



Ell-Saline Elementary

Finding the JOY in Education!

Parents & Teachers Working as PARTNERS at ESE



Education Funding in Kansas has been a constant topic as state revenue has decreased. Many reports in the media from legislators have focused on the percentage of funding dollars that go directly to classrooms and instruction. Those reports have stated less than 65% of funding dollars go towards instruction. The categories considered a part of instruction have been based on a narrow definition. The graphic below shares a more accurate and inclusive definition of the areas that impact student instruction. The inclusion of ALL the areas that impact instruction shows a state average just over 85%. That's a big difference. It's important to stay informed and to check out what you hear.



February 2016

- February 5**
Building Team Day
- February 8**
7:00 PM BOE Meeting
- February 9**
NO AFTER SCHOOL & PALS
- February 9**
5:00-8:00 CPTA Meal Night at Freddy's Frozen Custard
- February 9**
6:30-8:00 CPTA Skate Night
- February 10**
NO AFTER SCHOOL & PALS
- February 10**
4:15-8:15 PM Parent Teacher Conferences held
- February 11**
NO SCHOOL
- February 11**
7:00 AM—7:30 PM Parent Teacher Conferences held
- February 12**
NO SCHOOL
- February 15**
3:15 PM Valentine's Day Parties
- February 15**
6:30 PM CPTA Meeting
- February 16**
ESE Spring Pictures
- February 22**
Roundtable Discussion
- February 24**
6:00 PM School Improvement Council Meeting

CALENDAR CHANGE — CALENDAR CHANGE

- Wednesday, March 23 NO AFTER SCHOOL & PALS
- Thursday, March 24 NO SCHOOL In-Service Day

Valentine's Day Parties
February 15 at 3:15 PM



The Valentine's Day classroom parties will take place on Monday, February 15, at 3:15 PM. The change in our typical party schedule is related to the dates set aside for Parent Teacher Conferences. Students are welcome to bring Valentine's Day cards for their full class. The Classroom Communicators for each classroom are organizing treats, drinks, and napkins.

Elementary Service Project—Pennies for Patients



Our annual service project with the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society to support cancer research and education begins February 1 and ends February 19.

Loose change will be collected in each classroom. Weekly totals will be tallied and graphed. Students have received individual collection boxes they can take

home with them. This is an opportunity to "teach compassion, build character, and save lives...one penny at a time." Please contact Mrs. Wilson if you have questions. And send a few loose coins to school.

KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP

Kindergarten Round Up is scheduled for Wednesday, April 27.

If you have a child who will be 5 years old before September 1, 2016, please notify the elementary school office. We'd like to add your child to our anticipated enrollment list.

Each student and their parents will be invited to an hour long session on the day of Kindergarten Round Up. The session will include an information session for parents and a series of screenings for the incoming kindergarten student. Screening results will be sent home to parents after Round Up.

When to Keep Your Child Home From School



- If they have had a fever in the past 24 hours after you have stopped giving Tylenol or Ibuprofen.
- If they have been nauseated, had diarrhea or vomited in the past 24 hours.
- If they have muscle aches combined with fatigue.
- If they have nasal drainage or a productive cough that is green in color or worsening.

During cold and flu season, keeping your sick child home will help to decrease the number of school children affected.

Reading Renaissance Reading Comprehension Program CHALLENGE INCENTIVE

Goal & 1/2 Award—Each student can earn a prize for achieving individual point goals plus additional points equaling half their point goal. Students will select their own prize from the Goal & 1/2 Store.

Comprehension levels have increased for the Goal and 1/2 award. Students in Grades 1-2 will need to maintain 87% comprehension to qualify for the reward. Students in Grades 3-6 will need to maintain 90% comprehension to qualify for the reward.