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Dear Community Members!

The first full week of school is under our belts and things seem to be getting into a rhythm. I had some time to get into the buildings today and was extremely pleased. I tweeted a couple of pictures of kids getting after it at Luckey today. The students were deeply engaged in activities in both a whole group format and in their learning centers. Last year we began to introduce iPads to the K-3 students, and I was astounded by the varying apps used by students in their activities. I saw a young kindergarten student putting flying numbers into the proper order and sequence up to 100. Other students were engaged in a variety of other applications.

GOOD STUFF!!

I will try to get out and spend some more detailed time sharing with you the fantastic things that go on in all of our classrooms every day. Check things out on the Eastwood Twitter Page @els_eagles

FOOTBALL FRIDAY

We open the season tonight at Start HS at 7:30 PM. There is no doubt that Football Friday nights are my favorite days of the year. I love the game, the band, and the coolness in the air. Nothing like it. I hope you can get out and enjoy these evenings during the fall. For those of you who are new to the district, we will have the annual FFA Chicken BBQ on one of the home weekends, brats from the Wrestling Club, events to honor veterans, and usually a "pack-the-pickup" contest sponsored by one of the TV stations.

Come out and enjoy atmosphere.

K-5 PROJECT UPDATE

This week administrators met with our design professionals, construction manager, and reps from OFCC to discuss the status of our project.

We have nearly completed the second phase of our project call Schematic Design. During this phase all of the spaces in the building are mapped out as a floor plan along with enough details to allow the Construction Manager to develop a first draft estimate for the project. We are hoping to get some renderings of the building to share with you after Labor Day. We will also have the floor plans for you to look at.

In the next two weeks, I will be meeting with teachers to do a little legwork on the next steps in the process which involves classroom layout. That will precede a meeting with the designers who will walk them through some of the possibilities. We will spend an entire day with the various grade levels and specialists along with our office staff looking at classroom and office preferences. One of the things we will be looking for is some consensus on the classroom layout by grade level. It is far more efficient for the construction crew to replicate the same room for a grade level rather than having each room built to the specifications of a single teacher.

While it may appear that nothing is happening on site, there is a great deal of work being done in the background. There is a definite process that the state uses, and while it seems tedious, it does make sense. It is also there to protect the budget and make sure that the final design is within those parameters.

Building the Bus Garage after the fire was great practice. Anytime you build a public building, on public land, you had better be prepared to jump through hoops you never suspected that exist! While the process takes time, it is all done to ensure that the district gets the best building for the best price.

AFTER SCHOOL YOUTH CLUB

Students in **grades K - 4** are welcome to join folks at Bethlehem Lutheran Church on the first Wednesday of most months (September - April) for our After School Youth Club, a ministry of the churches of Pemberville. They have snacks, games, songs, a Bible story and a free family meal at 5 pm.

Please register your child early: <http://tinyurl.com/register4asyc>

More information here: <http://bethlehempemberville.org/asyc.htm>

Location - Bethlehem Lutheran Church fellowship hall, 220 Cedar Street, Pemberville

When - First Wednesdays 3:45 - 5:30 PM - September 2, October 7, *November 11 (*2nd Wednesday) ,December 2 , January 6 , February 3, March 2 , and April 6 (pizza party at Memorial Park)

Food - Free meal for families at 5 pm

WEIGHT ROOM CLOTHING SALE

Attached is a flyer for a clothing sale for the Eastwood Weight Room. All proceeds from this sale will go to support the BEST athletic development program in Northwest Ohio.

That is it for this Friday. Good Luck Eagles wherever we are playing!!