THE EAGLE EXPRESS

Monthly News from the Principal's Desk
Mrs. Sara Griffin

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Principal's Message

November is a good reminder to slow down and appreciate the people who make a difference in our lives. I'm grateful for our students, who bring curiosity and laughter to our days; our staff, who put so much heart into their work; and our families, who trust us and work alongside us. Even on challenging days, there is good worth noticing—a kind word, a helping hand, or a student proud of their progress. This month, I hope we all take a moment to notice those things and let someone know they're appreciated.

Thank you for being part of our Hale family. I'm thankful to be here with you. ~ Mrs. Griffin

Important Upcoming Dates

11/5	Parent Teacher Conferences 4pm-7pm
11/6	Parent Teacher Conferences 8am-11am, **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**
11/10-11/13	Book Fair
11/10	Picture Retakes
11/11	Veteran's Day Assembly @ 1:30 pm
11/12 & 11/13	Grandparents Day
11/13	PTO Popcorn Friday
11/20	K-5 Thanksgiving Family Feast
11/25	Half Day- Dismissal @ 12:00 pm
11/26 & 11/27	NO SCHOOL- Thanksgiving Break

K-5 News

Our elementary students celebrated Halloween with our traditional Trunk or Treat! A huge thank-you to the parents and local businesses who volunteered their time to pass out candy, and to our PTO for organizing this fun tradition. We appreciate everyone who helped make the day special for our students—it's a wonderful reminder of the community we have here at Hale!

6-12 News

As we head into November, we encourage our secondary students to keep building habits that support their success—staying organized, following through on assignments, and asking for help when they need it. A quick conversation at home about what students are learning, what is going well, and where they might need support can make a difference. Thank you for partnering with us as we help our students grow in confidence, responsibility, and independence!

Students of the Month

Congratulations to our October Students of the Month!

These students work hard academically, continue to meet our Eagle expectations and demonstrate our SOAR and WINGS characteristics! Keep up the good work to all our Hale Eagles.



Family Reminders

School Hours: 8am-3pm
Breakfast Served: 7:30 am-8am
Office Hours: 7am-4pm
Office Phone: 989-728-3551

Attendance

- Please call the office or use the school app to report an absence for your child.

Eagle Pride Spotlight: Rudy Frank *ELA Teacher 6-12*



This November, we're shining our staff spotlight on **Rudy Frank!** Rudy has been part of the Hale team for two years and has worked in education for three years. His favorite part of working at Hale is the care students show one another. "I love how our students here genuinely care about each other," he shared.
One thing that always makes him smile is when students stop by his classroom in the morning to share how well they did in their game the night before. Those everyday connections are a special part of his day!
Outside of school, Rudy enjoys reading, hunting, and fishing. Given the choice, you'll find him spending a day at the lake!
We're thankful to have you as part of our Eagle family, Rudy!

Classroom & Curriculum Highlights

In our K–5 classrooms, students are building their reading skills through UFLI and Wonders. UFLI supports foundational skills such as connecting letters and sounds and reading words, while Wonders provides opportunities to build vocabulary, explore texts, and strengthen comprehension. Across grade levels, our goal is for students to understand what they are learning, explain their thinking, and apply their skills. Families can support this by asking, "What is something you learned this week?" or "Can you show me how you figured that out?" These simple conversations give students a chance to reflect and help families stay connected to classroom learning.

Counseling / Student Support

November is a great time to practice gratitude, strengthen connections, and celebrate growth! Here are a few simple ways to support your child's well-being at home:

- **Share a bright spot.** Take turns naming something good from your day—even the little things count!
- **Celebrate effort.** Notice when your child tries something challenging, shows kindness, or asks for help.
- **Make time to connect.** Reading together, taking a walk, or enjoying a few minutes of conversation can help your child feel valued and heard.
- **Practice kindness.** Encourage your child to thank someone, include a classmate, or lend a helping hand.

Small, everyday moments help children build confidence and a sense of belonging. Thank you for partnering with us to help our Eagles grow!

Upcoming Opportunities

PTO- if you are interested in helping/supporting our PTO please reach out haleschoolspto@gmail.com or connect to their Facebook page @ https://www.facebook.com/HaleParents

Hale Sports Boosters- if you are interested in helping/supporting our sports boosters please reach out to the office and we will connect you or find them on Facebook @ https://www.facebook.com/HaleEaglesSportsBoosters

Thank you for partnering with us. Go Eagles!

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