

THE EAST SIDE

April 2017



Spring Cookout

Friday, April 21, EES CNP will be grilling hamburgers and hotdogs for lunch. We invite you to join your child for a little quality family time at East Elementary.

Spring, with its sunny days, brings activities. Soccer, dance, cheer, softball, baseball, gymnastics, CMS tryouts and the like can demand much of our time after school. Please join us in reinforcing the importance of reading, homework, and study time. These activities not only help to improve grade-point averages, but they are crucial in the development of habits and skills that will serve our children well in their future academic and professional careers. Let's have them college and career ready!

EES Important Dates:

- *April 14 – Good Friday; NO SCHOOL
- *April 17 – Blue Ribbon Schools Site Visit
- *April 18 – ACT Aspire Reading, Grades 3-6
- *April 19 – ACT Aspire Math, Grades 3-6
- *April 20 – ACT Aspire Science, Grade 5
- *April 21 – Special Olympics
- *April 21 – Beta Club Induction Ceremony, 1:30 p.m.

Looking Ahead:

- *May 1-5 – Teacher Appreciation Week
- *May 18 – EES Field Day
- *May 22 – 6th Grade Honors Assembly, 1:00 p.m.
- *May 23 – Grades 2/3 Honors Assembly, 9:00 a.m.
- *May 23 – Grades 4/5 Honors Assembly, 1:00 p.m.

ACT Aspire TIPS FOR SUCCESS

- Be present and on time to school. Students missing school or arriving late will not be allowed to test on that day. They will make up missed sections on Make-up Testing Days at the end of the each week. Research shows that this lowers their achievement level.
- Your child needs a minimum of 8 hours sleep each night; we recommend 10 hrs.
- Eating a light healthy breakfast before testing increases student focus.
- Replace television and video games with books, flash cards, and/or educational websites.
- Be positive and supportive about testing.
- Use phrases of encouragement each morning: "You can do it," or, "I believe in you," or my personal favorite, "Hakuna Matata!"
- Practice relaxation techniques, such as breathing and stretching exercises, with your child.
- Remind your child to read directions and look at the test carefully.
- Tell your child to check answers before he/she turns the test in to the teacher.
- Do not schedule trips, dental or medical appointments, or pre-lunch check-outs during testing days.



Have you checked your child's Take-Home Folder? On Friday, many of you were sent home a blue slip requesting that you complete a brief survey from Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence. Please complete the survey by Friday, April 14, to assist our school in attaining status as a Blue Ribbon Lighthouse School of Excellence.

Our East Elementary School Archery Team won the State Tournament!! East Elementary Archery has now won the tournament for two consecutive years! Plus, the Cullman Middle School Archery Team, including our 6th Grade archers, placed 2nd at State. Both teams are bound for the National Tournament in May. #EastisBeast #ShowUpShowOut #Champs