

A.E.L.'s Early Learning Edition

October 2025

From the Director's Desk



Welcome to the Academy for Early Learning!

Dear A.E.L. Families & Caregivers,

Happy October! It's hard to believe how quickly the school year is moving along. Our classrooms are full of joyful energy, curious minds, and growing friendships. It's been a delight to watch your children settle into routines, explore new ideas, and show so much growth already.

October is an exciting month in preschool – As the leaves change, we'll be exploring the wonders of fall through hands-on activities, exploration of changes in nature, and creative crafts. October also brings fun traditions like pumpkin exploration, storytelling, and of course, our upcoming PTO Pumpkin Party, October 22 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. (more details to come soon!).

In addition, parent teacher conferences are just a couple of weeks away - October 9 & 10. Sign up if you would like to touch base with your child's teacher either in person or by telephone.

We encourage you to continue talking with your child about their day – even a simple “What made you smile today?” can open the door to wonderful conversations. Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership in your child's early learning journey.

Wishing you a joyful and cozy October!

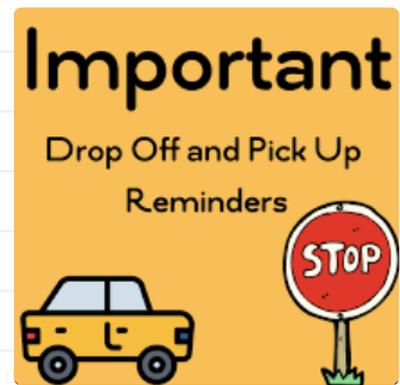
Warmly,

Jill Taglia, Director

Safety First – Drop off & Pick up!

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.

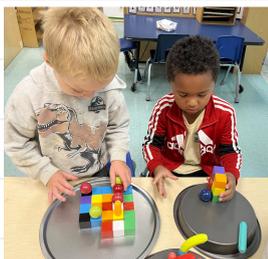
We can work together to provide a safe experience for our students every day and an efficient process for you. Please prepare to follow the following protocol each day for the safety of all.



- 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.**

If you are in the car pick up line, please remain inside your car. Parked cars in the line create dangerous traffic movement. If you must speak with a staff member, please park in a spot and walk up to the building.

Our Busy Classrooms 🌞



Building with Friends



Feelings with Playdough



Sandbox Fun



Friends



Making Our Marks



Relax and Read

AEL Open House "The Dot: Make Your Mark"



Family Dot Art



Sensory and Speech Dots



Make a Dot and See What Happens



So Many Colors



Creative Dots



AEL Community Art

AEL's P.T.O. News

PTO Fall Fundraiser is Open!

The AEL PTO Pies & Butter Braids Fundraiser has opened! Butter braids and pies are great to have on hand for the holiday season. You may set up your preschoolers pies and butter braids "store" by going to <https://my.mcmfundraising.com/signup/P9JE>. Once opened, you can share your preschoolers store link via email, text and social media!



Fundraiser ends on October 20th!



PTO's Fall Festival Coming Soon! October 16th!

Hello from the PTO!

We hope you can join us at these upcoming free family events:

- Our next meeting will be October 8th at 4:00 p.m. in the AEL library. All are welcome!
- PTO Pumpkin Party - October 22, 4:00-6:00 p.m. at AEL
- Greenfield PTOs are coordinating a Costume Swap - See post below. Don't go out and buy until you check this out! :)

If you haven't already, follow us on Instagram @aelpto or The Academy of Early Learning PTO Facebook to stay updated on our

upcoming events!

Sincerely,

Lea Herrick, PTO President

GREENFIELD SCHOOL PTO'S PRESENT

HALLOWEEN COSTUME SWAP

DONATE
SEPTEMBER 25
donate clean, good condition costumes
at the PTO table during open house

SEPTEMBER 26 - OCTOBER 7
donations will be accepted at the
main office until October 7th

SHOP
OCTOBER 9-10
The Costume Shop will be open 1-7pm
at The Discovery Four Corners School for
FREE costume shopping during parent
teacher conference days

WEAR!
Show off your new costume!
OCTOBER 25
TRUNK OR TREAT 4-6PM
@ GREENFIELD HIGH SCHOOL
& HALLOWEEN
and beyond - it is yours to keep!!

please note:
you are **NOT** required to donate a costume in order
to pick a new (to you) one at the costume shop!

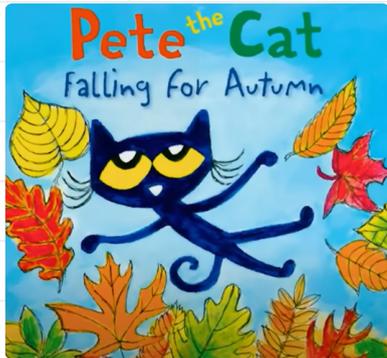
Upcoming Dates & Link to District Calendar

- **September 29** - PTO Fundraiser (Pies & Butterbraids) begins
- **October 1** - Custodian Appreciation Day! Thanks, Mr. Keith!
- **Sept 26 - Oct 7** - Costume Donations at AEL Office
- **October 6** - Dental Clinic Visits AEL (contact Nurse Ellis for details)
- **October 6-8** - Spirit Week! - Details to come
- **October 8** - PTO Meeting - 4 p.m. - AEL Library
- **October 9 & 10** - Parent Teacher conferences -NO SCHOOL
- **October 9 & 10** - PTO Costume Shop at Four Corners ES
- **October 13**- Indigenous Peoples' Day - NO SCHOOL
- **October 14** - School Picture Day!
- **October 22** - PTO Pumpkin Party - 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
- **October 25** - Trunk or Treat at GHS 4:00-6:00 p.m.
- **October 30** - PJs day! Wear your PJs to school! :) (no costumes, please)



[Click here for the District Calendar](#)

Parent and Caregiver Resources



Fun Fall Themed Books

As the weather changes and temperatures cool, we have more cozy indoor time together with our families. What better way to spend that time than with a good story! There are so many books to enjoy together! Here is an article that shares some great Fall themed picture books for you! Check the local library to see if they may have some of these titles.

[Fabulous Fall Books to Share with Preschoolers](#)

Enjoy this fall story of Pete the Cat! :

[Story Read Aloud](#)

[3D Version](#)



Jill Taglia

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