



EEA Newsletter December 2016

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Calendar of Events

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Kevin Krieg	Kim Zimmermann
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December 15

Family Night

5:30-7:00 PM

December 19, 20 & 21

Seminar Days

December 23-

January 2

January 3

No Classes-Winter Break

Classes Resume

EEA PBIS Goals

November Results:

31 students earned 44 half credits.

November attendance was 85%. Our school goal is 92%. Our 6th and 9th graders hit our goal. We had 12 students with perfect attendance.

27% of our students completed an average of 6 graded assignments per day.

December Family Night

Our December Family Night will take place on December 15th from 5:30-7:00 PM and will be a time of decorating cookies. There will not be a meal provided this month, but there will be yummy holiday treats provided along with the cookies that you and your family will be decorating. Please RSVP by December 12th if you are able to attend. We hope to see you there.

Seminar Classes

The next seminar classes will be held on **December 19, 20 & 21**. Your child's attendance is critical on these days because they are not possible to make up. Students can earn up to a full credit from these seminar days that are scattered throughout the year. The seminar days for January will be **January 25 & 26**. **Please try to avoid scheduling appointments on these days.**

Inclement Weather Information

When it is necessary to close or delay the opening of school, a School Messenger electronic message will be sent to you. The information will also be announced over local radio and television stations. In the event that First Student is unable to pick up students because of hazardous and/or impassable road conditions, and parents are unable to transport their children to school because of road conditions, the student will receive an excused absence provided the school is notified of the absence.

Dressing for the Weather

Cold weather is here! Please send your student with appropriate outerwear that will keep them warm. If you are in need of assistance in providing winter clothing for your student, please let us know. There are individuals in the community who have donated winter items.

Attendance

Yes, there is a reason that this item is larger than the other ones. We need your help! Attendance continues to be an issue at EEA. In the month of November, our students have missed a combined total of: **221.36 days** (129.91 excused, 91.45 unexcused). Of those, some are either med-excused or instances where the nurse sent a student home. While we know that some families were hit with illness, we still are **significantly** above where we should be. Please ensure that your child is not missing school if they are able to be here. You receive 10 days per year to be used for illness or other parent excused absences. Beyond that point you will be asked to provide a medical note for absences. Ten days is standard in many workplaces and we want to get the students used to that number. In an effort to encourage regular attendance, we will be instituting an attendance incentive. For every month that a student has perfect attendance, they will be entered into an end-of-year drawing. The prize will be full payment for driver's education. This is something that can be used at any time in the student's time at EEA. Thank you for your help in getting your child to school!

Energy Assistance

If you are concerned about keeping up with energy bills this winter, a call to Wisconsin Public Service can be the answer. Working with WPS up front can prevent you from falling behind. WPS can help you with billing options, assistance programs, special payment arrangements and more. Additionally, you are encouraged to apply for financial assistance. WPS can provide information on energy assistance programs that will pay a portion of your winter heating costs if you qualify. Call 24-hour Customer Service at **800-450-7260**.

Open Enrollment

The window for open enrollment for Wisconsin Public Schools is February 6, 2017-April 28, 2017. Registration closes at 4:00 PM on April 28th and late applications will not be accepted for any reason. During this time, you are able to submit applications to attend school in a district that is not your own. Although on-line application is recommended, paper applications may be obtained from the Department of Public Instruction and must be delivered (hand delivery is recommended) to the nonresident school district. The website for on-line application is <http://oe.dpi.wi.gov/> If you are already enrolled in open enrollment, you do not have to reapply. For more information, contact Wausau School District-Pupil Services Department, Sheryl Kazda, 715-261-0570.