

Important Dates

Nov. 1
McDonald's Spirit Night

Nov. 1-16
Newnan-Coweta
Can-a-thon

Nov. 2
Millard's class to
Junction Lanes 9-11:00

Nov. 4
Daylight Savings
Time Ends

Nov. 6
ELECTION DAY



Sat. Nov. 10
9:30 AM
Chorus & Recorder
Ensemble Concert @
Coweta Co. Fairgrounds

Nov. 12
Book Swap @ 4:30

Nov. 15
Progress Reports
Issued

Nov. 19-23
Thanksgiving Break



Nov. 26
PTO Meeting 6:30 pm

Nov. 27
3rd Gr. to GA Aquarium
8:15-2:00

Nov. 29
1st Gr. 8:30-11:00
2nd Gr. 11:30-2:00
Performing Arts Centre
"Twas the Night Before
Christmas"

Eastside Elementary Parent Newsletter Nov. 1, 2018



Mrs. Munson's Message... Don't forget that Daylight Saving Time ends this Sunday morning at 2 AM. Turn your clocks back one hour.

A recent article by the American Academy of Pediatrics entitled "Children and Media: Tips for Parents" gives suggestions for our children in this digital world.

- set limits with technology....encourage playtime, getting outside and working with Other children
- know the value of face-to-face communication (engage your child in conversation about the things they like to do and how they feel)
- create technology-free areas (bedroom, dinner table)
- use technology to support reading (help your child discover what they are interested in and you can often find links to books on the internet.

In conclusion, the article states: "...research has shown that face-to-face time with family, friends, and teachers, plays a pivotal and even more important role in promoting children's learning and healthy development."

I'd like to celebrate **all** of our stakeholders (teachers, students, parents, guardians) for the hard work that has been occurring at Eastside. Our test scores are improving and students are taking responsibility for their work at school. The state has recognized this progress. On Monday, October 29th, the Georgia Department of Education released our numerical score that represents student Milestones achievement, student and staff attendance, reading Lexile levels, and our school climate. For the 2018 school year, our score rose 15.5 points from 66.9 to **82.4**.

Thank you for all that you do to make Eastside the Best Side!
Leigh Munson, Principal

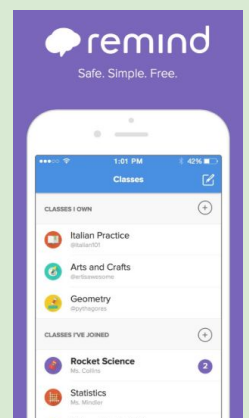


AP Notes... Well done Eastside Bobcat family for the gains we made in our CCRPI score! Thank you parents and guardians for all of your ongoing support. Whenever you make it to lunch, stop by our boards and check your child's progress in reading and math. Continue to help us by regularly reading with your child and helping them see the importance of all the work they are doing. We have great kids here at Eastside, and we will continue to work as hard as we can to help every student achieve success and maximize their potential.

* Also keep up with things on Twitter @eastside_ap or on the school web site

*For transportation (bus) updates join remind by texting 81010 and putting @b9ab6e as the message.

Jim Fowler, Assistant Principal



IMPORTANT REMINDER

It's that time of year for Affidavits to be turned in. Affidavits are due by the end of the day on December 19th. If you are new to Eastside, or have a Pre-K student here, you have already completed your affidavit for the 2018-19 school year. Everyone else must turn them in. Please call us if we can assist you in any way. Notaries are available at the front desk here at Eastside.



From Mrs. Pelletier...The upcoming Thanksgiving holiday is the perfect time of the year to talk about and teach gratitude. Here are a few simple ways to instill thankfulness in your children:

- *Ask your child about the highs and lows of their school day. What went well? Focus on appreciating the positive things.
- *Thank your children often, even if they're doing required chores or activities. Let them know you notice and appreciate their effort!
- *Promote an attitude of giving. Encourage your child to gather and donate old toys and clothes to others who may be in need.

*Point out how others have helped your child: a friend helping tie his shoe; someone holding the door open for him; a teacher who spent extra time helping your child understand his lesson.

***Parents:** If your family is in need of assistance during the holiday season (Thanksgiving food, clothing, toys for Christmas), please contact me as soon as possible. You can call me at school at 770-599-6621 or email me at kim.pelletier@cowetaschools.net. Please understand I cannot guarantee assistance, but every effort will be made to connect you to resources available in our community.

Kim Pelletier, School Counselor

Clinic News from Maria Edgeworth, School Nurse...

When a sick student touches a doorknob, keyboard, desk or other surface, they leave behind germs that can live up to 48 hours, infecting others. As the cold and flu season approaches, we can all benefit by using good hand-washing techniques, and covering our mouth when sneezing or coughing.



What is a fever? A fever is defined by most doctors and Children's Healthcare of Atlanta as an oral temperature of 99.6 degrees or higher. **Also, IF YOUR CHILD HAS A FEVER, THEY MUST BE FEVER FREE FOR 24 HOURS BEFORE RETURNING TO SCHOOL. FEVER FREE MEANS WITHOUT THE ASSISTANCE OF TYLENOL, MOTRIN, ETC.**

Students and faculty can avoid illness by maintaining healthy habits!

Bobcat Chorus & Recorder Ensemble News...

The Eastside Bobcat Chorus & Recorder Ensemble practices have gotten off to a great start. The first performance by the Bobcat Chorus & Recorder Ensemble will be on Saturday November 10th at 9:30 am at the 20th Annual ADK Coweta Christmas event at the Coweta County Fairgrounds. Everyone is invited to come and hear the Bobcat Chorus & Recorder Ensemble perform and get some early Christmas shopping done at the Coweta Christmas Event! So come on out and support our Chorus & Recorder Ensemble and have some fun on November 10th!



We hope to see you there!
John Shapley, Music Teacher

Media Center News...

Throughout the school year you will hear the word Lexile from your child's teacher. Students in grades 1-5 are taking the Star Reading test once each nine weeks. This test provides scores including a Lexile measure for each student. The Lexile measure is used to guide required reading. To find out more about Lexile measures, please go to <https://lexile.com>.



Students are also using Accelerated Reader to test knowledge of the books they read. Accelerated Reader has over 100,000 quizzes for books. To support the use of Lexile and Accelerated Reader, the books in the media center are labeled with Accelerated Reader and Lexile information. Students can find this information inside the back cover of library books. Teachers are guiding students to choose books that are within their Lexile range when they take AR quizzes. To find out if there is an AR test for a book that is not a library book, go to www.arbookfind.com. Parents can check their student's progress with Renaissance Home Connect (on the main page of our school website - www.cowetaschools.net/ees) using the student's login information.

Tina Allen, Media Specialist