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ELC NEWLETTER

OCTOBER 2021

WORKING HARD

Hard work pays off! Our students are working hard every day in their classrooms and the learning goals are coming right along! Students not only receive positive reinforcement for their efforts in academics, they also receive accolades for leadership, showing grit in the classroom, and kindness. They will be rewarded for their good habits and hard work. Our school implements a PBIS program where we identify and reward leadership and grit characteristics in our students. Throughout the year, students work on getting tickets individually as well as as a class. They work towards a goal as a whole school to earn



a reward with their tickets. On top of whole school rewards, each quarter, each teacher picks 2 students that represent going above and beyond in every day behavior and kindness in our Royalty Court. Each teacher also picks 2 students that have made huge strides in learning and academic growth as their GRIT workers. You can learn more about the PBIS definition and trend here Positive Behavior Interventions and Support.

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Michele Fraze

Michele is using Smore newsletters to spread the word online.

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TRYIN LION

Try to reread the
sentence.
Think
"what makes
sense?"

LIPS THE FISH

Get your mouth ready.
Say the beginning sound

EAGLE EYE

Look at the picture.
Think "what is in the picture that starts with the beginning letter?"

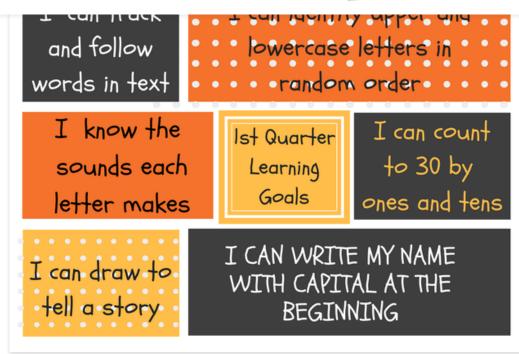














WHY ARE YOU PROUD TO BE A BRICKIE?

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

THE ELC IS A TITLE I SCHOOL.

The Early Learning Center at George Elementary School will build the schools' and parents' capacities for strong parental involvement in order to ensure effective involvement of parents and will support partnerships among the schools involved, parents, and the community. The purpose will be to assist in the improvement of student academic achievement through the following activities specifically described below. The school will, with the assistance of its Title I, Part A schools, provide assistance to parents of children served by the school district or school, as appropriate, in understanding topics such as the following, by undertaking the actions described below:





the requirements of Title I Part A how to monitor their child's progress- Skyward how to work with educators

Below are some ways that The Early Learning Center at George Elementary School works to involve parents in the academic success of their child:

Skyward system informing parents of student academic progress, curricular expectations and proficiencies, progress reports and standards-based report cards

Parent Teacher Organization

Parent-teacher conferences

Parent Resource

Kindergarten and Coffee Parent Workshops

Website resources

Invitation to parents to work as tutors

District participation in Building Brickies

District-wide breakfast program

District-wide summer feeding program

Building Readers newsletter for The Early Learning Center at George Elementary School

Parental participation MTSS plans and reviews

Participants in textbook adoption committee

Participants in handbook committee

PLEASE BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR MORE INFORMATION TO BE MAILED HOME SOON!!







wear the color of the day, we sang songs about each individual color, read books about that color, and worked on each of the color words that was the color of the day! What a colorful two weeks it was!













































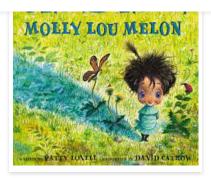












EVERY KINDERGARTENER GOT A COPY OF THE WONDERFUL STORY OF MOLLY LOU!

Be yourself like Molly Lou Melon no matter what a bully may do.

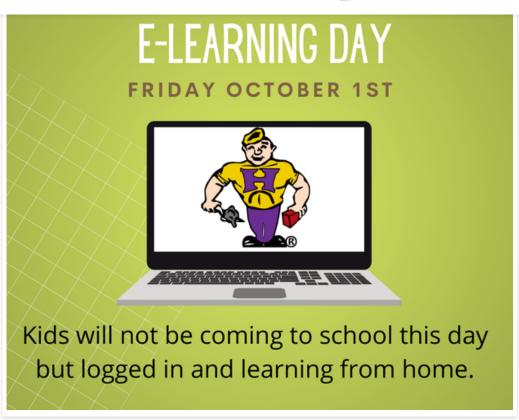
Molly Lou Melon is short and clumsy, has buck teeth, and has a voice that sounds like a bullfrog being squeezed by a boa constrictor. She doesn't mind. Her grandmother has always told her to walk proud, smile big, and sing loud, and she takes that advice to heart.

