

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

February 2026

## From the Director's Desk

### Love and Learning

Dear Families & Caregivers,

Welcome to February—a month when we celebrate friendship, kindness, love, and care. At AEL, we strive to create and honor a culture of care every single day.

Love in our preschool setting looks like greeting each child by name as they arrive. It means sitting on the floor with children when they are upset, or when they are so excited they can hardly contain themselves. It means slowing down and being fully present in those moments.

Love is taking the time to truly listen—to children's words, expressions, and nonverbal cues—so we can understand their needs, feelings, and stories. Love means play. It means getting down low to watch, listen, and engage as children explore, offering support and guidance when needed.

Love shows up in the small, everyday moments: tying shoes, helping with stuck zippers, and supporting children as they put on snow gear. Love means teaching children that it's okay to feel mad, sad, silly, or tired—but that it's never okay to be mean.

We are so fortunate to spend each day with your child, working to provide caring, engaging, and supportive experiences that help them grow and thrive.

Thank you for trusting us with your little ones and allowing us to share these days together. We truly love what we do—and we love doing it with your children. ❤️

Please reach out whenever you have questions or news to share.

Warmly,

Jill Taglia, Director



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## February Friendship Spirit Week

Chase the winter blues away with our February Friendship Spirit Week at AEL.



Monday 2/9: Winter Hat Day - wear a fun winter hat

Tuesday 2/10: Flannel or Fleece Day - dress warm in a flannel or fleece

Wednesday 2/11: Heart Day - Wear a heart or make one at school to wear

Thursday 2/12: Red, White or Pink Day - wear your colors of love and friendship

Friday 2/13: Cozy Day - Wear PJs and bring a stuffy to cuddle

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## Love and Learning at AEL





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

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

# Sweetheart Dance

THURSDAY FEB 12	4-6 PM @ AEL CAFETERIA
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music, dancing & family fun

wear your pink, red or white!

### Thank you to AEL's PTO and Supporters!!

PTO would like to invite you to February's Family Event:  
The AEL Sweetheart Dance!

February 12, 4:00 - 6:00 pm in the AEL Cafeteria.

Music, dancing and FUN!!

Hope to see you there!



*Thanks to Greenfield Education Foundation for making it possible for every family to take home a special book "How to Catch a Gingerbread Man" from our December Family Event! We appreciate GEF!*

*(See photos below!)*

## Photos from PTO December Event: Gingerbread Houses & Storytime





## Preschool Registration



### Registration for the 26-27 School Year- Coming Soon!

Be on the lookout! Returning families - you will receive a letter soon with information about next year. Please respond as soon as possible to let us know of your intentions to attend next year. Thank you! :) Always feel free to call Ms. Ashley with questions.

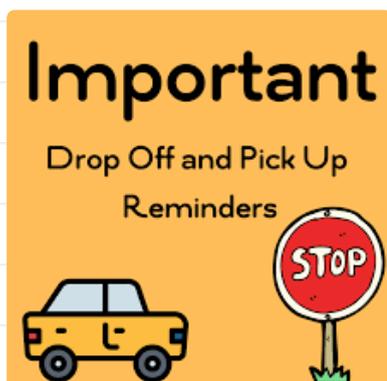
## Upcoming Dates & Link to District Calendar

- February 9-13 February Friendship Spirit Week
- February 12 - PTO Sweetheart Dance, 4:00-6:00 p.m., AEL Cafeteria
- February 16 - 20 - Winter Break - NO School

[Click here for the District Calendar](#)



## Pick Up and Drop Off Procedures



### Safety First!

*A friendly reminder to exercise extreme caution and patience during drop off and pick up times at AEL. Student safety is our priority during busy drop-off and pickup times, and it is imperative that we follow our procedures to make sure everyone is safe.*

*Drop-off and pick up times require all of us to use extra patience, awareness and caution. Remember that it can take extra minutes*

*to get kiddos buckled in car seats with winter weather, so please allow yourself extra time.*

***PLEASE DO NOT DRIVE AROUND ANY PARKED CARS IN OUR LINE UNLESS SPECIFICALLY DIRECTED BY A STAFF PERSON.***

***PLEASE stay in your car if you are in the drop off /pick up line. DO NOT exit your vehicle to walk to pick up your child. Our staff members will bring your child to your car and assist with getting them into the car. This is for your safety and the safety of your child and our staff.***

***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.***

Thank you for your consideration and for making safety a number one priority.

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## Parent and Caregiver Resources

***PBSKids*** is one of the most powerful and plentiful resources around for parents, children and families of young children, especially during the preschool years. Here is a link for a fun craft, a link for a super fun Curious George Valentine's episode and link for parent resources. Enjoy!



[What Can You Discover with a Heart Frame Craft \(simple and fun craft\)](#)

[PBSKids](#) - an outstanding option for young kids screentime (if you have it)

[Curious George Valentine's Day Episode](#)



**Jill Taglia**

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