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ELC Newsletter

NOVEMBER 2021

TALKING GOALS & GRIT

Grit is working hard, persevering and never giving up! We all need grit to get through life. Angela Duckworth and her team from the University of Pennsylvania are working on clever strategies to help students learn to work hard and adapt in the face of temptation, distraction and defeat. When Angela was asked why she studies perseverance, she said, "Why? Because life is hard. Because there are just obstacles every day in everything that we want to do. If it were easy, it would be done already, and I think that goes for any work that's worthwhile." In other words, children need to be taught to appreciate that it is normal to struggle when working hard on a challenge that exceeds their skills. It is normal to feel confused. Frustration is probably a sign that they're on the right track and to gut it out through natural human aversion to mental effort and feeling overwhelmed. Think of the story "Little Engine That Could." When it got hard, he never gave up and continued to tell himself. "I think I can!" Teachers are here to assist your children when they struggle and encourage them to keep working to accomplish their goals. In addition, they teach students the process of working through the tough work and never give up.

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Michele Fraze

Michele is using Smore newsletters to spread the word online.

Get email updates from **Michele**:

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Teaching Grit To Our Students



- Set Goals
- Positive Self Talk
- Get and Give Feedback
- Take Risks/Challenge Self
- Expect It To Take Time
- Share Failures and Success

I CAN IDENTIFY LETTER SOUNDS



Second Quarter Learning Goals

I can spell simple words by sound

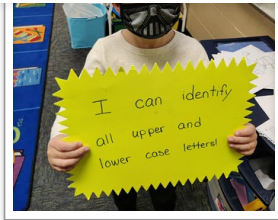
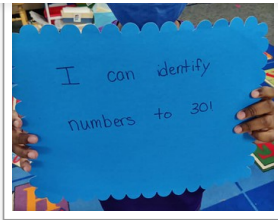
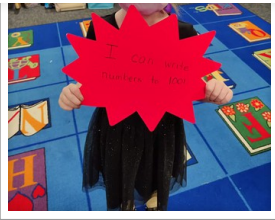
I Can Read All My Second Quarter Sight Words

I CAN COUNT TO 60 BY ONES AND TENS

I can write a story about my experience

Syllables!
I can clap and count syllables
I can blend syllables together to form a word





FIRST AND SECOND QUARTER SIGHT WORDS

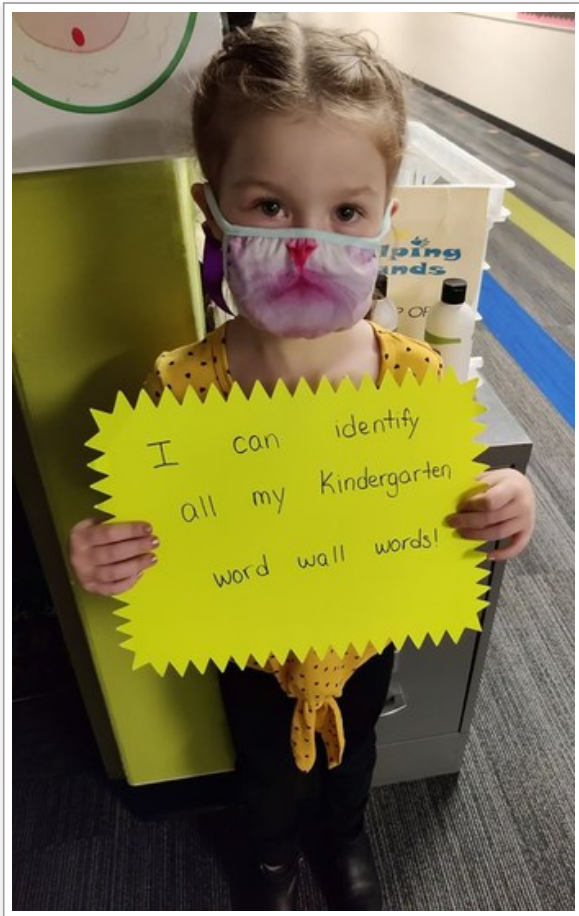
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Mom
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We
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cat
the
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Help your child with these using activities from your weekly packet and word wall contract. These are high frequency words that will have your child reading on their own and meeting those learning goals!



HOW
Can I Help My Child with Reading?

Get Your Mouth Ready
Students should pay close attention to the first letter in a word, think about the sound it makes, and make that sound to help read the word

One To One Match
Students should point to each word as they read. This helps them to read each word on a page; not adding or deleting words when they read

Sight Words
These are words your child often reads in books and should be able to read when they see them in print and/or books.

Check the Picture
Students should check the picture in the book to help them figure out the word they are trying to read. Never cover the picture.



NEED HELP TO HELP YOUR CHILD LEARN?