But then Molly Lou has to start in a new school. A classmate picks on her on the very first day, but Molly Lou Melon knows just what to do about that.

All 11 kindergarten classes fell in love with Molly Lou when they read "Stand Tall Molly Lou Mellon". Together they practiced reading strategies with their books while also diving into a fantastic story. They all LOVED when Molly Lou let out a giant "Quaaaaaaaack!" and the quack has been heard through the halls all week long. We hope you sat and enjoyed this story with them with the copy of the book they all brought home to keep.







We have our first eLearning Day on Friday October 1st and several more planned throughout the year. In order for your child to be marked present, there will be assignments posted on Canvas as well as a packet to come home. BOTH need to be completed. Look for information to be coming home regarding log in instructions for eLearning for your class. You will use Go Guardian through your child's chromcebook to submit any questions about the assignments during the elearning day. Our classroom aides will be monitoring Go Guardian live and will offer support as needed.

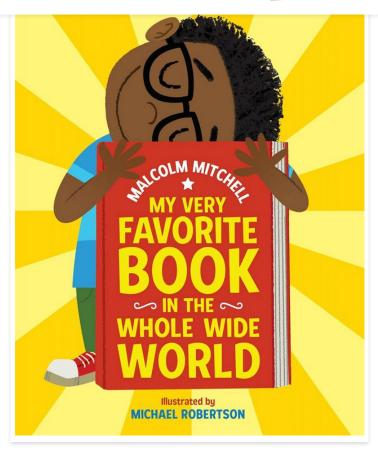












TAKE TIME OUT TO READ ON FRIDAY OCTOBER 1ST!

Henley hates to read, so his homework assignment to bring in his favorite book seems an impossible challenge!! He is in for quite the journey as he searches for his most favorite book in the world.

Every child at the ELC is bringing home a copy of "My Very Favorite Book in the Whole Wide World" for an activity at home to celebrate Time Out For Reading during our e-learning day! Have them grab their book, get cozy, and follow along as they as they join our Librarian, Mrs. Fraze on Friday October 1st via a link in canvas! They are going to love this story and we can't wait to hear what they have to think about it!









Classes are heading to Garwood Orchard on either Monday 10/4, Thursday 10/7, or Wednesday 10/13. Please know which day your child is going and make sure they are dressed for the weather and that your child has a hearty breakfast as we will be eating lunch in our classrooms when we return.

GARWOOD HAS SAID THERE WILL NOT BE THE ABILITY FOR ANY ADULTS TO MEET US AT THE ORCHARD AND PAY THE DAY OF DUE TO SPACING!





READY!

The SCOH takes a lot of pride in our students' capacity and efforts to be College and Career ready. By establishing a mindset within all of our students in all of our grade levels, we can ensure that our Brickies are ready for the workforce upon graduation. The ELC participated in College Go Week in September, raising awareness in our littlest Brickies about planning for their future and what they want to be 'when they grow up." We had a spirit week that focused on different career paths each day. We want our Brickies and their parents to take steps along the way of their K-12 academic career to ensure that the are ready to secure a future in a career path. You can explore all of the ways that we support our students career path or "flight plan" on our district web page and find out about options for adults in the community who would like to pursue a career change through educational opportunities.















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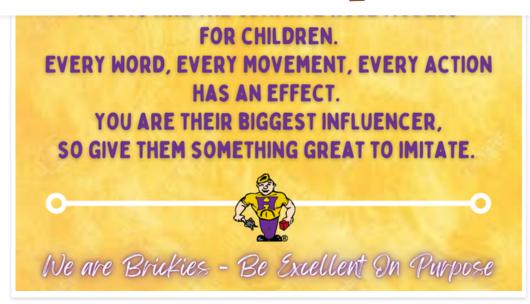




















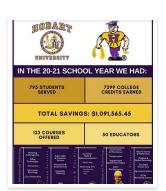






















Happy October! As you know it's Halloween month! It is important to talk to your child about Stranger Danger. Some experts say you should start talking to your children about strangers when they are 3-4 years old. Stranger Danger is not just about teaching children who or what to avoid, but also includes positive rules to help keep themselves safe. Though it is always a good idea to remind them of basic Stranger Danger rules.

