

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

November 2025

## *From the Director's Desk*



Dear AEL Families & Caregivers,

Happy November! It's hard to believe how quickly the year is flying by. As the days grow shorter and the air turns crisp, our classrooms are filled with the excitement of fall learning, cozy play centers, and the spirit of gratitude.

This month, we're focusing on **gratitude, kindness, and community**. The children are discovering what it means to be a kind community member and to practice gratitude — for family, friends, teachers, and all the little things that make each day special.

We're also looking forward to our upcoming **PTO Family Dinner on November 13 from 4:30 -6:00 p.m.** (details will be sent home soon). It's always a joyful time to come together, share a meal, and celebrate our AEL community.

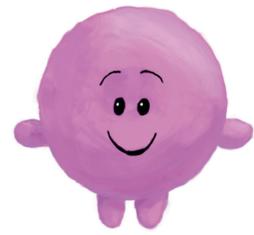
As the holiday season approaches, I want to thank **you** for your continued partnership. Your involvement, communication, and support make such a positive difference in your child's early learning experience.

With appreciation,  
Jill Taglia, Director

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## *Kimochis - A Curriculum about Feelings*

This year, we are implementing a new social-emotional learning and character education program—the Kimochis® early childhood curriculum. Kimochi means “feeling” in Japanese. The curriculum is based on research documenting that when instruction in building social, emotional, and behavioral skills is provided at a young age, there is a positive effect on how children problem-solve and interact with their peers later in life. Your child will learn how to recognize and manage emotions, demonstrate caring and concern for others, establish positive relationships, make responsible decisions, and handle challenging situations constructively. We will have fun and practical lessons each week that will teach your child these skills and more!



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Friendly faces create friendly places.

## Fire Safety with Firefighter Alex



### Cool helmet!

Give families the feel of your classroom and put new students at ease.



### Firefighters are our helpers!

Engage parents and caregivers and help them look forward to your newsletter.



### Firefighters are our friends!

## Our Busy Classrooms





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## AEL's P.T.O. News

### PTO's November Family Dinner Coming Soon! 🍴

Hello from the PTO!

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

- Wednesday, November 5, 4:30 p.m. PTO Meeting in the AEL Library. All are welcome and we hope to see you!
- Thursday, November 13, 4:30-6:00 p.m. - PTO Family Dinner & Storytime. Join us for dinner. We plan to serve a kid/family friendly meal of spaghetti, meatballs, salad and roll, prepared by our own Greenfield Public Schools' Food Service Department and served by our own Ms. Heather. Come enjoy a warm dinner followed by story time.



### Spaghetti Dinner

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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

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### Upcoming Dates & Link to District Calendar

- November 2 - "Fall back an hour" Remember to set your Clocks back 1 hour!
- November 5 - PTO Meeting @ 4:30 p.m.
- November 4 - No School - Teacher Inservice Day

- November 11 - No School - Veterans' Day
- November 13 - PTO Family Dinner, 4:30-6:00 p.m.
- November 17 - PTO Butter Braid & Pie Delivery
- November 25 - Picture Retake Day
- November 25 - Turkey Trot at AEL - special visitor "Boomer" from the Springfield Thunderbirds
- November 26-28 - No PreK classes - Enjoy your break with family



[Click here for the District Calendar](#)

## Parent and Caregiver Resources



### November's Book to Enjoy

As the temperatures cool down, 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.

[Enjoy this fun fall story with your family: The Leaf Thief](#)

Enjoy! :)



**Jill Taglia**

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