Welcome to the Best Year Ever to be an Eakin Eagle!

It’s great to have your family as part of the Eakin Community.

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School hours: 8:00am-3:00pm

School website: schools.mnps.org/eakin-elementary-school/
District calendar: mnps.org/district-calendar/

PTO website: eakinpto.org (Sign up for email alerts and follow our Facebook page)
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Message from the Principal

At Eakin IB World School, we are committed to providing a rigorous educational experience in a strong community that recognizes positive behavior and values diversity. By working together across the faculty, staff, and families, we can ensure that all of our students receive the educational experiences needed to reach their full potential. We understand that the relationship between home and school is the catalyst for growth and success.

Throughout the year, I hope that you develop a strong relationship with your child’s teacher. Open communication is essential. Should you have any questions or concerns, please always reach out to the PTO or contact me. For those of you new to Eakin, I look forward to meeting you and welcome you to our wonderful school community. For those of you returning, I look forward to seeing you around school again this year.

Hopefully this Parent Guide gives you an overview of our school policies and plans for the year as a supplement to the MNPS District Handbook. Be sure to also check the annual school event calendar posted on the Eakin PTO website.

It is a privilege to serve the Eakin community and to know that the next great leaders of Nashville walk through our doors every day. We’re going to have a great year – in fact, I believe this will be the best year ever to be an Eakin Eagle!

Let’s SOAR,

Eric Hartfelder
Principal
Eakin IB World School
School Policies & Start of School Logistics

Each grade level will hold an Orientation Night in August when your child’s teacher will share specific classroom expectations and procedures:

- Kindergarten: August 13th at 6:00 PM
- 1st and 2nd Grade: August 15th at 6:00 PM
- 3rd and 4th Grade: August 20th at 6:00 PM

The following general guidelines apply school-wide. If you have any questions, please email EakinPTO@gmail.com.

School Supply Lists

Grade level school supply lists are available on the PTO website and Facebook account. Be sure to check these out and bring school supplies the first week of school.

Some teachers may have special “wish list” items, so you can always check with your teacher if you are able to offer more support.

School Dress Code

The school dress code is posted on the PTO website. Students have two options every day:

1. Students may wear any short or long-sleeved solid-colored shirt with a collar along with bottoms consisting of solid blue, navy, black, gray, or khaki shorts, pants, skirts, jumpers, or dresses, but no denim.
2. Students may also wear Eakin logo shirts any day with blue, navy, black, gray, or khaki shorts, pants, skirts, jumpers, or dresses, but no denim.

A solid-colored blazer, sweater, vest, jacket, fleece, or sweatshirt (hooded sweatshirts are allowed, but the hood should not be worn in the building) may be worn over any solid-colored shirt with a collar or any Eakin logo shirt.

On Fridays only, students may wear blue or black denim jeans with either a solid-colored shirt with a collar or an Eakin logo shirt. Jeans should be plain and in good condition, without holes, frayed edges, sequins, or colorful designs down the front, back, or sides.

Eakin logo shirts are always available for purchase on the PTO website online store. A physical inventory of these items will be available for purchase at major school events. Prices from the physical inventory are lower than online since we receive bulk pricing.
Breakfast

Breakfast will be served for free each day in the classroom when students arrive. Breakfast menus are posted monthly on the Metro Nashville Public School website.

Lunch

Students may purchase lunch at school or may bring a lunch from home.

For all Eakin students, except those who meet district qualifications for free or reduced lunch, there is a $2.75 cost to purchase lunch at school. Lunch menus are posted monthly on the Metro Nashville Public School website.

This $2.75 cost can be paid in cash daily or you can open an account for your student. To open an account you can either directly deposit money by visiting the Eakin cafeteria yourself or by sending in larger bills of money or a check made payable to “Eakin Cafeteria” in an envelope labeled with your students’ name and the words “Lunch Account.” Your student can give these envelopes to the student’s teacher who will send it to the cafeteria. When accounts are low, the cafeteria will advise your student so you can add funds. Students will still be fed lunch, even if their account reaches a zero balance. However, you will receive callout and email messages from the district until the student’s account debt is paid.

On days that students choose to bring their own lunch from home, please send items that do not require refrigeration until the lunch period and be aware that it is not possible to heat any items at school. Also, please ensure that all food is packaged in containers that your student can easily open. Remember that students are not allowed to share with their friends at lunch.