Basic Stranger Danger rules:

- Never go anywhere with or get into a car with a stranger.
- · Never accept gifts or sweets from a stranger.
- Never go off on your own with someone without telling your parent or trusted adult.
- Teach your child if they feel in serious danger to YELL, KICK, SCREAM, & RUNAWAY!
- Give your child a code word that only you and your child know. They can use it when they are in danger but they don't want other people to know.
- Teach your children who they can trust if they need help like a uniformed Police Officer or a teacher.
- Teach them to trust their instincts. If they have a bad feeling about a place or a person-tell a trusted adult.
- Teach them to always be aware of their surroundings and to let an adult know if they ever get approached by a stranger.

STAY CLOSE!

To prevent your children form getting lost, communication is key! Talk to your children about the possibility and what to do should the situation arise.

- Encourage your children to stay close to you in shops and hold onto your hand.
- Don't leave your children unsupervised in play areas.
- Incase they get lost, Teach the their name, your name, phone number, and address.
- Teach them how to tell if someone works in a store by their uniforms or nametags and let them know to find a staff member to help them should you get separated.

IF YOU LOSE YOUR CHILD:

- DON'T PANIC! Go and tell the closest staff member.
- Alert the shopping center's security staff immediately.
- Contact the Police as soon as you feel necessary.

IF YOUR CHILD LOSES YOU!

- Tell your child to stop- stand still and look around if they are lost. Tell them to not try to run around and try to find you. It is better for you to retrace your steps and find them.
- If they get lost in the street, Tell them to not approach just anyone in the street. Instead teach them to go to the nearest business, police station, fire department, hospital, or trusted house and ask for help.





Halloween Safety Tips

Walk Safely on Halloween:

- Cross the streets at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks. Teach children to never dart out into the street or to cross from in between parked cars.
- Put electronic devices down. Keep your attention focused with heads up and walk, don't run across streets. If there is a car at the crossing- teach your children to make eye contact with the driver to insure the driver sees them.
- Always walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks available, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible.
- · Watch for cars that are backing up and turning.
- Join children 12 & under for trick-or-treating. If kids are mature enough to be out without supervision- tell them to stick to areas they are familiar with that are well lit and to trick-or-treat in a group.

Drive Safely on Halloween:

- Slow down and be especially alert. Children are very excited on Halloween and move in unexpected ways.
- Take extra time and double/triple check for kids at intersections, medians, and curbs.
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys slowly and carefully.
- Get rid of any distractions- like your phone- so you can concentrate.
- Turn your headlights on earlier in the day to help spot children and to help children spot you.

Joseph D. Clemmons, MPSA

Professional Level SRO- INSROA

Hobart Police Department | The Early Learning Center at George Earle Elementary

PIES, PIES, AND MORE PIES!

Our 529 Pie Fundraiser ended at the end of September and it is a wonderful opportunity to establish and contribute to your child's future education expenses. We want all of our students to have a savings account for college and are so proud of how many of you participated in this fundraiser. We had so many kids sell 5 or more pies and not only did they earn money in their 529 accounts... they got to put a pie in their teachers faces too!







































































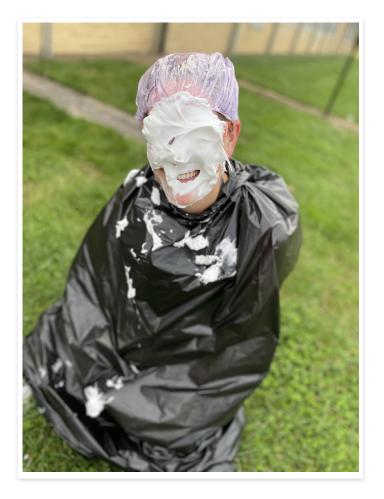




































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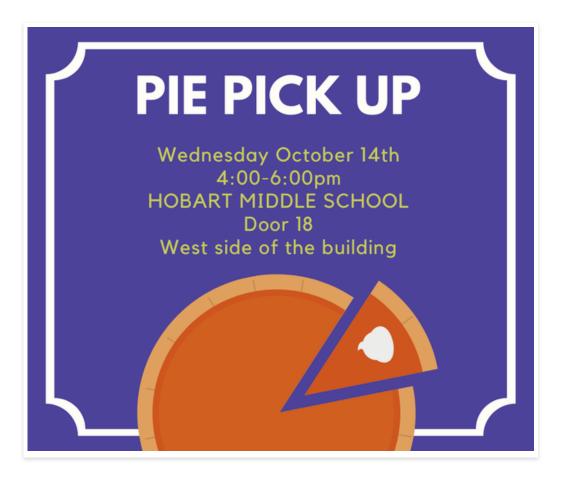
















FACE COVERINGS REQUIRED



HOBART BRICKIES

Wear a mask. Stay in school.



