

## New Information

As we approach the holiday season, I cannot help but count my blessings and to have a spirit of gratefulness and thanksgiving. I know that we are living in times where a lot is unknown, and that we are experiencing something that none of us have ever experienced before. In the midst of it all, it is important that we try to stay positive. I am thankful for the opportunity to lead your students and this amazing community each and every day 😊.

### The HARD Hat by Jon Gordon #WeCanDoHARDthings

#### Lesson #5 from the book: *Share Positive Contagious Energy*

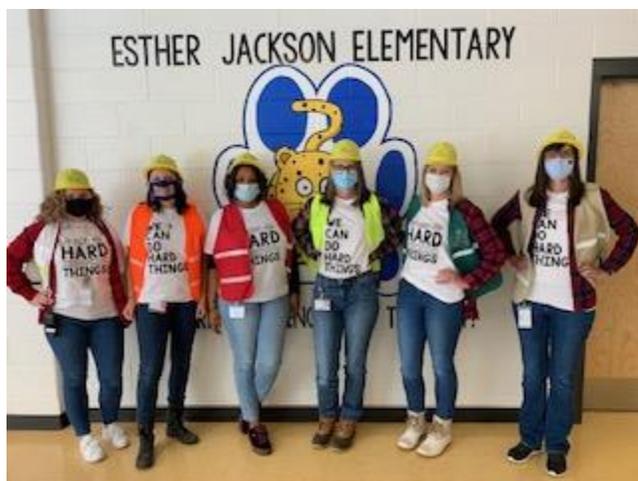
#### 10 ways to share Positive Contagious Energy:

1. Keep all your energy focused.
2. Work on accomplishing your goals.
3. Say a few affirmations each morning.
4. Find what's positive in others.
5. Keep your posture open.
6. Stay in the moment.
7. Dish out compliments.
8. Remember to take care of yourself.
9. Keep a daily gratitude list
10. Establish Healthy Boundaries.



### “Dress Up Day” Fun

Students enjoyed dressing up on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Admin even joined in on the fun. See below.



### Snack Donation

We have received several generous donations to our Snack Pantry this year and we are so grateful! I am still trying to determine who sent them so that I can personally thank them. We have the absolute best community, and we appreciate all of the support of our families. Thank You!

## COVID Reporting

If your child is attending school Face to Face, please make sure that you do not send them to school if they are experiencing COVID symptoms. In addition, do not send your child to school if he/she:

- has tested positive for COVID.
- is waiting for results of a COVID test.
- has been in direct contact (within 6 ft for 15 minutes or more) with someone diagnosed with COVID-19.

If any of the above applies, please remember to report your child's status using a computer, tablet, or mobile device at [www.fultonschools.org/ReportCOVID](http://www.fultonschools.org/ReportCOVID). Thank you for helping us keep our students and staff safe.

## Staffing Update

Today is Danielle Windley's last day at Esther Jackson. She was a valuable member of our ESOL team, and we will miss her. We wish Danielle the best of luck in all her future endeavors.

## Book Fair with Usborne Books & More

We are excited that some friends in our community are hosting a book fair with Usborne Books & More this week! These books are not only great quality, but many are also educational!

Shop anytime! [Simply click here](#) from 11/8 - 11/15. All books ship right to your home!

CHECK IT OUT! Our school earns 50% back in books for our classrooms. So, it's a win-win to purchase books for your home, knowing your child will benefit here at school as well! Please consider the book fair for some of your holiday shopping, too!

## Teacher and Staff Recognition

**EJ's Administrative Team (Beth Poole, Cailin Hannan, Erin Shurbutt, Jessica Hodge, Jocelyn Sheerin, Myriam Seoane)** – As a leader, one of the most important things you can do is surround yourself with a great team. When it comes to our admin team, I hit the jackpot! I am so fortunate to have a group of leaders who not only support my vision for our school, but they go above and beyond each and every day to support our teachers and students to meet their full potential. This quote sums it all up for me:

**“Great leaders** are not the *best at everything*. They find people who are **best at different things** and get them all on the same TEAM.” – Eileen Bistrisky

If you would like to recognize an EJ staff member, please complete this short form:

<https://tinyurl.com/StaffRecognitionEJ> We would love to hear from you!

## Dates to Remember

November 18 – College Day (spirit wear from favorite college)

November 23-27 – **Thanksgiving Break – NO SCHOOL**

December 14-December 18 – Grade level Holiday Parties

December 21-January 4 – **Winter Break/NO SCHOOL**

January 4 – Teacher Work Day – **NO SCHOOL for STUDENTS**

**January 5 – Second Semester Begins – Election Run-off NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**

January 14 – Parent University

January 18 – **Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday/NO SCHOOL**

## Recurring School and Community News

### Dismissal Changes

If you have a change to your child's dismissal, it is extremely important that you put it in writing and send it to school with your child. As a reminder for safety reasons, we can NOT accept emails or phone calls for dismissal

changes. If you email your child's teacher about a dismissal change during the school day, they have been instructed not to respond. If you have an emergency, please call the front desk and if possible, we will try to accommodate.

My door is always open, and I welcome your feedback.

In Partnership,  
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