

THE EAGLES VIEW

ETHAN ALLEN SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

A Warm Welcome to October!

Dear Ethan Allen Families,

The leaves are turning and the crisp autumn air is finally here! We're excited to jump into October, a month full of exciting learning opportunities, from exploring historical figures to mastering new mathematical concepts in the classroom. We are so proud of how quickly our students have settled into their routines and are showing fantastic growth.

Crucial Update for Transitioning Families: High School Selection

We want to send a special and urgent note to our families preparing for the next step: **High School Selection is happening this month!**

For families of our older students, October is the window when most applications, open houses, and information sessions for high school admission take place. This is arguably one of the most important decisions you and your child will make this year, as choosing the right environment is key to future success.

We strongly encourage you to prioritize researching schools, attending information sessions, and meeting the important deadlines that are approaching quickly. The counselors are hosting a High School Selection information session on October 9th at 9:00 AM in the auditorium. The High School Selection application deadline is October 23rd. Please check the school district's website or contact our counselor's office for specific timelines and resources available to help you navigate this vital process.

Let's make this a productive and memorable month!

Warmest Regards,

Dr. Cassandra Houston, Principal



Calendar Highlights

- **October 2nd:** Yom Kippur-School Closed
- **October 10th:** Professional Development School Closed
- **October 13th:** Indigenous People Day-School Closed

Hello, Autumn!!!

The air is cool, the sky is clear. The harvest time for all is here. Red, yellow, orange leaves fall down, Floating softly through the town.

Pumpkins smile in every window, Where the autumn breezes blow. We zip our coats and crunch the ground, What lovely sounds the season's found!

A time for fun, a time for play, Happy fall to you today!





Since time immemorial, American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiian have built vibrant and diverse cultures – safeguarding land, language, spirit, knowledge and tradition across generations.

On Indigenous Peoples' Day, America celebrates the invaluable contributions and resilience of Indigenous peoples, recognizes their inherent sovereignty and commits to honoring the Federal Government's trust and treaty obligations to Tribal Nations.

Our country was conceived on a promise of equality and opportunity for all people – a promise that, despite the extraordinary progress we have made through the years, we have never fully lived up to. This is especially true when it comes to upholding the rights and dignity of the Indigenous people who were here long before colonization of the Americas began. For generations, Federal policies systemically sought to assimilate and displace Native people and eradicate Native cultures. Today we recognize and celebrate Indigenous Peoples' resilience and strength as well as the immeasurable positive impact that they have made on every aspect of American society.

This annual holiday (also called First People's Day or Native American Day) is celebrated on the second Monday in October, and began as a counter-celebration held on the same day as the U.S. federal holiday of Columbus Day which honors Italian explorer Christopher Columbus. In 2021 President Joe Biden formally commemorated the holiday with a presidential proclamation – however Indigenous People's Day is not a recognized holiday under U.S. Federal Law.

Many students learn the phrase, "In 1492, Columbus sailed the ocean blue". But Columbus was not the first explorer to land in the Americas. Neither he nor those who came before him discovered America – because Indigenous Peoples have populated the Western Hemisphere for tens of thousands of years. European contact resulted in devastating loss of life, disruption of tradition and enormous loss of lands for Indigenous Peoples in the Americas. It is estimated that in the 130 years following first contact, Native America lost 95% of its population.

Indigenous Peoples of the Western Hemisphere immediately experienced enslavement and theft of resources by the explorers turned settlers. Colonies created by the Portuguese, Spanish, French, Dutch and English grew throughout the Americas and increasingly encroached upon Native lives and lands. Indigenous Peoples Day is meant to recognize the painful history Indigenous people have faced and to celebrate their communities.

IM. K–5 Math

Fifth grade students started their unit 1 math lesson on volume. Students learned about volume and utilized unit cubes to make connections that volume is the space something takes up. Students built objects using unit cubes and then shared the volume of their objects with the class.

Transformer

Tower

Flower

Dog



We would like to thank our community partner Eat Right Philly for all of their generosity and support. They have provided various parent workshops and gifts



Ethan Allen has many clubs for your scholars to participate in. Some of the clubs that have started include:

Eco-Eagles

Choir

Dance and Drama

Please make sure to get your parent permission slips turned in and see Ms. Crawford, or Ms. Frazier for additional details.

OCTOBER DAYS OF SCHOOL

TREAT YOURSELF



EVERY DAY COUNTS START TO FINISH



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
				Yom Kippur Schools Closed		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
				7th Grade Zoo Trip	Staff Professional Dev. School Closed	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Indigenous People's Day Schools Closed			Student of the Month Assembly 1st Grade Zoo Trip		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
			5th Grade Franklin Institute Trip			
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Stay Connected!

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