VID-19 School Scenarios

The option to not quarantine does not apply outside the classroom setting, including lunch, band, choir or extra-curricular activities.

MASK REQUIREMENT

When a masked person tests positive and close contacts are wearing masks

COVID +

Close Contacts



NO QUARANTINE EVERYONE WITHIN 3 FEET SELF-MONITOR

NO MASK REQUIREMENT

When positive person and/or close contacts are not wearing masks

COVID +

ISOLATE

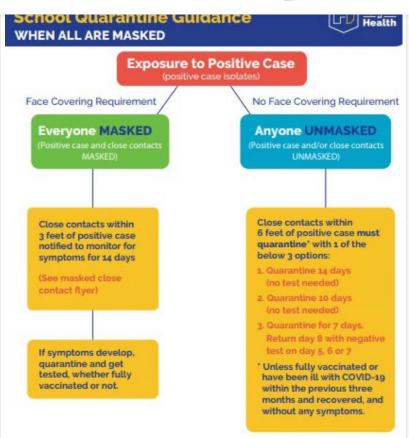
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QUARANTINE (ALL WITHIN 6 FT. UNLESS FULLY VACCINATED AND ASYMPTOMATIC)









MEET OUR 2 NEW NURSES HERE AT THE ELC

We have two fantastic new nurses here at the ELC! Nurse Staci & Nurse Rita.







NURSE STACI

Hi!

My husband and I have four fantastic children, and two beautiful grandkids! Our youngest son is a junior at Crown Point High School, two middle ones at Ball State and Purdue, and our oldest daughter lives close by with the grandbabies (2 and 1 years)

As I was searching for pictures on my new phone, all I could find were ones of the grandkids.

We also have an 18 month old Dalmatian, whom we take with us when we go camping.

I am really happy to have the opportunity to be involved with ELC!



NURSE RITA

I have 3 grown children, 2 boys and a girl, 3 granddaughters and 2 great grandchildren. My youngest granddaughter is a senior at IUPUI and is majoring in Health Administration. My middle granddaughter is a microbiologist at Alverno Labs and my oldest granddaughter is a Vet Tech in Florida. I also have a 10-year-old greatgranddaughter and a 3-year-old grandson. He is the first boy in my family in 30 years.

I spent 10 years in the United States Army Nurse Corp Reseves. My most interesting duty station was Panama, the worst was Fort McCoy in Wisconsin.

My favorite past time is watching the Cubs My favorite player was Javy Baez but since they traded him, it's Frank Schwindel.

I also have a German Shepherd. His name is Vosko. He is 10 years old and I enjoy training him and walking him. He is the best dog ever.

I used to be the school nurse at Liberty. I retired 2 years ago but it was boring sitting at home every day. So, I'm happy to be here with you and ELC. I will be here on Wednesdays and Fridays.





REMINDERS...

Please keep a set of clean clothes with under garments in your child's book bag. When the weather changes, please adjust that extra outfit accordingly. This is not just for bathroom accidents, but for a lot of reasons in kindergarten. You never know when chocolate milk might attack.

PLEASE NOTIFY SCHOOL NURSE OF ANY PENDING COVID TESTS IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD AND DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL UNTIL YOU HAVE SPOKEN WITH ME!! 942-7263 ext 8806!

If your child is experiencing any of the following symptoms, please call me at 942-7263 ext 8806 before sending them to school.

- *cough
- *stomachache
- *diarrhea
- *headache
- *bodyaches
- *fever of 100.4 and higher
- *loss of taste of smell
- *congestion
- *fatique
- *sore throat

Vaccinations-

STUDENTS MUST be up to date on their vaccinations BY SEPTEMBER 7TH. Indiana state law requires you to have up to date immunizations. If you have any questions or concerns about the new school year 2021-22 requirements, please contact your school nurse.