Here are some **GREAT** Resources



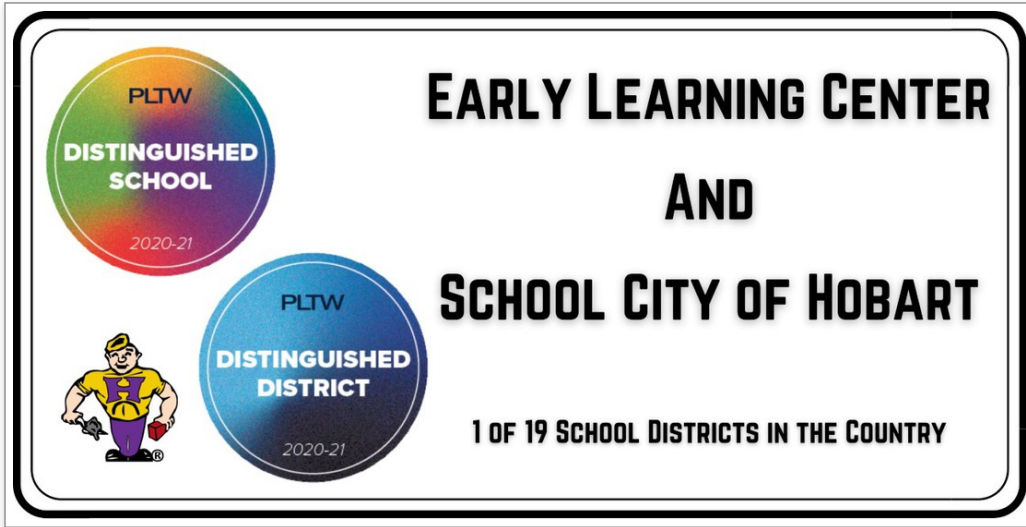
Click below to explore our Reading Connection & Early Years Bulletin

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November Early Years.pdf

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WE'RE PROUD TO RECOGNIZE DISTRICTS AND SCHOOLS COMMITTED TO UNLOCKING STUDENT POTENTIAL THROUGH THEIR PLTW PROGRAMS.

PLTW Distinguished Program Recognition celebrates districts and schools committed to helping students own their education by increasing student access, engagement, and achievement in their PLTW programs.

These districts and schools empower their students to unlock their potential by developing the in-demand, real-world knowledge and skills necessary to thrive in life beyond the classroom.





WHY ARE YOU PROUD TO BE A BRICKIE?!?

During Red Ribbon week on "Dress to Impress" day.. This friend asked to be photographed and said "There is nothing fancier than being a Brickie... so I wore TWO Brickie shirts today!" And we couldn't agree more!





Click on the link below and share with us what you love about being a Brickie!! We can't wait read your responses!

<https://www.hobart.k12.in.us/Page/10015>



Cuppa Joe

Safety Served Daily

Cpl. Joseph D. Clemmons, MPSA
Hobart Police Department
School Resource Officer





Hello everyone!

For this newsletter we are going to talk about our drop off and pick up procedures here at the ELC.

For drop off and pick up, please use 41st Ave. from Wisconsin St. Once you get to Wilson St. you will turn right and then left into lot A. Please do not come down Wilson St. hoping to jump in the line at that point. You will be asked to turn right onto 41st Ave. to join the line.

We do this for a few reasons:

1. It is easier and safer for the school busses to exit once they drop the students off.
2. It is safer for the walkers who utilize our crossing guard at 41st and Wilson.
3. It frees up space in case we need first responders to respond to the ELC.

While in the drop off and pick up line, please pull forward as far as possible so we can keep the traffic moving. During pick up, it is very helpful to have your purple sign with your student's name in the windshield until you exit the line. Once you exit from the line, please turn right onto 41st Ave. to Wabash St. Wabash St. will take you to Old Ridge Rd. By not turning left, it keeps our intersection at 41st Ave. and Wilson St. safe for our walkers.

If you do not have a purple sign with your student's name on it, please park your vehicle and walk to door 1 with a picture I.D. and Mrs. Kusbel will gladly assist you.

The procedures at the ELC are not created to be burdensome on you. They are created with safety and security in mind for you and our little Brickies.

