



## E-II STUDENTS ARE OFF AND RUNNING!

We have had a wonderful beginning to the school year at E-II! The students have come to school with positive attitudes and ready to learn. You can stay involved in your child's education by asking them questions about their day such as, "What did you learn in math today?" or "What piece of literature or story did you read today?" or "Did you do a writing activity today?" Asking specific questions will help your child recall their day and remember specific information to share with you. Don't let them 'off the hook' by saying "I didn't learn anything." I can guarantee you that we don't go through a single day that your child doesn't learn something new or reinforce a concept that he/she is continuing to master.



## Bus Procedures

Please review again the procedures for the school bus with your child. When students follow the bus procedures, it keeps all students on the bus safe. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

### Bus Procedures

- **Be courteous**
- **The rules in your class apply to the bus.**
- **Do not eat or drink on the bus**
- **Keep the bus clean**
- **STAY IN YOUR SEAT!!!!**
- **Keep head, hands, and feet inside the bus**
- **Cooperate with the driver**

## FLU SEASON

### What You Can Do to Stay Healthy

There are everyday actions people can take to stay healthy.

- ✓ Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- ✓ Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective.
- ✓ Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

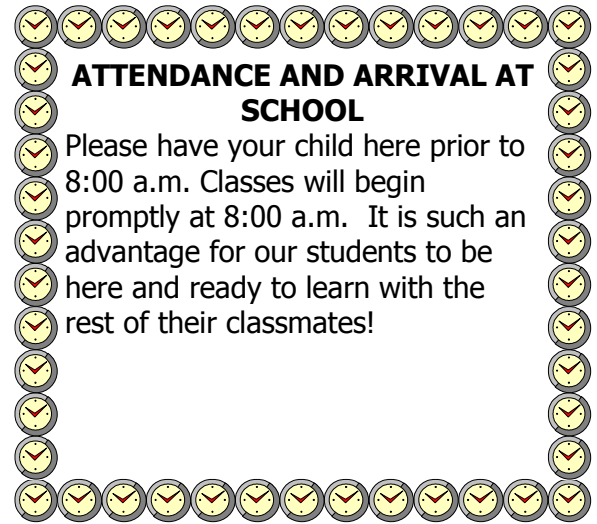
Try to avoid close contact with sick people.

- ✓ Influenza is thought to spread mainly person-to-person through coughing or sneezing of infected people.
- ✓ If you get sick, CDC recommends that you stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.

# WASH YOUR HANDS!

**E2 SPIRIT SHIRTS**  
**FRIDAY IS THE LAST DAY TO ORDER AN E-II SPIRIT SHIRT!** Students can purchase a t-shirt for \$10.00. Order forms are available in our office or from your child's teacher. Please put the form and the payment in an envelope labeled with your child's name and his/her teacher's name on the front.

# What's coming up?



## ATTENDANCE AND ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

Please have your child here prior to 8:00 a.m. Classes will begin promptly at 8:00 a.m. It is such an advantage for our students to be here and ready to learn with the rest of their classmates!

SEPTEMBER 2009	
Thurs., Sept. 3rd	PTO Meeting @ E2-6:00 pm
Fri., Sept. 4th	School Pictures T-Shirt Orders Due
Mon., Sept. 7th	No School-Labor Day
Mon., Sept. 14th	Grandparent's Day 1:00 p.m.
Mon., Sept. 21st	School Improvement Day Students Are NOT present
Tues., Sept. 22nd	Character Kid Awards-3rd Gr.
Mon., Sept. 28th	Character Kid Awards-4th Gr.

## Reconfiguration Decision Made for Republic Schools

At the board of education meeting in August the board made a decision regarding the future configuration of our buildings. As many of you are well aware, this has been the subject of discussion in various venues for nearly five years. Opening the new high school creates much needed relief in terms of space for our district, particularly for our elementary schools. At the same time, this move presents the district with an opportunity to impact student learning. After much deliberation and dialogue, the board unanimously adopted the following grade span configuration: K-5, 6-8, 9-12.

We will begin work immediately toward this transition. The high school is still planning to move into their new structure this coming December. In the summer of 2010 grades 6-8 will move to the current high school, and other buildings will be reconfigured K-5. We are convinced that the reconfiguration of our elementary schools will impact student learning in a very positive manner.

Please know that the board spent months--even years--pondering on this matter. This decision did not come easily. There are certainly many issues that were considered in the course of the dialogue. None, however, was more important than this--student learning. The board wanted to be certain that whatever was done was best for children. A fundamental concept that continued to surface in discussions related to reducing student transitions. We know from the research that increasing transitions has a negative impact on children. Those who we must consider first will benefit the most, children of this community.

If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact our administrative offices. Dr. Vern Minor will be in attendance at the PTO meeting Thursday, September 3rd to do a short presentation and answer any questions you may have regarding this issue.

**Looking for Republic District or E-2 Information?**

- Watch our website: [www.republicschools.org](http://www.republicschools.org)  
[www.republicschools.org/e2](http://www.republicschools.org/e2)
- Enroll in the district Parent List Serve to receive email updates about the district.  
<http://lists.more.net/mailman/listinfo/republicparentnews>
- Watch Local Cable Access: Channel 9
- E-2 Office 732-3620

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