NEW 2021-2022 IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS: Indiana State Department of Health Immunization requirements for the 2021-2022 school year Two (2) Hepatitis A vaccinations are now required for ALL grade levels for the upcoming school year. The Hepatitis A immunization consists of two (2) doses with a minimum interval of 6 calendar months between the first and second dose.

Health Conditions-

If your student has a specific health condition or needs special care during the school day such as medication, treatments, or monitoring, please inform your school nurse and provide your nurse with a care plan. Individual health care plans help keep your student safe and healthy. All care plans need to be updated every school year!

Flu - Remember to continue to say "BOO" to the Flu! Handwashing is so important! Don't forget to get your flu shot and stay protected. Contact your healthcare provider or make an appointment at our Brickie Clinic 219-945-9383

Handwashing is one of the best ways to protect yourself and your family from getting sick. Learn when and how you should wash your hands to stay healthy!





Key Times to Wash Hands You can help yourself and your loved ones stay healthy by washing your hands often, especially during these key times when you are likely to get and spread germs:

- Before, during, and after preparing food
- Before eating food
- Before and after caring for someone at home who is sick with vomiting or diarrhea
- Before and after treating a cut or wound
- After using the toilet
- After changing diapers or cleaning up a child who has used the toilet
- After blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing
- After touching an animal, animal feed, or animal waste
- After handling pet food or pet treats
- After touching garbage

During the COVID-19 Pandemic, you should also wash your hands

- After you have been in a public place and touched an item or surface that may have been frequently touched by other people, such as door handles, tables, gas pumps, shopping carts, or electronic cash registers/screens, etc.
- Before touching your eyes, nose, or mouth because that's how germs enter our bodies.

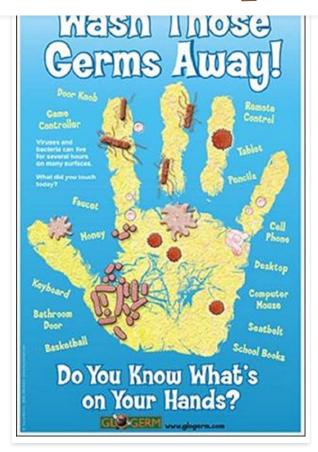
Follow Five Steps to Wash Your Hands the Right Way Washing your hands is easy, and it's one of the most effective ways to prevent the spread of germs. Clean hands can stop germs from spreading from one person to another and throughout an entire community—from your home and workplace to childcare facilities and hospitals.

Follow these five steps every time.

- 1. Wet your hands with clean, running water (warm or cold), turn off the tap, and apply soap. 2. Lather your hands by rubbing them together with the soap. Lather the backs of your hands, between your fingers, and under your nails.
- 3. Scrub your hands for at least 20 seconds. Need a timer? Hum the "Happy Birthday" song from beginning to end twice.
- 4. Rinse your hands well under clean, running water.
- 5. Dry your hands using a clean towel or air dry them.







Head Lice- If that time of year where our students break out their coats, scarves and hats. Please encourage your child not to share such items as hats, scarves, brushes or any personal items. Lice is not a danger to your child's health, it is simply an annoying problem that comes around this time of year, so no need to panic. Please know that anyone and everyone can get lice. Getting lice has nothing to do with you being clean or dirty, it only has to do with the fact that you are human. It is very important to check your family for lice this time of year regularly. If you find any live lice or eggs, it is absolutely necessary to treat each "infected" person, but more importantly, you must notify the school so that we can effectively and confidentially assist you with monitoring. The school nurse can assist you with proper treatment options as well as identify and demonstrate for you what to do.

Sick students-

PLEASE KEEP ALL SICK OR SUSPECTED SICK STUDENTS HOME FROM SCHOOL. PLEASE MARK THEM OFF IN SKYWARD. SYMPTOMS INCLUDE: fever greater than 100.4 degrees, CHILLS, SORE THROAT, COUGH(especially new onset, uncontrolled cough), DIARRHEA, VOMITING, HEADACHE(particularly new onset of severe headache, especially with a fever), NEW LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL, MUSCLE OR BODY ACHES OR FATIGUE, CONGESTION OR RUNNY NOSE, SHORTNESS OF BREATH OR DIFFICULTY BREATHING. If you are unsure, please call your healthcare provider or school nurse for advice. Please do not send your student to school and instruct them to go directly to the nurse before the school day begins. Again, if you have any questions or concerns please contact your school nurse.

