

Academy of Early Learning

Early Learning Edition - October 2026

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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Families & Caregivers,

It's been a successful beginning to our school year here at AEL! Students are practicing routines for classrooms, hallways, playground and mealtimes. These routines help us to take care of one another.



Inside classrooms, students are participating in community circles each day, learning each others' names and practicing calm breathing techniques to use throughout the day. Children are playing in centers which include blocks and building, art, playdough, mark making/writing and dramatic play - just to name a few.

Each of the centers we use connects children back to the read-alouds teachers share and to the vocabulary words we are learning to use.

As we begin to work with our Kimochis curriculum, which is a tool we use to talk about feelings and communicating with others, you may begin to hear more language around being kind, identifying emotions, asking for help, and problem-solving.

Please reach out whenever you have questions or news to share. We are grateful you have chosen AEL!

Warmly,
Jill Taglia, Principal



Important Dates

- **Monday, October 5 - Picture Day!** Please look for information coming to you through Parent Square.
- **Monday, October 5 - 5:00 pm** - PTO Meeting - AEL Library
- **Thursday, October 8** - Meet the Superintendent at 5-6 p.m.
- **Thursday, October 8** - Early Release -dismissal at 11:15 - **NO PM Session** - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- **Friday, October 9 - NO SCHOOL** -Parent/Teacher Conferences
- **October 12 - NO SCHOOL** - Indigenous Peoples' Day
- **Wednesday, October 21** - District-Wide Unity Day - Wear Orange
- **Thursday, October 22, 4:00-6:00 p.m.** PTO - Pumpkin Party
- **October 26-30** - Spirit Week - see details below



MEET THE SUPERINTENDENT



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8
5pm-6pm



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Celebrating Our Learning at AEL

Students have enjoyed learning through play in our centers. Take a look:







Spirit Week - October 26 - 30

Monday - Socktober Day

Wear your Crazy Socks to school!



Tuesday - Fall Colors Day

Wear your favorite fall colors - red, orange, yellow, brown

Wednesday - Wacky Wardrobe Wednesday

Wear it mismatched, wear it backwards - make it as fun as you like!

Thursday - Pajama Day

Wear your comfy PJs and bring a favorite stuffy too.

Friday - Orange and Black Day

Wear your orange and black today.



Safety at Arrival and Dismissal

During Arrival/Dismissal safety is our number one priority!

Please follow these guidelines each day for the safety of all. Thank you!

IMPORTANT

IF A BUS HAS ITS RED LIGHTS FLASHING, YOU MUST STOP. IT IS ILLEGAL TO PASS A BUS WHILE LIGHTS ARE FLASHING.

Please remember to stay in your car if you are in the pick up line. A staff member will come to you to assist your child in and out of the car.

If you need to speak with your child's teacher, please park and walk up to the entry.

PICK UP Park and Walk

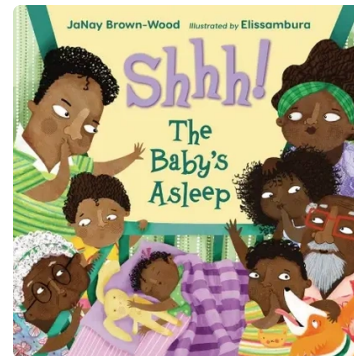
- You may park in our parking lot and walk to the portico entry to receive your child.

Information about Our Curriculum: Boston Focus

You will find information here each month for our "Big Ideas", Read Alouds, and activities you can do at home.

Please follow the links below for more information:

- **[Boston Focus Family Connections Unit 1](#)**
- **[Boston Focus Family Connections Unit 1 \(Portuguese\)](#)**
- **[Boston Focus Family Connections Unit 1 \(Spanish\)](#)**
- **[Boston Focus Family Connections Unit 1 \(Haitian Creole\)](#)**



Enjoy this read aloud with your child: **[Shhh The Baby's Asleep!](#)**

Home Connection

Ask your child to show you their calming breaths - the Bunny Breath (3 short breaths in and one slow breath out) and the Snake Breath (deep breath in and "sssssssss" breath out)



October 2026 Menu – GPS Academy of Early Learning

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			1 Wild Mike's Pizza bites	2 No Lunch
5 Flatbread pizza with pesto, sliced tomato, mozzarella	6 Turkey and cheese roll up whole grain crackers potato salad	7 Fish and chips (baked fries), apple slaw	8 Early release No lunch	9 No School
12 No School- Indigenous People's Day	13 Chicken tenders, Asian-style cabbage slaw	14 Hamburger, optional cheese. Broccoli and dip	15 Wild Mike's pizza stick, applesauce	16 No Lunch
19 Eggplant parm over pasta. Chickpea salad	20 Ramen noodle bowl with chicken, veggies.	21 soft pretzel and yogurt Carrots	22 Pizza	23 No Lunch
26 Breakfast for lunch- Egg round with cheese, french toast stick, hash brown rounds, oranges	27 Macaroni and cheese	28 Chicken Cesar wrap	29 Wild Mike's Pizza bites	30 No Lunch



Free Breakfast & Lunch, available for all students, every day!

Alternate meals available every day:
Dairy-Free Snack Kit, DIY Pizza Kit, or Cheese Sandwich

All meals are served with fruit, vegetables, milk

-A milk with no meal: \$0.60

Project Bread Food Resource
hotline: 1-800-645-8333

Harvest of the Month- **Apples**



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Contact Us

Thank you for allowing your child to learn with us!

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