We remind parents that you are invited to join your student for lunch any day in the Eakin cafeteria – just remember to sign in at the school office. Lunch for visiting adults can be purchased for $4.00 per day. Please see the “Lunch Visit” section under Family Involvement in this Guide for more information on joining your student for lunch.

Lunch times by grade level for the 2019-2020 school year will be as follows (check with your child’s teacher for the exact start and end time as classes arrive staggered over the first 10 minutes to avoid lines in the cafeteria and leave 30 minutes after they arrive):

- Kindergarten: 10:30 to 11:10 AM
- 1st Grade: 12:30 to 1:10 PM
- 2nd Grade: 11:35 AM to 12:10 PM
- 3rd Grade: 11:05 AM to 11:45 AM
- 4th Grade: 12:00 to 12:35 PM
Snacks

Our school policy is that all students are welcome to bring an individual snack each day that does not require assistance with opening. Individual teachers may set guidelines on acceptable snacks and when they can be enjoyed.

Children in grades 1 through 4 may bring an individual snack to eat during the day. Some classes have a formal snack time, while other teachers allow a student to eat a snack if the student asks when hungry. All snacks are in addition to breakfast and lunch available every day.

Kindergarten students should bring an individual snack for the first three weeks of school. At the August Kindergarten orientation, teachers will have a sign-up for parents to bring weekly snacks for the whole class.

Morning Drop Off & Afternoon Pick-Up Procedures

We have three options for students coming to school and being picked up at the end of the day:

1. **Bus Riders:** Bus riders will arrive and depart on their set bus schedule. [Bus stop and route information](#) is available on the Metro Nashville Public Schools website.
2. **Car Riders:** Car riders may be dropped in the front circle off of 26th Avenue beginning at 7:30 AM. Students arriving before 7:45 AM will be welcomed by teachers into the building and directed to a waiting area. At 7:45 AM, students may begin walking to their classrooms. Drop off ends promptly at 8:00 AM. Pickup begins at 3:00 PM. Please see the detailed procedures for car rider drop-off and pick-up below.
3. **Walkers:** Walkers may enter the building through the Fairfax doors beginning at 7:45 AM and can be picked up on the steps outside the doors at 3:00 PM. Students who do not live in the immediate neighborhood around Eakin are welcome to park with a caregiver on nearby streets and walk to the Fairfax entrance. Please see the detailed procedures for walker drop-off and pick-up below.

All students must be in the building by 8:00 AM for school to begin promptly. Any students arriving after 8:00 AM will need to go to the main office with a responsible adult to be signed in.

In order to ensure all students are brought to the proper dismissal point, please notify your child’s teacher by email before the end of the first day of school whether your child will be picked up by bus or car, will be a walker, or will go to an aftercare program. During the year, please send a note in with your child or email your child’s teacher if you need to change their normal dismissal for a particular day or if your child will be picked up by anyone different than usual.

A reminder for our kindergarten families, the first days of school on August 5th will be a half day with pickup at 11:30 AM.

As the school year starts, parents and caregivers will be invited into the school building through the Fairfax walkers entrance for the first week of school, August 5th through 9th, to walk students to
their classroom. Starting on August 12th – it will be independence day and goodbyes must be said before students enter the building and walk themselves to class. Don’t worry, staff will be available to help students throughout the halls.

**Car Rider Drop Off/Arrival Procedures (7:30-8:00 AM):**

- Enter through the main circle on 26th Avenue. The inside (right) lane is the only lane in use for arrival.
- Drive slowly and do not to pass other cars by going into the left lane for any reason.
- Pull all the way to the second cross walk STOP sign on the pavement if you are the first car when you arrive in the circle. Do not stop in front of the Main Office entrance. All others cars should follow by driving as far down the circle as possible before stopping to let children out.
- Please have your children ready to exit with all belongings when the car stops.
- Children should exit on the passenger side of the car only after your vehicle has passed the flower bed at the front of the school and the car is along the sidewalk.
- Children should be taught how to open and close the car door.
- Remember, it is illegal to text or talk on your cell phone during drop-off.