Regards,

Cpl. Joseph D. Clemmons, MPSA
School Resource Officer
jclemmons@hobart.k12.in.us

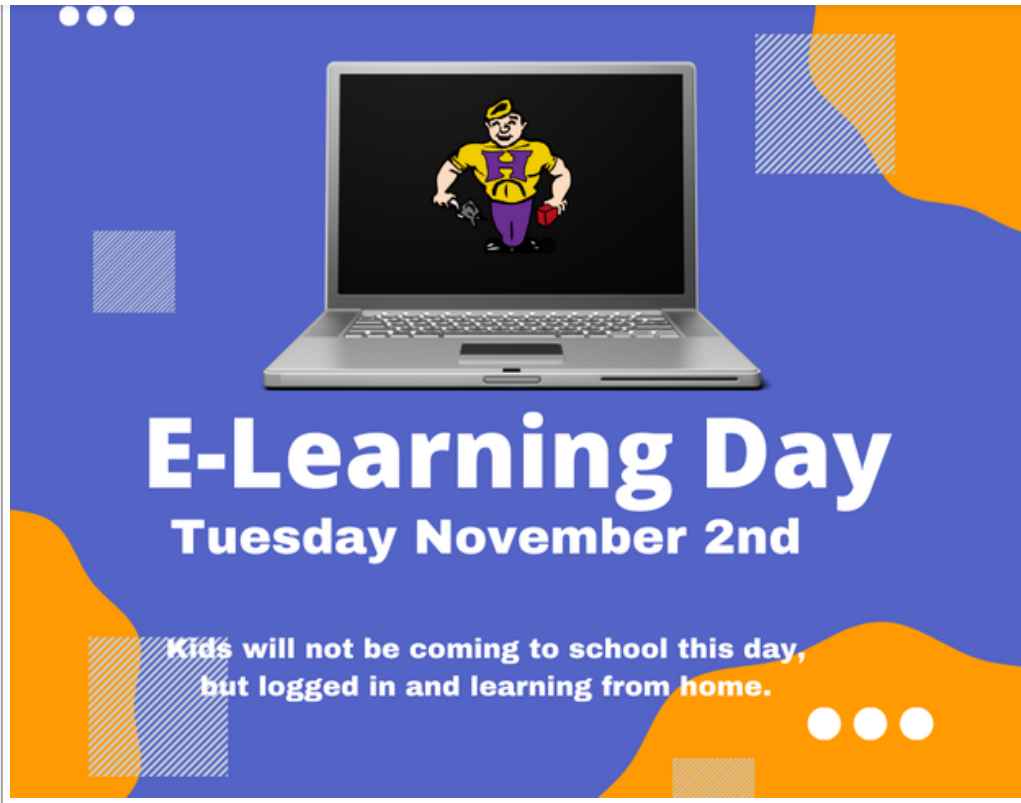




Let's Celebrate the *50th Day of Kindergarten*

We will dust off our poodle skirts & 50's style outfits to celebrate the 50th Day of K with Root Beer floats and 50's dancing. Our 50th day is 10/29 but due to Fall Parties, we will celebrate on our 51st day on 11/1!





E-Learning Day
Tuesday November 2nd

Kids will not be coming to school this day,
but logged in and learning from home.

This graphic features a laptop with a cartoon superhero on the screen, set against a blue background with orange and white geometric shapes. The text is in white and bold.

**2021-22 SCHOOL CITY OF HOBART
ELEARNING DAYS FOR ALL STUDENTS**



OCTOBER 1
NOVEMBER 2
JANUARY 7
FEBRUARY 28
APRIL 1
MAY 3

Assignments will be posted in Canvas for the above dates.

The central graphic has a white brick background. On the left is a cartoon superhero mascot wearing a yellow shirt with a purple 'H', purple pants, and a yellow cap. On the right, the dates are listed in large, bold, purple letters. The top and bottom of the graphic have yellow bars with white text.



PTO MEETING

Tuesday November 2nd

VIA
ZOOM



6PM

Zoom link is in our November newsletter
and will be posted on our Facebook pages
to join in.

PTO ZOOM INFORMATION

Topic: November PTO Meeting

Time: Nov 2, 2021 06:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75742276882?pwd=Vk44ekhJMDVuRUZxcWJtVIBPbEhEQT09>

Meeting ID: 757 4227 6882

Passcode: eYSGc4





A WEEK FULL OF YOGA!

Mrs. Helminski, our gym teacher, and Mrs. Frazee, our librarian, are spending the week of November 8th focusing on Yoga! The kids will be learning different yoga poses, the power of deep breathing, stories about Yoga, and much more! Please make sure that every day this week the kids are dressed in clothes and shoes to do Yoga in! They will go to both gym and library two times each this week and will have four fun filled days of Yoga!





SCHOOL CITY OF HOBART BUILDING BRICKIES AND READY, SET, GO ENCOURAGE YOU TO:

Ready, Set, Go
School City of Hobart Early Childhood Centre



Chat with your Child

Latest research shows us that emotional regulation and attachment in 30 month olds can be predicted by the number of conversational turns that happen between 18 month olds and adults.



PARENT ROUNDTABLE

Join Building Brickies as we discuss

"Finding Gratitude in Talking with your child"



NOVEMBER 10, 2021

model appropriate responses and have children repeat and practice. Engage in pretend and imaginative play. This is all good practice for future real situations. It increases knowledge, confidence, and skills in addition to developing language. Let's make a difference!

Join us for a 1 hour chat as we discuss "Finding Gratitude in Talking with your child" Wednesday November 10, 2021 at either 10:00 a.m. or 6:30 p.m.

There will be a drawing for a \$25 dollar Strack & Van Til gift card at the end of each discussion.

RSVP TO JOIN IN ON THE DISCUSSION



KINDERGARTENERS HONOR OUR HEROES FOR VETERAN'S DAY

For Veteran's Day, the ELC is teaching our students what a Veteran is and how much we appreciate them and their sacrifice. Classes will hold an observance on Veterans Day where students will participate in various activities that help them understand the concept of a soldier and Veteran. Students with Veterans in their family will recognize them with a special gift that they make. All students will create a craft, watch a video of one of our own Veteran's right here at the ELC, learn a song and listen to a read aloud. We have been collecting items for Soldier Care Packages and students will get to see just how much our school has collected to present to those family members among us that are in active duty. Soldier Care Packages are items that have been brought in by our students and staff and it is a service project that is very



SOLDIER CARE

PACKAGES!!

THE ELC IS COLLECTING
ITEMS THROUGH 10/29

We are collecting items to create soldier care packages for family and friends of our ELC students who are serving in the military. Drop off here at door 1 or send in with your student. You can request a package to be sent to your special soldier until 10/22 by sending back the form that came home with your child.

Ideas of items to donate are: hard candy, pens, paper, holiday knick-knacks or cards, magazines, newspapers, lotion, chap stick, coffee, envelopes, blank cards, socks, popcorn packages, make-up, etc.

