereal Muffin Applesauce Juice

If your child brings a lunch from home, he/she may purchase milk for \$3.5. Milk is included with purchase of school meal only. [Menus are subject to change](#). Please have students bring breakfast, lunch and milk money to cafeteria during breakfast on the first day of the week clearly marked with [student's name](#).



October 2025 Lunch



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1% white milk Skin White Milk 1% Choc. Milk	1 Chicken Fajitas Taco Fiesta Beans Pineapple	2 Orange Chicken Rice Mixed Veggies Mandarin Oranges	3 Chili Dog Curly Fries Crunchy Carrots w/ranch Fresh Fruit SIP-no lunch CJHS
6 Chicken Nuggets Au Gratin Potatoes Corn Peaches	7 Cheese Burger Baked Beans Celery Sticks Pears	8 Chicken and Noodles Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Pineapple	9 Pizza Peas Broccoli Salad Mandarin Oranges	10 Turkey Sandwich Chips and Salsa Crunchy Carrots w/ranch Fresh Fruit
13 No school Columbus Day!	14 Grilled Cheese Tots Cucumbers Pears	15 Beef Nachos Taco Fiesta Beans Fresh Red Bell Peppers Pineapple	16 Pulled Pork Sandwich Cottage Cheese Peas Mandarin Oranges	17 Ravioli Bread Stick Green Beans Fresh Broccoli Fresh Fruit
20 Grilled Chicken Sandwich Chips and Salsa Baked Beans Peaches	21 Breaded Pork Chop Roll Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Corn Pears	22 Sloppy Joe Green Beans Fresh Cauliflower Pineapple	23 Pizza Peas Crunchy Carrots w/ranch Mandarin Oranges	24 No School
27 Breaded Chicken Sandwich Cheesy Broccoli Crunchy Carrots w/ranch Peaches	28 Salisbury Steak Roll Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Peas Pears	29 Chicken and Noodle Soup Carrots Celery Sticks Pineapple	30 Hot Ham and Cheese Sandwich Sun Chips Green Beans Mandarin Oranges	31 Corn Dog Baked Beans Fresh Red Bell Peppers Fresh Fruit 

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