

HELMWOOD HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY

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December 2018



Dates to Know

December 3-7

Book Fair

December 6

Christmas Showcase/
Family Night

December 12

FCS

December 17-Jan. 2

Christmas Break

January 3

Students return to
school



SNOW DAYS AND DELAYS DAYS

- Watch for information on ELIZABETHTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS when looking for closing or delay information.
- Delays mean EVERYTHING is delayed — including bus schedules and building opening. When EIS is on a delayed schedule, please note that includes the time we open the doors for the school day. A one-hour delay means our building will open at 8am. Students may not be dropped off before our doors are unlocked.

Students Absences

Please remember if your child is going to be absent from school on any given day, you need to call the office by 8:00am to make them aware that your child will not be at school. If your child is out for a doctor appointment, please make sure to get a note from the doctor in order for the absence/tardy to be excused. Once you reach your 7th full day absence, you will be considered truant and will have to have a doctors note for any absence here on out. You are also considered truant once you reach your 4th tardy, you will need a doctors note as well in order for it to be excused.

We continue to have a large number of items in our lost and found. Please be sure to label your student's belongings (coats/jackets, backpacks, lunch boxes) with your student's name, so his/her items can be returned if lost.

If your student has lost any personal belongings, please direct them to check the Lost and Found in the cafeteria. Any items left at the end of the year are donated to a local charity.

Visitors in the Building

We welcome all visitors at Helmwood Heights Elementary. In order to provide a safe and secure environment, ALL visitors are required to sign in at the school office and pick up a visitor's badge before entering the building. *This begins each day at 7:00am, when we open our doors for the day.*

You will also be asked for identification upon entry to the building, so be sure you have a state issued or military ID available.

Counselor's Corner

CHOOSE COMPASSION & KINDNESS

Compassion—helping others feel better and investing whatever is necessary to heal the hurt of others.

Attributes

- **Caring for others
- **Comfort for others without regard to race, gender, faith, age or nationality.
- **Giving of resources to help those in need.

Kindness—the quality of being friendly, generous, and considerate.

Attributes

- **Being supportive
- **Encouraging and inspiring to others who are having a hard time
- **Kindness is sometimes NOT saying something that would cause embarrassment or hurt to someone.
- **Kindness is telling a difficult, unwelcome truth in an honest, caring and considerate way.

Transportation

As a reminder, any changes in transportation for your student must be submitted in **writing** by 2pm each day. Transportation changes are not taken over the phone for safety and security purposes. Notes may be sent in with your student, dropped off in the office in person, or faxed to the attention of the office.

One Calls

The district One Call system is utilized throughout the school year to share information with our families, both at the school and district level. In order to be sure that you receive these calls for both HHES and Elizabethtown Independent Schools, please make sure we have the correct phone number on file for you. Please contact the office to update any of your student's information during the school year. *You can also access One Call texts by texting ALERT to 22300.*

Cough Drops

Please note that cough drops are considered medication and may not be sent to school with students. If your student requires cough drops, you will need to complete a Medication Permission form in the office, and the cough drops will be kept in the First Aid Room, where the student may ask for one as needed. They must be in the original packaging and labeled with the student's name.

FCS

**December 12th—FCS, Fellowship for Christian Students, 3rd-5th graders, will meet in the library from 7:20am-7:40am. Remember to eat your breakfast before you come.



"I don't believe in the kind of magic in my books. But I do believe something very magical can happen when you read a good book."

J. K. Rowling

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