**Car Rider Dismissal Procedures:**

- Dismissal begins at 3:00 PM (Starting at 2:45 PM, you are allowed to park in the circle to await dismissal).
- Drive slowly as you enter the main circle on 26th Avenue, filling up the (right) inside lane first, then the outer (left) lane, pulling up as close as possible to the car in front of you.
- If both lanes are full, please circle the block to avoid blocking traffic on the street. Do not block traffic on the street, residential drive ways, or alley.
- Have your child’s name displayed on a visible paper or card in the windshield of your car. A teacher will walk down the car line and note names to call for dismissal.
- Students will remain seated and supervised in the front entry of the building until the supervising teachers and staff determine that it is safe to load cars.
- Remain in your car, your child will be directed to walk to the car.
- If you are parked along the flower bed before the sidewalk, your car will be loaded in the next group.
- If for any reason your child is not with the car rider students, you will be directed to park in the lower parking lot at the end of the main circle and to go into the office to locate your child.
- Pay close attention to teacher and staff directions. Do not move your car until directed to do so!
- When directed to move your vehicle, make a right turn onto 26th Avenue or proceed straight Acklen Avenue onto to exit, but left turns onto 26th Avenue are not allowed.
- Remember, it is illegal to text or talk on your cell phone during pick-up.

**Walker Arrival Procedures:**

- A walker is any student who is not dropped off by car or bus. These students may live in the neighborhood and walk to school. Students who do not live in the immediate neighborhood around Eakin are welcome to park with a caregiver on nearby streets and walk to the entrance.
- Enter through the Fairfax Avenue center set of doors.
• If you park your car in the neighborhood, please use legal street parking. Please avoid using school parking lots during arrival and dismissal.
• Please cross streets only at designated crosswalks. Please use sidewalks for safety and avoid walking through any parking lots.

**Walker dismissal procedures:**
• Students will be supervised at the Fairfax Avenue center set of doors at 3:00 PM for pick-up. During inclement weather, students may wait inside the gymnasium for dismissal and will be sent out when parents or caregivers arrive.
• Students should high five or say goodbye to the supervising teacher before leaving.
• Students who walk home alone, should leave the grounds upon dismissal. These students should provide their teacher with a letter of permission from a parent or caregiver.

**Parents & Caregivers in the Eakin Building**

Parents are welcome to volunteer or join your student for lunch. However, all parents and caregivers must sign in at the Eakin office any time you enter the building during the school day.

The only exception to this will be that parents and caregivers will be invited into the school building through the Fairfax walker’s entrance for the first two weeks of school, August 5th through 16th, to walk your students to their classrooms. All parents should exit the school building by 8:00 AM on these days.

**Student Attendance & Absences**

The student attendance policy is set by Metro Nashville Public Schools and is covered in the district’s [Family Handbook](#). Excused absences may include missing school because of illness or observation of a religious holiday. As a reminder, family trips and vacations should be planned during school breaks as these are not considered an excused absence.

Whenever your child will be absent, you should email your classroom teacher (please find email addresses in the contact section of this Guide) if possible or else call the Eakin office. Then, please send a written note upon your student’s return to school. At the family orientation sessions in August, teachers will share any classroom specific procedures for you to report an absence.

**Student Safety**

Student safety is of utmost concern at Eakin. We appreciate your understanding of our safety policies. All students must be signed-in and signed-out of the building at any time if they arrive after the start of the school day or leave before the end of the school day. All visitors to the school, including family and parents, must sign-in and out at the Main Office so we know who is in the building at any given time.
All external doors to the building are to be kept locked at all times. To enter the Main Office doors from the parking lot and traffic circle on 26th Avenue, you will need to press the intercom located on the right-hand doors. Please be understanding as the office staff inquires of the reason for your visit.
Family Involvement

Volunteer

At Eakin, families are encouraged to get involved in the school community. We have many programs for parents and caregivers to help out during the school day and beyond. These include:

- Eakin school tour guides
- Room Parents
- Football Parking Attendants (during Vanderbilt home games)
- Library Helpers (orientation provided in August)
- Lunchroom Help
- Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students)
- PTO Event Helpers
- General Volunteers as Needed

Look for volunteer signup sheets for each of these programs at all start-of-year events. Information on volunteer needs and signups will also be posted on the PTO website.

In addition, to these school-wide needs, Eakin teachers can often use help in the classroom with projects, reading, or student help. If you have time available, please check with your student’s teacher(s). Teachers will describe their procedures for requesting classroom volunteers and selecting room parents at the August grade-level orientation sessions.

Lunch Visits

Parents and caregivers are invited to join your student for lunch any day in the Eakin cafeteria – just remember to sign in at the school office. Lunch for visiting adults can be purchased for $4.00 per day.

