Academy of Early Learning

Early Learning Edition - November 2026

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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Families & Caregivers,

As we enter this season of gratitude, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the families who joined us for Family-Teacher Conferences and our PTO-sponsored Fall Festival! It is wonderful to see more and more familiar faces at our school events. Family involvement plays such an important role in building a happy, healthy school community, and all of us at AEL are grateful for your partnership and support.

As November begins, our students are becoming increasingly comfortable with classroom routines and the communities they are building with their teachers and friends. As the year progresses, we will welcome new friends into our classrooms, giving children wonderful opportunities to practice kindness, offer a helping hand, and take pride in showing others what makes AEL such a special place.

During this time of year, you may begin to notice exciting growth in your child. You might see increased communication, a growing interest in playing alongside or with peers, more curiosity, thoughtful questions, and a greater eagerness to explore the world around them. These everyday moments are important signs of learning and development!

At AEL, we encourage children to notice, wonder, ask questions, and explore. I invite you to do the same at home. Take a moment to notice what captures your child's attention, wonder alongside them, and ask what they think. You may be surprised by the ideas, discoveries, and questions they share!

Wishing all of our AEL families a wonderful November filled with curiosity, connection, and gratitude.

Warmly,
Jill Taglia, Principal



Important Dates

- November 3 - NO School - Teacher Inservice Day
- November 11 - No School - Veterans' Day
- November 16 - Guest Readers at AEL
- November 24 - 10:30 a.m. Turkey Trot at AEL
- November 25 - NO PreK
- November 26-27 NO School - Thanksgiving Break



GPS Social Media

Join our Facebook and Instagram community where we share even more stories from across Greenfield Public Schools.
Facebook | **Instagram**

Celebrating Our Learning at AEL

Students learn through whole group activities and play. So much growth happens at AEL - here is a glimpse:

- playing grocery store
- pretending in the kitchen & pizza shop
- exploring sound
- enjoying sensory table with corn
- learning new vocabulary words
- learning to play and build with a partner
- outdoor fun in the fall with leaf raking, tossing and jumping


FROZEN
FRUITS


MICROWAVE
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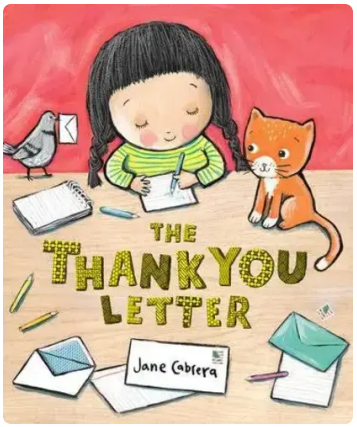








Information about Our Curriculum: Boston Focus



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

Pleae 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 (Hatian Creole)**

Enjoy this read aloud with your child: **The Thank you Letter by Jane Cabrerra** .

This is a great way to link school and home and to encourage writing and gratitude with your child.



Safety at Arrival and Dismissal

To ensure safety for ALL children, please follow these expectations.

IF you choose to be in our car line at pick up or drop off:

- Stay in your car. Please do not leave your car to walk up to the front of the building.
- A staff member will come to your car to assist students out of the car and to bring your child to the car in order for you to buckle them in at dismissal.
- If you would like to walk your child to the front door, park in our back lot or along Place Terrace.

Your child's safety is our most important priority and we appreciate your support in these efforts.

Device Loaner Program Information

Device Loaner Program - Spanish Flier
Device Loaner Program - Haitian Creole Flier
Device Loaner Program - Portuguese Flier
Device Loaner Program - Moldovan/Romanian Flier


GREENFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Community access to online resources
Stay Connected!
Borrow a device
for personal use!
DEVICE LOANER PROGRAM
For Parents & Guardians
Greenfield Public Schools offers a Device Loaner Program to help parents and guardians in our community stay connected when it matters most - keeping you connected with access to online resources for you and your family.
BECAUSE PARTNERSHIP MAKES A DIFFERENCE.
When families are connected, families thrive. We're here to support you.
LOANER DEVICES CAN HELP YOU:
STAY INFORMED
Send and receive email from personal email accounts.
KEEP TRACK
Schedule and attend telehealth appointments.
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
Access to online resources and tools for building your resume and completing job applications.
COMMUNICATE
Connect with employers, healthcare professionals, and educators quickly and easily.
BRIDGE THE GAP
Stay connected when you need internet access at home.
ELIGIBILITY
This program is available to GPS parents and guardians who need a device for personal and family use.
Devices are for home use only.
Loaner Program provides Chromebook device, Wifi required.
HOW TO APPLY
Contact your school's main office for assistance.
QUESTIONS?
We're happy to help!
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Phone: 413-772-1390
FEDERAL STREET SCHOOL
Phone: 413-772-1380
DISCOVERY SCHOOL at FOUR CORNERS
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NEWTON SCHOOL
Phone: 413-772-1370
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Lunch Menu

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 Rebellyous nuggets dippin sauce Snap peas	3 Election Day No School	4 Chicken empanada ranchero beans	5 Pizza crunchers carrots	6 No lunch
9 Cheese quesadilla salsa seasoned black beans	10 Meatball sub dark greens & craisins salad	11 Veteran's Day No School	12 French bread pizza veggies	13 No lunch
16 Burrito Bowl- Fiesta meatless crumbles, seasoned black beans, rice	17 Crispy chicken sandwich sweet potato waffle fries	18 Ham and cheese croissant veggies	19 Chicken tenders, Stuffing, gravy mashed potato, local butternut squash,cranberry sauce, roll	20 No lunch
23 Crispy & spicy Tofu bowl with brown rice, fresh cut veggies	24 Hamburger on whole grain bun baked fries	25 Early release No lunch	26 No School	27 No school
30 Grilled cheese sandwich tomato soup		THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER & EMPLOYER. MENUS MAY CONTAIN ALLERGENS. MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE.		

ALL STUDENTS RECEIVE FREE MEALS UNDER THE COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION

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
Butternut squash

Contact Us

Thank you for allowing your child to learn with us!

Jill Taglia, Principal
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