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School Hours:

7:50 am—All students may enter the building

8:00 am—Classes begin
2:45 pm—School ends
2:50 pm—Buses depart

Students are marked TARDY after 8:00 am

We request that ALL visitors please check into our office!

Collaboration occurs EVERY Monday! Our normal schedule begins 45 minutes later on Mondays!

- Feb 4-PTO Meeting
- Feb. 7-Skating Party
- Feb 18-President's Day-NO SCHOOL
- Feb 21- Report Cards Issued
- Feb 21—Parent Teacher Conferences- 3:30-7:00

Book Rental..
All Book rental becomes due on February 15th. Please contact Mrs. Flowers if you have any questions.

What a great time to be a Panther!



EXCITING NEWS!!!

OUR school will soon begin a campaign to create a new playground area for OUR students. We currently

have \$100,000 allocated and would like to raise another \$60,000-\$70,000. We are currently looking for 3-5 parents who would enjoy this challenge. Once funds are procured, a small group of parents and student and staff will create the dream and help make it a reality!!! Please contact Mr. Pine at dpine@eastnoble.net or 260-897-2301 if you would like to help.



A HUGE shout out to parents, students and staff for making our recent eLearning days a success! Yes, there were some challenges, everyone's patience and persistence is much appreciated!

eLearning...

As I visit classrooms throughout the building, I remain in awe of the many wonderful things that occur at OUR school on a daily basis: a truly dedicated staff who put their students first - a population of students who want to excel and do great things! Parents who want to see their child do well, remain in close contact to provide critical feedback. As education continues to change to meet FUTURE needs, it is important to look forward and not backward. Many times we look back on the past and wish for the comfortable feel of things that are familiar to us. I do not wish for the same knee surgery that was provided 40 years ago and would opt for the offerings of today. Nor would I want my parents' first color TV (we got that in 1963) for the viewing of the Super Bowl this weekend. While many of us may feel uncomfortable, or unsure of how and why things change, it is now a way of life. This includes the preparation of our students for the world into which they will enter. As quickly as things change, it is difficult to envision how that may look. eLearning is one of MANY things that continue to change and evolve in the educational world. Yes, it is not something that occurred when you and I were students, but how many of us as adults work from home? We welcome feedback to help our students become independent workers and thinkers on these days. PLEASE feel free to share feedback to help us improve.



Kindergarten Round-Up

If you know a family that has a five year old (**on or before August 1**), please tell them about our Kindergarten Round-up-scheduled for Tuesday, April 16th at 6:00pm. We'll distribute all the necessary forms at that time, and we'll duplicate original birth certificates and shot records. You'll hear from and talk with our teachers, and the school nurse will be on hand to tell you about important health requirements and information. Parents of next year's kindergarten should call us now at 897-2301.

Absences

If your child is ill or will not be at school, a contact with our office is a must. Contact must be made by 9:00am. This policy is in place for the safety of our students and we ask that you help us keep our students, your child, safe. Additionally, please help us meet state mandates by providing a doctor's note when your child visits the doctor. Our attendance policy is such that we send letters and make calls when students hit a threshold number of absences. We make contact to ALL regardless of the situation. This is to ensure our records are accurate as well as making sure that our parents are informed. If you ever have any questions about attendance, please reach out to Mrs. Karbach—jkarch@eastnoble.net or 260-897-2301.

During the school year, East Noble School Corporation has several breaks where families can plan family vacations. We have a full week in the fall, at least 1 ½ weeks during winter, and two full weeks in the spring. School attendance is very important for your child's education. While the student often does not have a choice as to when family vacations are planned, it is important for the student to understand what they are missing while out of the classroom.

East Noble School Corporation has a family vacation request form that must be filled out if a student is going to be missing school because of a family vacation. The form must be completed at least one week BEFORE removing the student from school for vacation purposes. These absences are considered unapproved/unverified. Students will receive their homework assignments for the time missed upon returning to school from the vacation. The student will be given one day for each day absent to complete all assignments and assessments.

Parents and students can request the form from the office. If multiple students will be missing school for vacation purposes, a vacation form must be filled out for each individual student.

We thank you ahead of time for helping your child make up any and all missed school work during these family vacations.