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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!

Dates to Note:

Nov. 6-Donuts with Dad—7:15-7:45

Nov.9-Veterans' Day Observance-1:00

Nov 9-Report Cards are sent home

Nov. 21-23-NO School—THANKSGIVING BREAK

Nov. 28- ENSC Board Meeting@Avilla -6:00

Dec 8—Avilla Hosts Robotics Tournament

Dec. 11-Grades 1-3-5 Winter Program—6:30

**What a great time to be a Panther!
Pillar of Caring!**

It is so very hard to believe that the 2018-19 school year is one-third of the way concluded! Time truly does fly when you are having fun. We like to think that OUR students and parents enjoy the connection with Avilla School and the many things that occur on a regular basis. We just had a skating party about two weeks ago and just next week will enjoy Donuts with Dad. We are gearing up for Claus's Closet, the shop where students can purchase presents for the family on a kid friendly budget. We are also in the beginning stages of planning OUR annual carnival slated for April. All these activities play an important part in the school experience for OUR students, your child. However, every activity planned takes help and quite frankly our wonderful PTO is simply running out of hands to make all of these things occur. It is not necessary to attend each meeting but we do need help. Many things can be done at home, most things take only a small amount of time. But with a core group of 5/6 volunteers, the tasks are too many to accomplish. As we continue to provide for our students, we are asking for your help in making these and many other activities happen. We are hoping that we can continue to offer extras for students, but we will need more help in order to do so. **PLEASE consider helping by giving a bit of your time, and call Mr. Pine if you have any questions or would like to help!**
Thank you!



The State of Indiana believes attendance is critical to student success and districts must be held accountable for that attendance. It certainly makes sense. If a student is not in class, they are not learning!! The state has determined that students are allowed just seven absences, verified and unverified (excused and unexcused), during a school year.

We all agree, when a student misses school, he/she misses valuable instruction and support from teachers, guidance from staff members, and engagement in their learning. Not to mention, when they return from an absence, they are behind! This includes eLearning days! The school year is nearly 1/3 complete. How many days of school has your child already missed? Be watching for changes to the East Noble School Corporation attendance policies and expectations. We want our students in school, engaged, and learning all 180 days!

This and that...

Thank you to all who help make our arrival and dismissal procedure smooth. In our efforts to improve for the safety of our students, we ask that you observe the following:

- Please encourage your child to enter and exit **ONLY** on the curb side of the car.
- After your child is in the car, please slowly pull away from the curb, allowing others to move forward.
- For drop-off, please drop off your child and pull away from the curb. When folks park and students remain in the cars, it impacts the flow of traffic and creates a bottleneck.
- **PLEASE** do not park across the street and then walk to get your child. We prefer that **NO ONE** crosses the road during this busy time.

Congratulations to all students and families who show the pillars of caring and citizenship by saving and sending in pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House.



Make BIG plans now. Research shows that students who are successful often set goals for the future.

Help your child think about the future and then set some goals and start working towards them. What kind of job would your child like to have someday? What are the educational requirements needed to do this type of job? Now is the time to move beyond being a cowboy or a pro athlete. If your child is a gifted athlete, the pros will contact you. Good grades bring scholarships, so the hard work will pay off in the long haul.

DID YOU KNOW.....

Our annual fundraiser has been very successful! Over \$15,000 in orders were taken for products that will pay the costs for special student events and programs. The money is **NEVER** spent on staff expenses. We are very appreciative of parent's efforts to help with this endeavor. Should you have any questions, Mrs. Flowers is the person in the know!!



As our students develop the traits to be good citizens, sometimes they may visit the principal's office because of poor choices they make. Along with poor choices, also come consequences. Discipline is not pleasant for any involved, the student, the parent, or the school. However, it is a critical part of the process for insuring that our students are successful in school and life. We make a concerted effort to contact the parents when a child is corrected, thus allowing the school and the home to work together to address the situation. Teachers do not "pick on" or look for inappropriate behavior. However, to not address such issues would be a dis-service to our students. It is greatly appreciated that our efforts to promote positive behavior are received with support.



Healthy Hand Washing

Remember that your child's routines now will be the basis for their lifetime habits. One of the best routines you can teach your child is proper hand washing. Teach them that hands need to be washed after using the restroom, after coughing or sneezing into their hands and before they eat. A vigorous scrubbing with warm, soapy water for at least 20 seconds is recommended. The Centers for Disease Control states that "hand washing is the single most effective way to prevent the spread of disease." Children and adults need reminded of how easy germs, colds and flu can spread. Reinforce and encourage proper hand washing at home and soon they won't need reminded- it will be a habit!