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From the Eminence Community School Corporation Office

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Merry Christmas from the Superintendent



It is a wonderful feeling to want to go to work every day! I can honestly say that is how I feel since accepting the position of Eminence Superintendent! It has been a wonderful and extremely busy first semester!

One of my New Year's resolutions is to work on improving communication between school and home at ECSC. Although we are committed to decreasing the amount of paper coming home - I understand the importance of increasing communication. Elementary teachers send home Monday folders. If you haven't been receiving this - please contact your child's teacher. Mrs. Scott and I have discussed the best way to communicate using technology and will be having conversations with teachers about classroom websites vs. Google Classrooms to push out information. Many classrooms are already implementing a Google Classroom. After conversations with parents - I understand there is a need for a Master Calendar. Please be patient - this may take time to fully implement. I will be sending home a corporation newsletter each grading period - starting with this issue. Also - with the help of Pam Merrell, our Technology Director, I hope you see improvement to our website soon. I realize the importance of communication. I need your ideas and input concerning the best way to reach out to you - our Eminence families!

I am excited to announce that we have moved our board meetings to the Jr.-Sr. High Media Center to allow for more room in order to recognize students during our monthly meeting! We will also be recognizing staff members for their accomplishments. If we occasionally move the meetings back to the board room at the administrative office - I will give you plenty of notice!

Thanks to a great amount of hard work and community support, our corporation has recently been the recipient of several grants. I will be sharing more information soon. These grants will allow us to offer some incredible opportunities for our students! Besides expanding our Robotics Club, we hope to be a certified STEM school in two years. We will also be looking at after school and summer programs! Please never hesitate to contact me! I am here for you!

DATES TO REMEMBER...

January 5, 2018 - First Day Back - Second Semester Begins
January 15 - Snow Make-Up Day/
Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 18 - School Board Meeting at 7 pm in Jr.-Sr. High Media Center
February 15 - School Board Meeting at 7 pm in Jr.-Sr. High Media Center
February 19 - Snow Make-Up Day/
President's Day
February 22 - Science Expo... Look for information coming home...

WELCOME NEW BAND DIRECTOR

Eminence is happy to announce that Mr. Matthew Moody will be joining our staff as the new Junior-Senior High Band Director and Elementary Music Teacher. Mr. Moody comes to us from Seeger Junior-Senior High School. He resides in Terre Haute with his wife, who is currently a student at ISU studying elementary education! He will be starting January 5, 2018! Make sure to give him a warm welcome!



The Pride of Eminence Marching Band was recognized at the November Board Meeting.

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Elementary Students Sing During Our Veterans Day Program

Help Us Stop the Rumors

Lack of communication is one of the leading causes of hurtful and unnecessary rumors. Understanding and knowledge is the key to factual information circulating about our schools. Although Facebook and Twitter are great venues for pushing out information and participating in conversations - this can also be a way to focus on the negative. We are a small community - so please don't hesitate to ask your child's teacher or administration to verify information. Recently - there have been conversations on Facebook about bedbugs in the school. Unfortunately, all school corporations face unwelcome visitors this time of year. We do everything possible to minimize the possibility of these guests traveling to your home. I need your help to make sure that the GREAT things about Eminence are the top stories of the day!

WINTER SPORTING EVENTS

I want to encourage our families to come out for our basketball games. Our student athletes are working hard under the direction of new coaching staffs. Mr. Nic Murray, ECSC Athletic Director, has been doing an incredible job! Please try to come out December 28 to watch our JV and Varsity boys play and on January 2 to watch our JH Boys Basketball!

I would love to see a big crowd for the Husker Classic on Saturday, January 13 at the Hoosier Gym in Knightstown. Our Varsity Girls will be taking on South Putnam during Game 1 at 11 a.m. Please contact Mr. Murray or Mrs. Scott for more information.

Don't Forget... When Bad Weather Hits...



In addition to the *School Messenger* system, weather related announcements will be made on the following television stations:

Indianapolis WRTV Channel 6
Indianapolis WISH Channel 8 and Indianapolis WTHR Channel 13

Indianapolis WXIN TV 59 and Martinsville Radio Station WCBK FM 102.3

Once *School Messenger* and the above stations have been notified, information will appear on our website.

COMMUNITY INPUT...

Starting in January, community members will have opportunities to hear the latest K-12 happenings, give suggestions, and ask questions. We want you to be a part of what is happening in our schools! This is an opportunity for you share ideas on how we can strengthen our programs and create more opportunities for our children. Share the date... **Please plan on coming out Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 5 p.m. for our first Community Coffee. This event is for adults only. There will be future opportunities for families to attend. The location will be determined by anticipated attendance. Please RSVP to the Administrative Office (765-528-2101) or email Mrs. Penman at ipenman@eminence.k12.in.us!** We will finish in time for the Girls Varsity Game at 6 p.m.



Thank you to Home Depot

Thanks to Jeff Nelson from the Home Depot's warehouse in Plainfield - we received office supplies for our teaching staff. We were able to give out Goodie Bags just before Christmas to all of our classroom teachers!



Preschool Teacher Mrs. Kemp is wearing her PJ attire for Spirit Day!