SKYWARD INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS
ABSENT REQUESTS IN SKYWARD FOR PARENT/GUARDIANS- SEE VIDEO BELOW



immediately of COVID-19 symptoms or any exposure.

How To Report An Absence

Log Into Skyward
Using Parent/Guardian
Account
Please Contact
Technology If You
Need Help With Parent

Login 942-1388

Enter Date
Select Reason
Add Comment
Save To Submit

STAY IN BED



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

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





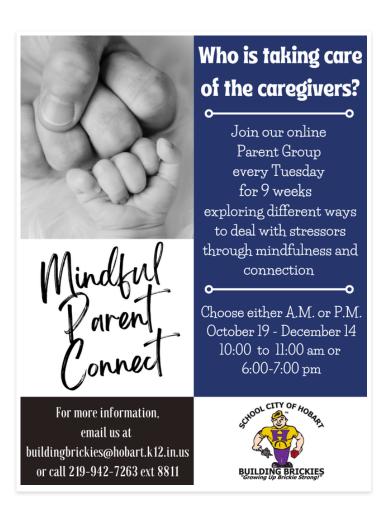


ELC BREAKFAST MENU

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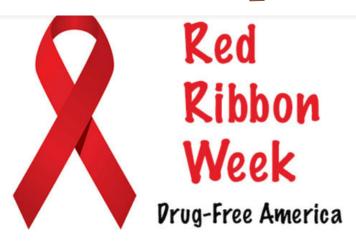












October 26-29

















MEET THE FRIENDLY FACES OF THE ELC



MRS. **HELMINSKI-GYM** I have been married for almost **TEACHER**

I have two children who attend Joan Martin. Julia is 10 and Thomas is 8. We love the Brickies so much that we named our dog Yohan! My husband and I are beekeepers. I love to spend my summer camping and boating.



MRS. FRAZE-**LIBRARIAN**

20 years and have 3 crazy kiddos who go to 3 different schools! Liberty, HMS, and HHS! I love getting to share my love for reading and using our imaginations each week in Library with your kiddos. Week after week we are reaching out and finding our Happily Ever Afters! I love ALL things Disney.... and tacos!



MISS RIETVELD-**SPEECH**

Hi! I am Miss Rietveld (or Miss R for the preschoolers). I am a speech-language pathologist at the ELC and Hobart High School. I play the violin and piano and I love to sing. My favorite animals are horses, dogs, and goats, and I enjoy sewing, crocheting, dancing, and spending time with my friends and family.







MRS. POTTERREADING TEACHER

I love to read books! My favorite children's book is Sylvester and the Magic Pebble because in the book a little donkey named Sylvester and his parents learn that all they need to be happy is each other. \bigcirc My husband and I love to go to White Sox and Bears games. We have 3 grown up sons and two dogs named Buddy and Harry. Harry Potter is a naughty puppy but he is learning to be a better boy! 🔒 I also enjoy dressing up for Halloween! This year....it's a surprise but here is a clue. Mrs. Beechin & I are reptile brothers that love Pizza !! 🅦



MRS. BEECHINREADING AIDE

I have attached a photo of me with my daughter Giada. When we are not at the softball fields I enjoy crafting and reading.



MISS AMBERRECESS SUPERVISOR

I enjoy spending time with family and friends. I could quote everything from my favorite TV show 'Friends'! The furthest I've traveled to is to Puerto Rico. I also love to dance and listen to music!













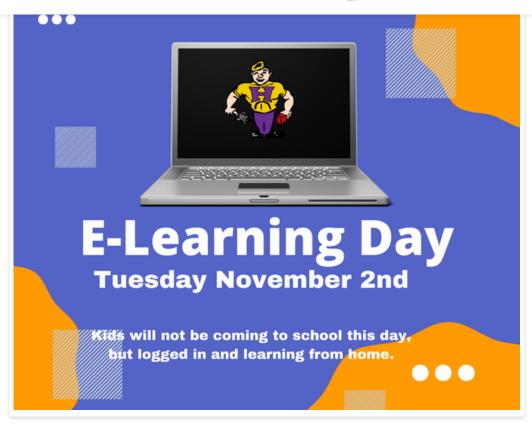


UP COMING THINGS AT THE ELC

















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