Parents and caregivers at lunch are welcome to sit with your student’s class. Additionally, you are welcome to join your student in the Eagle’s Nest parent dining room or in the outdoor seating (weather permitting) if you prefer quieter spots for conversation. Students are welcome to invite one friend to join for lunch with a parent or caregiver in the Eagle’s Nest parent dining room, but not at the outdoor seating since it is outside of the school building facility. When dining outdoors, parents/caregivers and students must remain together to ensure safety as the tables are outside school doors and adjacent to a heavily trafficked parking lot.

During lunch, please refrain from taking photographs of groups of students or with multiple students in the background. As a part of student privacy, the district has a policy on student photographs and posting such photos to the internet.
Birthday Celebrations

We recognize that birthdays are an important milestone for every child that warrants celebration. At Eakin we want to make birthdays special, but also avoid disrupting classroom instruction. Teachers will always find ways to celebrate birthdays in the classroom.

Students are welcome to bring non-food birthday treats, such as pencils, bracelets, erasers, notepads, or other items, to share with their classmates. Any child who is sharing a non-food treat, should bring it to school in the morning or have an adult drop the treat at the school office at a time agreed upon with the teacher. All birthday treats should be arranged with the teacher (via email found in contact section of this guide) in advance. Unexpected treats may not be accepted depending upon the set schedule for the day.

We ask that you not send in food treats to share for your child’s birthdays due to allergies and food restrictions that other students may have. You are welcome to send in an individual treat for your student to have on their birthday at lunch or at snack.

Key Dates & Events

For an official school year calendar of dates when school is in session and all school breaks, Metro Nashville Public Schools has posted an academic calendar on their website.

A full calendar of Eakin events for the 2019-2020 school year is posted on the PTO website and will be updated with any changes as the year progresses. Throughout the year, many community building events will be held at Eakin. Information on each will be sent home before the event and also posted on the PTO website and Facebook account. These are listed on the Eakin Event calendar.

Key dates to note as we start the school year are:

- **First Day of School**: August 5. School begins at 8 AM for all students. Kindergarten will have a half day with dismissal at 11:30 AM on August 5. All other grades will dismiss at 3 PM.
- **Boohoo-Yahoo Breakfast**: August 5 – Join fellow parents from 7:45 to 9:00 AM in the Eakin Auditorium
- **First Eakin PTO meeting**: August 12 at 6:00 PM. Come find out how to get involved at Eakin.
- **Grade-Level Family Orientations**: come meet students’ teachers and to learn about the plans for the year. Each session will begin in the auditorium and then break from there to go to your student’s classroom.
  - Kindergarten orientation will be on August 13 from 6:00 to 7:30 PM.
  - 1st and 2nd Grade orientation will be on August 15 from 6:00 to 7:30 PM.
  - 3rd and 4th grade orientation will be on August 20 from 6:00 to 7:30 PM.
- **Eakin Family Open House**: October 29 at 6:00 PM. Come see what students are working on in the classroom:
- **Parent-Teacher Conferences**: November 8. Teachers will communicate sign-ups and logistics as the date approaches.
Contacting Your Child’s Teacher

Whenever you have any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to your child’s teacher. Open communication between school and home is essential to ensure students flourish. You can send in a note with your child or send an email (see email addresses in the contact information section of this Guide). Please know that teacher’s primary focus during the school day is on instruction, but you should hear from your teacher either after school or the next morning.

Formal parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for November 8th to review student progress. A second day of parent-teacher conferences is available on March 13th. However, you do not need to wait for a formal parent-teacher conference date to meet with your child’s teacher! If you would like to talk with your student’s teacher about academic progress or other concerns, simply let the teacher know you would like to schedule time to meet. Your child’s teacher will offer available times that may work before, during, or after the school day.

Communication

Communication is vital for staying up-to-date on what is happening in and out of the classroom for students.

- **Communication from MNPS:** expect to receive periodic call outs and emails
  
  You should automatically be on this list once you’re enrolled at Eakin. If you are not receiving MNPS call outs, talk with the Eakin Main Office to make sure your families’ phone numbers are listed correctly.

- **Communication from Eakin:** Mr. Hartfelder gives regular weekly call outs and emails with updates on Sunday evenings
  
  You should automatically be on this list once you’re enrolled at Eakin. If you are not receiving call outs and emails from Mr. Hartfelder, talk with the Eakin Main Office to make sure your family’s phone numbers and email addresses are listed correctly.

- **Communication from PTO:** website, Facebook, and email newsletter list. You are encouraged to visit website and follow Facebook regularly
  

- **Communication from Room Parents:** email and class Bloomz webpages
  
  Talk with your room parent if you have questions about communication within the class. Make sure your room parent and classroom teacher have your correct email address.