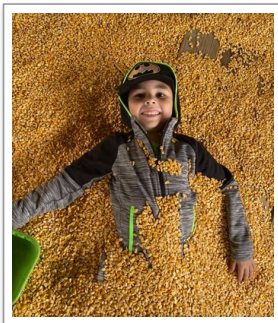
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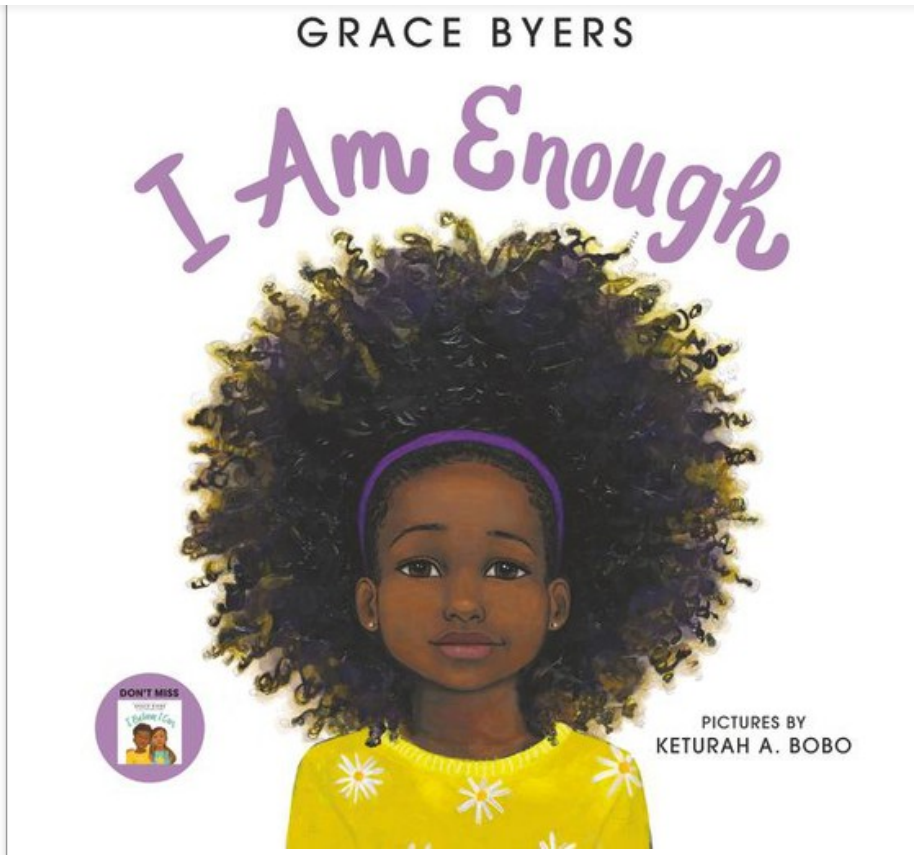
Both our Kindergarteners and our Brickie Kidz Preschoolers were able to take field trips last month- and oh the fun we all had!! Our Brickie Kidz friends went to Johnson Farms for pumpkins and play, while our Kinders headed to Garwood Apple Orchard. The Kindergarteners learned all about the growing, farming, picking, sorting, and marketing of apples and had a blast picking their own apples and very much so enjoyed eating apple donuts and having some delightful apple cider!











EVERY KINDERGARTENER IS BRINGING HOME A COPY OF I AM ENOUGH TO KEEP FOR THEIR HOME LIBRARY.

A #1 *New York Times* bestseller and Goodreads Choice Awards picture book winner!

This gorgeous, lyrical ode to loving who you are, respecting others, and being kind to one another is a beautiful little story about a beautiful little girl.

We are all here for a purpose. We are more than enough. We just need to believe it.

A LETTER FROM MISS BRITTNEY ABOUT OUR BOOK.

Hi Families!

Here is another book for our students to read and grow with. It is called *I Am Enough* and is written by Grace Byers. Read what Children's Library Lady has to say about this great book:

"*I Am Enough* by Grace Byers offers constructive affirmations for those who lack self-esteem and self-acceptance. It celebrates children for who they are and promotes positive female role models.

I Am Enough promotes the message that we are unique and that will always be enough. A young girl makes positive declarations – "Like the sun I am here to shine... like the bird I am here to fly and soar high over everything." She is surrounded by friends of different colors and

and self-acceptance that we are worthy no matter our skin color, race, religion, disability and interests.”

Sincerely,


Brittney D. Schmidt, M.S. Ed.
 School Counselor
 Early Learning Center
 219-942-7263 ext. 8804



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Think First & Stay Safe™
created by Child Lures Prevention

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Senate Bill 355 requires schools to provide students every year, education for the prevention of child abuse and child sexual abuse. A presenter from Fair Haven, Lake County's 24-Hour Rape Crisis Center, will be coming to your student's school for a virtual live-stream presentation at [Early Learning Center on November 9, 11 and 12.](#)

Fair Haven is excited for the opportunity to present our program *Think First & Stay Safe™*, a child safety research-based curriculum that is scientifically evaluated and proven to help children stay safe. Your school district has invited us to present a virtual live-stream 3 sessions over 3 days program to students. Schools provide an ideal environment for reaching and enabling every child to take an active role in protecting themselves when necessary. Staffed with mandatory reporters, schools provide a nurturing and safe environment for students to disclose incidents of bullying and abuse or to obtain help if having thoughts of mistreating others.

