

EGGERT

NEWSLETTER

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<http://www.eggerroadpto.org>

Letter from the principal:

Dear Eggert Families,

It has been truly wonderful welcoming our students back to school this last month! We are grateful for everything that our parents and staff do in support of providing a safe environment for everyone this year. I often forget just how resilient children are especially with everything we have been faced with this year. They are doing extremely well with wearing masks. I can still see their smiles, even though our faces are half covered. Thank you for your cooperation with our guidelines and also with the arrival and dismissal procedures. It finally feels as though we are settling into the school year.

We are fortunate to have a dedicated faculty who support the educational needs of the children at Eggert Elementary. We, along with you the parents, are entrusted with a most important and beautiful task of helping your children be as successful as possible. I am proud to have a great faculty and staff to help your children learn and grow. I am also thankful for all of the work our staff, custodians, parents, and students have put in to ensure our school is safe. It truly is a team effort and I appreciate your partnership this year!

It has been exciting for me to begin my classroom observations this fall. The love for learning here is truly contagious. I have been so impressed with what I see in the classrooms. The faculty and staff are so excited to have the students back in school and the children appreciate being together again. It has been a privilege for me to watch the learning come alive, I have truly enjoyed every minute of it. Eggert Elementary is very a special place! Thanks again for your continued support and please let me know if you need anything at all. You may reach me by phone at 209-6215 or by email at mszczesniak@opschools.org.

Respectfully,

Missy L. Szczesniak

Eggert Elementary Principal

Let's Stay Connected by Jennifer Breitwieser and Melissa Germano

To our new families, Welcome to EGGERT and welcome back to all of those returning!

It was a cold, rainy day in March when Melissa and I walked into Eggert with 100 balloons, ready to decorate the cafeteria for one of our favorite events, Shamrock Bingo. We were told, as we were in the foyer, all school events would be cancelled that evening. We were so disappointed! After all, this is such a well loved event at Eggert! We had beautiful St. Patrick's Day themed cookies ready and a dozen sheet pizzas being prepped for the evening. As we scurried to cancel things, we heard the rumor school would be closing and it did, the next day. We had NO idea things would change so drastically, for so long.

The staff at Eggert pulled together and offered the students learning opportunities virtually, a task that was never expected of them in this capacity before. They were able to connect with the students virtually and make the very best out of a tough and unforeseeable situation. We

NEED TO KNOW



If you want to meet and learn more about Mrs. Szczesniak, join us for our first virtual PTO meeting!

Wednesday, October 21st at 9:30 am

via zoom

To best protect our privacy while using zoom, we will email out the meeting link the day prior to the meeting. If you are interested in joining the meeting, please just send an email to melgermano@verizon.net and the link will be sent to you on October 20th.

Also, if you have any specific school related questions, submit them via email by 10/19 and we will do our best to get answers for you during the meeting!

We are looking forward to reconnecting with our Eggert families we haven't seen in a while and also meeting families that are new to Eggert!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

As the PTO takes a pause for the 2020-2021 school year, volunteer opportunities will also be taking a break.

Thank you to all parents who volunteered to be the room parent for this school year. We will be assigning room parents to each classroom as soon as possible.

EVERYTHING PTO

applaud all of the staff who thought outside of the box, connected the students with their Eggert families and kept a positive approach to a very uncharted time in their school career. We cannot thank them enough! In the midst of all of this, our principal, Mr. Tryon retired and we gained Mrs. Missy Szczesniak as our interim principal.

The PTO was then essentially put into an inactive status for what we thought would only be the remainder of last year. We did not raise any more funds to cover our budget and our spending ceased. Many special events our Eggert families are used to were not able to happen.

As September approached, we were still unsure of the PTO's role at Eggert for the upcoming school year. We are still in a somewhat of an inactive status. The PTO Central Council, which is who each building's PTO group reports to at the district level, will guide us on this path as the year moves forward. It is through the central council, that we will receive word when we are able to resume our "normal" function.

Somewhat inactive, means, we are not currently fundraising. We are then not able to provide the grade level funding we do each year. In the past, this money would be used for field trips and other grade level needs such as books for the classroom, Mr. Morton and his traveling farm animals for the younger students, and a host of other things.

The PTO has purchased class t-shirts for each student in the past and funded other projects throughout the school. We organize volunteers to help throughout the school in a variety of roles from helping hang and remove art work from the hallways to providing donations for staff appreciation days.

This year, we used much of our remaining unspent balance of our bank account from last year on large tents, to provide shelter to accommodate outdoor learning. The district collected money from each building PTO and is in charge of ordering these tents, which have been on backorder for some time. We are told that it is more likely now that we will see the tents come spring.

We are organizing room parents to assist our amazing teachers, virtually this year, with anything they may need. This may or may not include, organizing needed supplies for the classroom, organizing parties as allowed, getting information out to parents or anything else that they may need this year.

If you are willing and able to help in this capacity, visit our website for details.

We are looking to hold a virtual book fair, so that our students (and parents) will still have the opportunity to book shop, which is another well-loved event at Eggert.

It has taken some time to organize a means to hold PTO meetings. Through the central council, we were able to arrange our meetings via zoom. The first virtual PTO meeting will be October 21st at 9:30 am. We ask that in order to keep this meeting code private, you email Melissa Germano if you are interested in joining the meeting. She will then email out the meeting log in information the day prior to the meeting, her email is melgermano@verizon.net. We were asked not to share these codes on social media or our website. We look forward to reconnecting with our seasoned Eggert families and seeing our new families as well!

We would like to thank everyone for being patient with us as we navigated and continue to navigate through this situation.

In case you are wondering what you can do as an Eggert parent, we ask our families to JOIN THE PTO! Log on to our website and become a member. The cost is \$5/family. When we return to normal status, we need and would love more volunteers to keep us a successful organization. Please check our website from time to time for any PTO updates.

We wish all families a successful and fantastic school year!

Sincerely,

Jennifer Breitwieser and Melissa Germano

Consider joining the Eggert PTO!

We count on and appreciate the support of our Eggert Families, join us today!

The cost to join the PTO is \$5/family.

With a paid membership you will:

- Receive emails generated by the PTO
- Gain access to the student directory
- Stay in touch with everything that is going on with the school all in one easy to access place.

The membership fee collected per family is used to promote the educational experience of the students.

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