



The Ellis Edition

OCTOBER

2011



Dear Kindergarten Parents/Guardians,

The month of October brings a lot of excitement and much anticipated cooler weather. We are all getting accustomed to the routines of school, homework, and getting up early!

Parent / Teacher Conferences will be on October 13th and October 14th. There will be no school on Thursday, October 14th and Friday, October 15th. We all look forward to seeing you here at Ellis.

Progress Book is a great way to keep informed about your child's grades and the progress he/she is making in school. If you have not used your Parent Access account in the past or need login assistance, please contact: Eric Dodd at the board office at the following email address eric.dodd@bellevueschools.org Please include your students first and last names, and the building they attend. You will receive login instructions by email. Students, grades 6 and up, can get login assistance for their own account from one of their classroom teachers.

Kindergarten Ellis Elementary
419-484-5010

(Kindergarten paper copy reports of progress are only available quarterly)

Yours in Education,

Shannon Turner

Mrs. Shannon Turner
Ellis & Ridge Principal
Ridge 484 - 5030
Ellis 484 - 5010



Calendar of Events

- Tues. Oct. 4- Fall Picture Day
- Wed. Oct. 12- Parent/Teacher Conf. PM
- Thurs. Oct. 13- No School –
Parent/Teacher Conf
- Fri. Oct. 14 - No School
- Wed. Oct. 19- Marco's Pizza Night Challenge
- Fri. Oct. 28- Halloween Walk at 1:30
- Fri. Oct. 28- End of 1st Nine Weeks



Picture Day

Picture day will be on Tuesday, October 4, 2011. Fall pictures must be paid in advance. Your child/children will receive an envelope with package options a couple days prior. Checks can be written to Ripcho Studio.



School Fees 2011-2012

School fees are now due. Payments can be made by cash, check or money order. Checks should be made payable to Bellevue City Schools. Overdue fees from last year are also due at this time.

Kindergarten \$30.00



Lunch Information

Breakfast Price- \$1.30	Snacks- .30
Lunch \$2.10	Ice Cream- .50
Milk .50	



Absences

We are off to a great start! Thank you! You have been very prompt in calling the school to report your child's absences! Please remember to call before 9:00 am when your child will be absent from school or tardy. We will also need a written note explaining the reason for the absence, date and signature upon their return. If you have taken your child to the doctor, please bring in a doctor's excuse.

PTO NEWS

The PTO will be meeting the 2nd Monday of each month in the Ridge School Music/Art room at 4pm. Please plan on attending if you would like to take an active part in your child's educational experience. Thank you to all of you who signed up to be one of our parent volunteers! There will be several events throughout the year that you will be able to help with. Thank you to Michelle Knisely for volunteering to keep our Ellis sign out front updated monthly!



School Dismissal

We must have a written note in the morning if your child will not be riding the bus home. If we do not have a note or phone call before 2:00, your child will be put on their assigned bus after school. Please remember to designate if you will be driving in the alley or walking to the flag pole to pick up your child. If walking, please wait by the flag pole in front of the building. Your child will be brought to you. If you are driving remember to have your child's name tag in your front passenger windshield. This helps greatly to keep traffic moving. Thank you so much for helping make this a smooth and safe transition for your child.

Mrs. LaPata's Classroom News



The first few weeks of school the Kindergarten classes do an introduction to all the letters of the alphabet. We looked at letters and sorted them by capital and lowercase, we built them with sticks and curves and we read many alphabet books. We finished the unit with a favorite book- Chicka Chicka Boom Boom. Then we made our own Chicka Tree and put the letters in our name going up the tree! Now we're ready to learn about each letter by itself and start to learn some popcorn words too!

Marco's Pizza Night Challenge

Our first Marco's Pizza Night Challenge will be on Wed. Oct. 19. The class who has the most pizza orders that day will win a class pizza party. When phoning your order in just inform Marco's whose class you would like to get the credit.





When Should I Keep My Child Home From School?

Keep your child at home if any one of the following occurs:

- **Vomiting and/or Diarrhea**
- **Temperature** of 100 degrees or higher.
- **Positive throat culture for strep throat-** may return to school 24 hours after antibiotic started with a note from the physician.
- **Any symptoms of acute illness/Flu** such as persistent cough, runny nose with body aches.
- **Undetermined rash** - may return to school when rash clears or with a note from the physician.
- **Infection of the skin-** may return with a note from the physician. The infected area should be covered.
- **Red, watery, burning, itching eyes with drainage-** may return when eyes are clear or with a note from the physician.
- **Lice or nits in hair-** please call for nurse to check before returning to school.

You should keep your child home until symptoms are gone for 24 hours. For example, their temperature should be less

than 100 degrees for at least 24 hours without fever reducing medication, such as Tylenol or Ibuprofen. Your child should look, eat, and behave normally for 24 hours before returning to school. Why?

- To protect your child from exposure to more infection before he/she is able to build up resistance.
- To protect the other children and school staff from illness that your child may transmit.

HANDWASHING is the most effective means of preventing the spread of communicable diseases. Germs are so small that you can not see them and they are found almost everywhere. Promote hand washing in your family. Many students do not wash their hands as recommended, and reinforcement at home is necessary. Teach your children to wash their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds after using the toilet, before eating or touching food, and after playing with animals, handling money, coughing, sneezing, or blowing their nose.

Please cover any sores or open wounds to prevent infection. See your doctor if your child has any sores with redness, drainage, and/or other signs of possible skin infection.

Please feel free to contact Health Services at 419-484-5094, with any questions or concerns.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Day 3 Music 	4 Day 4 PE 	5 Day 5 Library 	6 Day 6 PE 	7 Day 1 Music 	8
9	10 Day 2 Art 	11 Day 3 Music 	12 Day 4 PE 	13 No School Parent Teacher Conferences	14 No School Parent Teacher Conferences	15
16	17 Day 5 Library 	18 Day 6 PE 	19 Day 1 Music 	20 Day 2 Art 	21 Day 3 Music 	22
23	24 Day 4 PE 	25 Day 5 Library 	26 Day 6 PE 	27 Day 1 Music 	28 Day 2 Art 	29
30	31 Day 3 Music 					