We will present the 7 Cornerstone Lesson Concepts, in an age-appropriate manner: (1) Using Our Computer Brains (2) People are Like the Weather & Trusted Adults (3) Child Luring: Treat it Like a Fire Drill (4) Laws Protect & My Body Belongs to Me (5) Secrets & Listening to Our Instincts (6) Kindness of People (7) Dignity: Safe & Healthy Boundaries.

The *Think First & Stay Safe™* program provides a balanced perspective that keeps students engaged in learning vital safety strategies, aligns with recommendations set forth by NCMEC's guidelines for personal safety programs, National Health Education Standards, and has been **approved by the Indiana Department of Education.**

School administrators, staff, and guidance counselors are prepared to answer questions, address concerns, and be readily available for students should the need arise. All students will participate in this program during their regular classes at school, unless you contact the school to let them know you don't want your student to participate. We want to make sure all students receive the help and support they need.

Parent Training Modules that coordinate with the lessons students will receive.

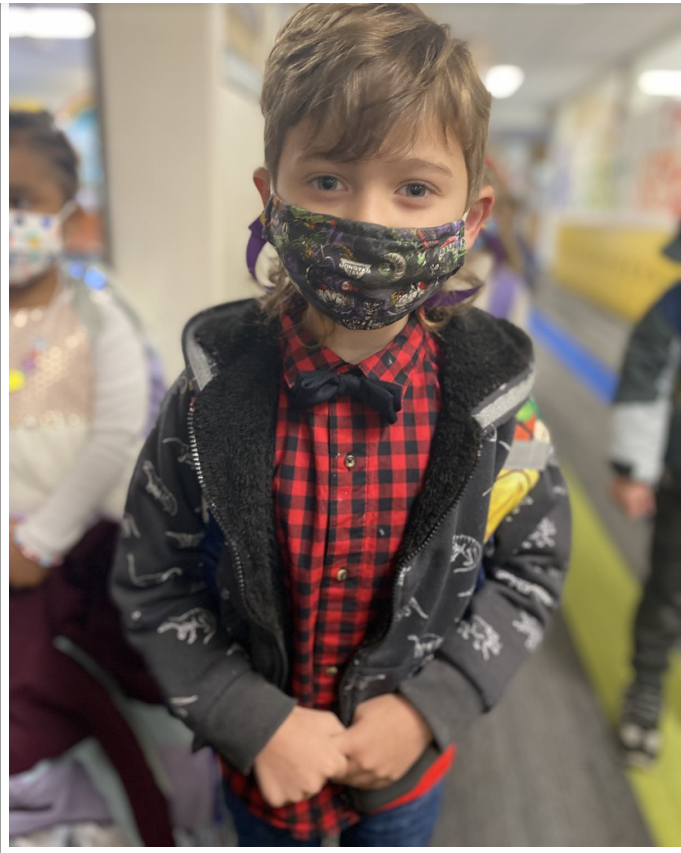
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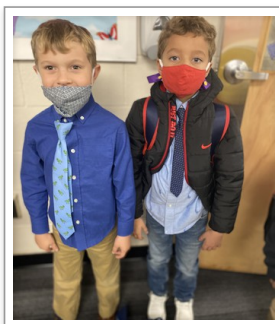
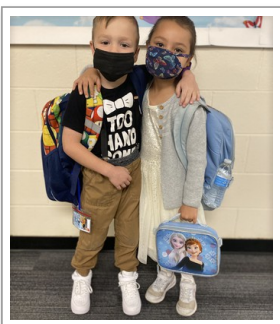
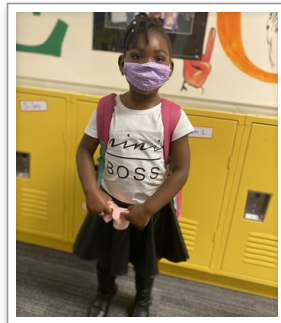
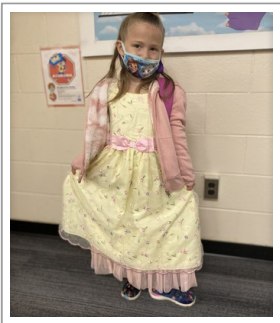
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(317) 395-7017 x105 Program Coordinator, Shana | [24hr rape crisis line 219-218-2552](tel:219-218-2552)

