

# Gator Gazette



## Exciting Upcoming Dates

### December

- 4-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Farewell Fundraiser
- Night at Homerun Inn Pizza
- 4-7 Book Fair
- 5 Panera Fundraiser All Day
- 11 Vision and Hearing Screening
- 13 5:30 PTA Mtg
- 6:00-7:00 Hot Cocoa Social & Holiday Shoppe Preview
- 14 Holiday Shoppe
- 20 Winter Parties
- 21 12:45 Dismissal SIP Day
- 24-January 7 Winter Break

### January

- 7 Classes Resume
- 9 I-Ready and ACCESS Testing Begins
- 16 6:00 Bingo Night
- 21 No School Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday
- 29 6:30 Science Fair

### *From the desk of Mr. Harris...*

Now that we are headed into the colder months, Ms. Salgado and I wanted to send you a few reminders about outdoor recess. Per our school handbook, students will have outdoor recess if the temperature with wind chill is at 20 degrees or above. Please make sure that your child is coming to school prepared for outdoor recess with warm coats, hats and gloves. If you have any questions or if you are in need of assistance in purchasing a coat for your child, please contact the school office at 815-577-3606.

Thank you,

Mr. Harris

### WINTER COATS, GLOVES AND HATS

The weather is starting to change and the colder weather is coming. Eichelberger is looking for donations of new or gently used winter coats **for students who might be without one this year**. Please send any donations with your student or bring them to the front office. Thank you for your support.

### CHARACTER TRAIT FOR DECEMBER IS RESPONSIBILITY



Your children will be learning about the responsibility character trait during December. They will be rewarded with a Responsibility Award if they demonstrate that characteristic throughout the month. We always encourage families to reinforce our monthly character trait at home as well and thank you for all of your support.

## TRANSPORTATION

If your child is going to go home other than the "normal" way, please notify the change by 1 of the 3 ways

1. Send a note in with your student
2. Email the teacher and copy office staff
  - [adraper@psd202.org](mailto:adraper@psd202.org)
  - [hbanks@psd202.org](mailto:hbanks@psd202.org)
  - [jsilva@psd202.org](mailto:jsilva@psd202.org)
3. Call the main office at 815-577-3606 by 2 pm and the office will let the teacher know at the end of the day.

If you do not communicate in 1 of those 3 ways, your child will be sent home using their regular transportation arrangements. We will not hold up buses so students can call to double check arrangements. This policy is to ensure student safety. In addition, children are not to ride buses they are not assigned to. This means they cannot ride the bus home with friends.

We appreciate your cooperation.

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The current PTA board is looking for 2 new members to join the team. If you are interested, please contact [eichelbergerpta@gmail.com](mailto:eichelbergerpta@gmail.com) for additional information and details. Please contact us prior to the next PTA meeting on December 13<sup>th</sup> to be considered as a board member.

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District 202 teachers, students and parents are encouraged to take the ["Illinois 5Essentials Survey"](#) through January 18, 2019. The 5 Essentials lets teachers, students, and parents help improve their schools by identifying strengths and weaknesses in their school's climate and learning conditions. The Illinois State Board of Education produces and gives the 5 Essentials survey in partnership with local school districts. **The survey and related information will be posted on the front page of the District 202 web site ([www.psd202.org](http://www.psd202.org)) and all school web sites under "Announcements".** Responses will be completely confidential. ***In order to have good data, we need a minimum of 20% of responses!!*** Please help us with this as we need to hear your voice on how our school is doing.

Thank you very much for your participation in this important survey.



Eichelberger Elementary PTA is excited to sponsor a Science Fair for students in Grades K-5. The purpose is to provide students and their families the opportunity to learn together and to show off that independent learning.

**Who can participate:** All Eichelberger students

**When:** Tuesday, January 29, 2019. 6:00-6:30 PM Set up for Participants 6:30-7:30 PM Viewing and Judging of Projects

**Where:** Eichelberger Gymnasium

**How to get involved:**

- Select an area of interest and design an experiment.
- Complete the proposal form (available from the office) and return it to your classroom teacher by Tuesday, December 18, 2018.
- Your parent will be notified via email when your project is approved.
- Conduct your research. 3rd-5th graders should use the Scientific Process.
- Prepare a display for the evening Science Fair and your classroom presentation.
  - A poster board can be used as a backboard display. Prefolded cardboard project display boards can also be purchased at Dollar Store, craft stores, etc.
  - See p. 4 for a sample of the information to include on your display. (fliers will be sent home in backpacks and are attached above)
- During the Science fair, each student scientist will have the opportunity to explain his/her work to other children, volunteer judges, and members of our school community.
- Students will have the opportunity to share their Science Fair Project with their class during the school day on Jan. 29th.

Students will NOT be competing against each other. All participants will receive awards and recognition. The event is planned to give students experience with conducting research to pursue their own interests. The experience will also help you build confidence in speaking publicly.

If you have Science Fair questions, parents can email Barbara Kaufman [b.kaufman@comcast.net](mailto:b.kaufman@comcast.net) or Stacy Majchrowski [stacionery1@yahoo.com](mailto:stacionery1@yahoo.com).



It's Holiday Shoppe Time!!!

Join us for our holiday shoppe hot cocoa social and PTA meeting. What is the holiday shoppe preview you ask?? On December 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 in the media center we will have a regular scheduled PTA meeting. At 6pm, in the gym, parents will have the opportunity to view our holiday shoppe items that your students will be able to purchase for their family members for the holidays. Students will be going with their classroom the following day (Dec 14<sup>th</sup>) and boy do they ever love this day!!! Items will vary in price (\$1-\$5) and something is available for everyone!! Even your pet! So please send a small shopping list (Example would be WHO you want them to shop for) and some money (**cash only**) in a baggie, and **PLEASE** label that baggie with your students name and teacher. Students will be able to wrap and label their gifts here at school. So be sure to come check out the holiday shoppe preview and enjoy some hot chocolate to ring in the holidays!!



*Mark your calendar for  
Dec 5<sup>th</sup> for an all day  
event. Fliers will be sent  
home in Thursday  
folders!!*