

# A.E.L.'s Early Learning Edition

August 28, 2025

## From the Director's Desk



### Welcome to the Academy for Early Learning!

Dear AEL Families & Caregivers,  
Welcome to Greenfield's Academy of Early Learning (AEL)—where every child is known, valued, and celebrated!

We are so excited to begin this journey with you and your little one. Preschool is such a special time filled with wonder, growth, and discovery. Whether this is your first experience with school or you're returning, we are honored to be part of your family's story.

Our team of nurturing educators and staff is committed to providing a safe, joyful, and engaging environment where your child can thrive. At AEL, we believe that learning happens best through play, exploration, and meaningful relationships. You'll see that our classrooms are full of curiosity, creativity, laughter, and love.

### What to Expect This Year:

- **A Gentle Start:** We know that starting preschool is a big step. Our team will help ease the transition with plenty of care, comfort, and connection.
- **Strong Communication:** Be on the look out for updates, classroom newsletters, and opportunities to connect with your child's teacher.
- **Partnership with Parents:** We see parents as our greatest partners. We welcome your input, your questions, and your involvement. Our AEL PTO is excited to meet you and get your input!
- **Growth in Every Way:** Beyond early academics, your child will grow socially, emotionally, and in confidence—developing skills that last a lifetime.
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I encourage you to reach out with any questions or concerns as we begin the year together. You are not alone in this transition—we're here to support your child *and* you every step of the way. Thank you for trusting us. We look forward to a joyful year ahead full of learning, friendship, and fun.

Warmly,  
Jill Taglia  
Director of Early Childhood at AEL

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## Preparing for your First Day

Students who are enrolled in full day sessions and morning only sessions will begin tomorrow, August 29 for a half day. We will dismiss beginning at 11:05.



Following the Labor Day holiday, AEL will start our regular schedule for all sessions:

**Monday - Thursdays**

8:30 a.m.- 2:50 p.m. for Full Day students

8:30 a.m. - 11:05 a.m. for Morning session students

12:15 - 2:50 p.m. for Afternoon session students

**Fridays**

8:30 a.m. - 11:05 a.m. for Full Day and Morning Session students; no PM classes on Fridays

In preparation, please plan to send in:

- two snacks daily (one if you are an a.m. or p.m. only student)
  - a water bottle
  - a change of clothing to keep in your preschoolers cubby,
  - if your child is not yet potty trained, please send in diapers and wipes, and
  - for full day students only, a small blanket and/or small comfort item for rest time
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## AEL's P.T.O. News



### Join Our PTO

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Sincerely,

Lea Herrick, PTO President

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### PTO's First Meeting of the Year Coming Soon!

Thank you to all who dropped by our PTO table at Monday's Meet & Greet. We had a great turn out and have many people interested in our PTO this year. Our first meeting will be held **Monday, September 8th in the school library from 4:00-5:00 p.m.** Drop by to meet other caregivers, share ideas, hear about what we do, and start making some fun plans for the year. We hope to see you

## Upcoming Dates & Link to District Calendar

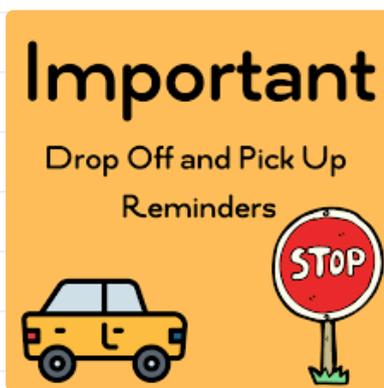
- **August 29** - First Day of Preschool for morning session & full day students - HALF DAY ONLY, dismissal begins at 11:05 a.m.
- **September 2** - ALL PreK sessions - AM, PM and Full Day students in session
- **September 8** - First PTO meeting - 4:00-5:00 p.m.
- **September 25** - AEL Open House, 4:00-5:00 p.m.



[Click here for the District Calendar](#)

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## Pick Up and Drop Off Procedures



### Safety First!

Drop off and Pick up are busy times at all schools. Children are excited to come to school and really excited to see YOU at the end of each day.

We can work together to provide a safe experience for our students every day and an efficient process for you. Please prepare to follow the following protocol each day for the safety of all.

- Enter onto Place Terrace from Wells St. instead of Conway to enter the drop off/pick up line.
  - You may park and walk your child up to the portico entry. Please use sidewalks.
  - Drivers should form a single line along the driveway curb.
  - A staff member will come to your vehicle to assist your child in and out of the car.
  - All children must remain buckled into their cars seats when arriving and departing the school.
  - Please wait until you are first in line and your child is secured, then exit carefully.
  - **If a bus has its red lights flashing with the stop flag out, you MUST stop. It is illegal to pass a bus while these lights are flashing.**
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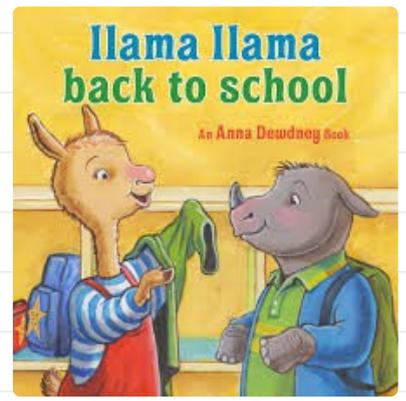
## Parent and Caregiver Resources

### A Back to School Story

Llama Llama Back to School - from Brightly Storytime

Brightly Storytime is a free resource that has many wonderful books available to enjoy with your child.

Follow the link to read: [Llama Llama Back to School](#)



## Jill Taglia

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