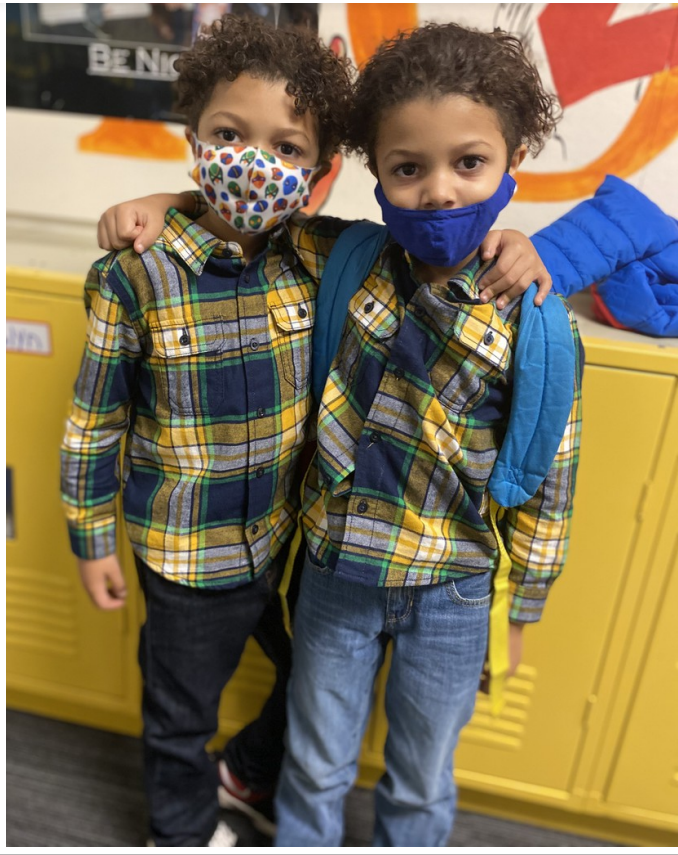
RED RIBBON WEEK

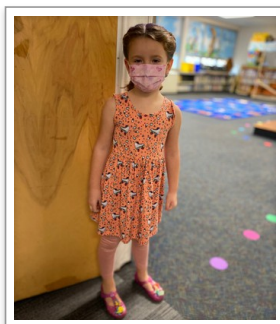
Last month we wrapped up Red Ribbon Week at the end of the month, teaching our students about making strong and healthy choices. Students did classroom activities that promoted a positive self-image and self-care and had fun with all our spirit days!

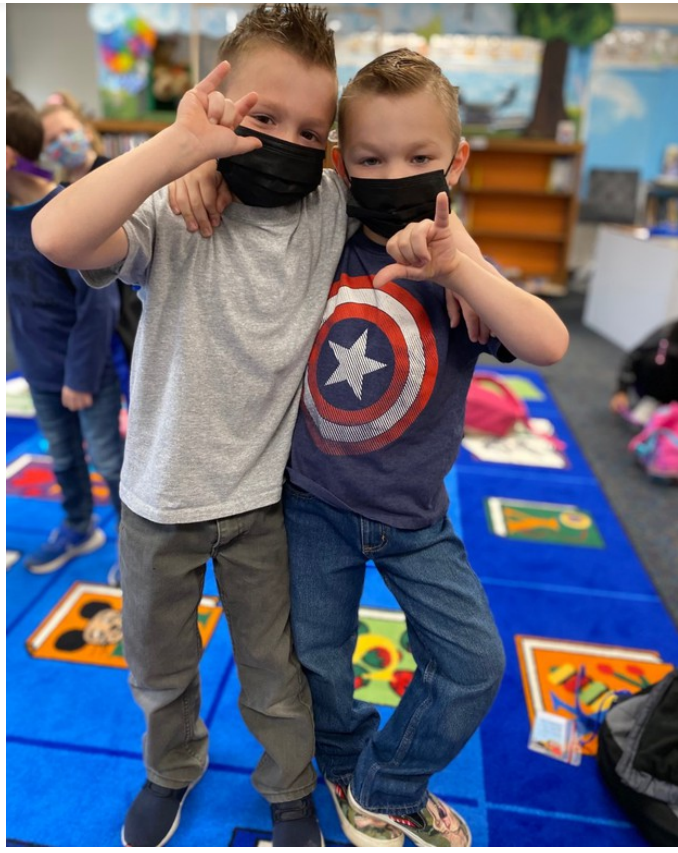












The Nurse's Corner

Our School System has a great staff of nurses with each school housing a license registered nurse to assist with any possibility that can happen at school. Whether is be administering shots for diabetics, aiding with gym injuries, placing band-aids on scraped knees, or even saving our teacher's life - you can count on them to take care of your child as if it were their own. They are always there to assist and we could not thank them enough. We wanted to share some of their knowledge to help educate parents on head lice, flu symptoms, immunizations, and more!

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How to Report An Absence


Log Into Skyward Using Parent/Guardian Account

1 Please Contact Technology If You Need Help With Parent Login 942-1388

2 Select Attendance In Right Corner, Select Absence Request A Window Will Open to Select Child's Name

3 Enter Date
Select Reason
Add Comment
Save To Submit

STOP THE GREAT STAY IN BED



You can copy your entry before saving to include other children in your home. You Do Not Need to Call Your School To Report Absence Once You Have Completed in Skyward




BRICKIE CLINIC IS HERE FOR YOU!

Make Your Appointment!

- Monday: 8:30am - 5:00pm (LAST APPT. AT 4:30PM)
- Tuesday: 8:00am - 11:00am (LAST APPT. AT 10:30AM)
- Wednesday: 8:30am - 5:00pm (LAST APPT. AT 4:30PM)
- Thursday: 8:00am - 11:00am (LAST APPT. AT 10:30AM)
- Friday: 8:30am - 3:00pm (LAST APPT. AT 2:30PM)

(219) 945-9383



What Are Some of Their Services?

- Health promotion and maintenance.
- Minor acute care such as cold, flu, cough, and fever.
- Chronic condition care, such as high blood pressure, diabetes management, asthma, and allergies.
- Basic laboratory assessments such as blood, TB skin test, rapid strep test, and more.
- School and Sports Physical.

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 2211 East 10 St.
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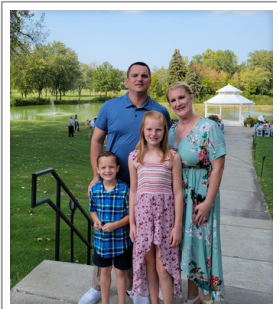
MISS ASHLEY BOEGE- KINDERGARTEN TEACHER

I am so excited that I am getting married this year! I have a nephew named George that is also in kindergarten! I get up at 4 am every day to go to the gym and work out and we use exercise and yoga in our classroom every day. We have five fish named Casper, Jaws, Harry Potter, Ron, and Hermione that are our classroom pets.



MRS. MICHELLE BRAWLEY- CLASSROOM AIDE

I'm newly married- We just got married this summer right before school started in a ceremony in the mountains of Tennessee. I have a 4yr old son. I also have 2 dogs. I am obsessed with the tv show Friends.



MRS. AMANDA COOK- CLASSROOM AIDE

-I'm married to a military man (my high school sweetheart ❤️) and we have 2 kiddos
-I coach cheer for Hobart Pop Warner
-I'm a licensed esthetician
-Cozy clothes are my FAVORITE
-I love spending time outdoors, reading, baking and cooking



MISS MORGAN AURAND- KINDERGARTEN TEACHER

I love to travel! I have toured Spain, Italy, and France.

My favorite things are movies, going for walks, painting, crafting, and trying new foods!

I am an aunt to an adorable 2 year old!



MRS. GINGER SAWYER- CLASSROOM AIDE

Facts:
I love to craft and make things.
I am a member of TriKappa.
I have a 10 year old son.





Dairy Queen
Night!
Thursday
11/18
4-7pm
Frey's DQ
a fundraiser benefiting the ELC

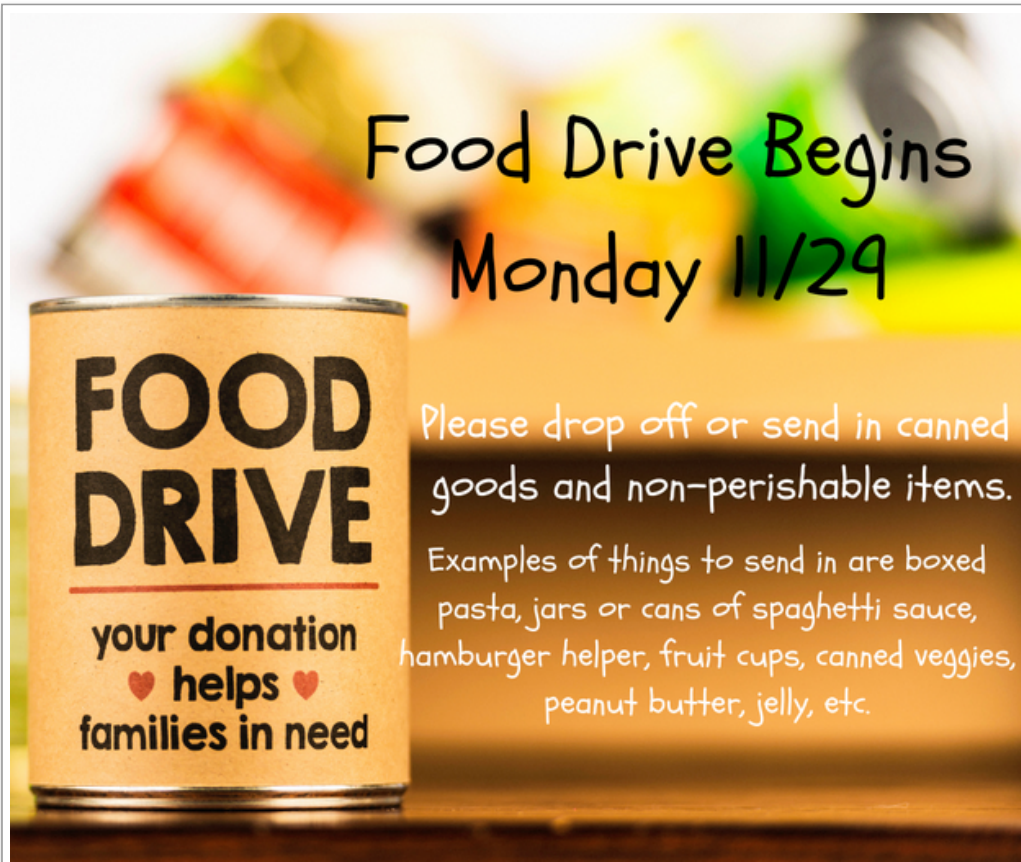
The image features a red background with a white circular area containing text. To the left is a Dairy Queen soft drink cup with a swirl of whipped cream. To the right is a Dairy Queen Blizzard cup tilted, with soft-serve ice cream and a red Dairy Queen logo on the stick. Below the text is a Dairy Queen soft-serve ice cream cone and a Dairy Queen meal consisting of a sandwich, chicken nuggets, and french fries.



MONDAY NOVEMBER 22ND
Friendship
Day!

The image has an orange background. At the top left, the text 'MONDAY NOVEMBER 22ND' is written in a simple font. Below it, 'Friendship Day!' is written in a large, cursive font. To the right of the text is a cartoon illustration of Winnie the Pooh, Tigger, Eeyore, and Piglet. Winnie the Pooh is holding a pink heart, and Eeyore is holding a blue heart. The bottom of the image is decorated with various colored hearts (red, yellow, green, blue, orange) of different sizes.





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 51st Day of School - Celebrating 50's Style '50s DAY!	2 eLearning Day— Election Day PTO Meeting 6pm via Zoom	3	4	5 PBIS Royal Gala	6
7	8 Dress for yoga for gym and library classes this week! Kids Yoga!	9	10	11 Virtual Veteran's Day Program @ 1:30 VETERAN'S DAY FOR YOUR SERVICE	12	13
14	15 American Education Week Begins THANK an Educator	16	17	18 DQ Night 4-7	19	20
21	22 Friendship Day Slappy Friendship Day	23	24 Thanksgiving Break Begins - No School	25 HAPPY	26 Thanksgiving Break - No School	27
28	29 Food Drive Begins FOOD DRIVE	30 Building Bricks - Giving Tuesday				



BABY IT'S COLD OUTSIDE!
PLEASE SEND YOUR CHILD WEARING A COAT!

Students have at least one outdoor recess per day as long as the real feel is above 20 degrees.

If you need assistance providing winter wear for your child, please contact the office at 942-7263



PARENTS

Please label all items that come to school!

This is the only way we can assure your child's things are not lost



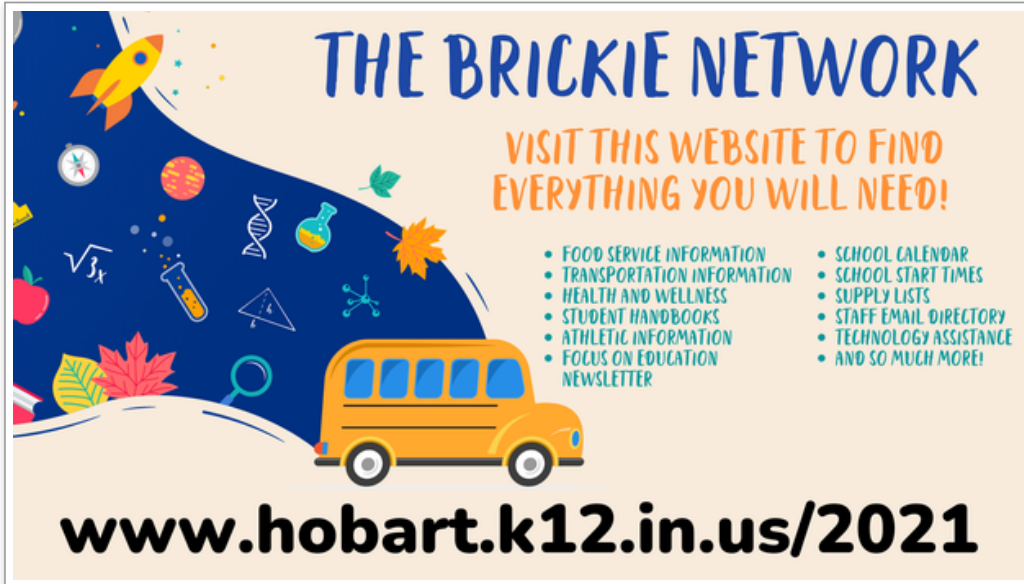
**ELC
Breakfast &
Lunch Menus**

will be posted WEEKLY
online on the SCOH
website under the food
service tab.



ELC LUNCH MENU

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THE BRICKIE NETWORK

VISIT THIS WEBSITE TO FIND EVERYTHING YOU WILL NEED!

- FOOD SERVICE INFORMATION
- TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION
- HEALTH AND WELLNESS
- STUDENT HANDBOOKS
- ATHLETIC INFORMATION
- FOCUS ON EDUCATION NEWSLETTER
- SCHOOL CALENDAR
- SCHOOL START TIMES
- SUPPLY LISTS
- STAFF EMAIL DIRECTORY
- TECHNOLOGY ASSISTANCE
- AND SO MUCH MORE!

www.hobart.k12.in.us/2021

UPCOMING THINGS AT THE ELC

Every month we will be having a classroom competition to see which class brings in the most dollars in Stracks receipts- so ask your friends, family, neighbors... and keep saving and sending those receipts in! Thanks parents!





Participation is simple...

Send in all your receipts from Strack and Van Til. The ELC will collect them and turn them into Strack's to redeem our rewards!!

A PROGRAM THAT MAKES CONTRABUTIONS TO
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS THROUGH REDEEMED
RECEIPTS!

The Book Fair is coming to school!

The kids will be shopping during their Library times the week of December 2nd. Wishlist and more information will come home soon.





Missing something?!?
Click the link below to see what we have in our lost and found!

See something that is yours?!?
E-mail SRO Joe at jclmmons@hobart.k12.in.us and let him know which item, your child's name & teacher name and we will get it to them!



CLICK HERE TO SEE THE CURRENT ITEMS IN OUR LOST & FOUND!



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