- **Communication from teacher:** expect a weekly newsletter or email update
  
  Talk with your teacher if you have questions about communication. Make sure they have your correct email address.
Student Programs & Supports

Clubs

Eakin offers an extensive after-school club program running each semester, once in the fall and once in the spring. Information on fall clubs will be available shortly after the start of the school year.

Eakin Exchange Program

The Eakin Exchange is a way for our community to share gently used clothing that meets the Eakin Dress Code. Clothes may be donated in the blue bin outside of the main office. Any donated clothing should be washed first and be free of stains and holes.

Clothing from the Exchange is available to all Eakin students and families. The Exchange cart will be available at most school events. This is a great source for free, appropriate school attire. You can also contact Ms. Rachel Hippel, Eakin’s Family Involvement Coordinator, by email at Rachel.Hippel@mnps.org.

After-School Care Programs

If you require care for your student after school, we invite you to contact one of the following programs:

- Eakin Care Program: eakincareprogram@gmail.com or 615-298-8062
- Eakin at Harris Hillman: 615-298-4049
- YMCA Fun Company: twells@ymcamidtn.org or 615-259-3418

The Eakin Care Program (ECP) and YMCA Fun Company are in the Eakin building. Eakin at Harris Hillman (EHH) is next door at the Harris Hillman School, another Metro Nashville Public School. Students will be escorted to EHH each day after school.

If space is not available at ECP, EHH, or Fun Company, please be aware that the Boys and Girls Club of Middle Tennessee and the Salama Urban Ministries Center both offer after school care accessible by bus from Eakin.
Eakin Academics & Instructional Information

International Baccalaureate Program

Eakin is an International Baccalaureate World School, following the IB Primary Years Program. In the primary years, IB is an inquiry-based method of instruction that “challenges students to think for themselves and take responsibility for their learning as they explore local and global issues and opportunities in real-life contexts.” Through IB, students are actively engaged in their own learning by drawing on prior knowledge, applying it to new experiences, and reflecting on new discoveries. Teachers model questioning statements aloud and encourage students add the words “I wonder” to their vocabulary. In so doing, students are encouraged to question, consider, and refine their understanding of the world across local, domestic, and international levels. The end result of IB should be to develop “global citizens” who are open-minded and caring. Learning in the IB program takes place under six main themes:

1. Who we are
2. How we share the planet
3. How we express ourselves
4. How the world works
5. How we organize ourselves
6. Where we are in place and time.

Within the IB framework, student achievement is assessed for understanding, acquisition of knowledge, mastery of skills, and the ability to take responsible actions. Starting in kindergarten, students engage in cross-disciplinary IB units throughout each year. Recent examples of IB units have included in-depth study on many topics: animal habitats and lifecycles (kindergarten), Tennessee history and geography (1st grade), Ellis Island and immigration to the United States (2nd Grade), exploration about other countries and cultures (3rd grade), and the American Revolution (4th grade).

Each quarter, students receive progress reports that track their progress in the IB curriculum; these IB reports supplement the standard Metro Nashville Public Schools report cards for academic subject areas. In fourth grade, students undertake an in-depth collaborative project about a real-life issue or problem. This project, known as the IB exhibition, provides an opportunity for fourth graders to share the full IB learner profile that they have developed.

IB is a way of providing instruction. Within the IB framework, Eakin is still responsible for ensuring that students are meeting the instructional requirements of the state of Tennessee at each grade level.

Classroom Instruction and Schedules

In kindergarten, first, and second grade, students at Eakin have a primary classroom teacher who may be supported by aides and/or paraprofessionals based on the needs of students in the classroom. In third and fourth grades at Eakin, instruction utilizes a team structure where students
have two or three teachers. Each teacher on a team has a focus in one or more academic subject (English Language Arts, Math, Science, or Social Studies). Students in these grades rotate classrooms during the day.

At August orientation, your student’s teacher will share their daily classroom schedule. Each day, all Eakin students will participate in English Language Arts (ELA) and Math instructional blocks. These blocks include whole group standards-based instruction and targeted small group instruction. During small groups, students are grouped to reinforce core concepts and skills in order to improve understanding and application of academic content. As an IB school, Science and Social Studies will often be integrated into ELA and Math instruction through high quality texts and rigorous math tasks, but are also taught as subjects in their own right.

In addition to general classroom instruction, each day at Eakin also includes time for lunch, an outdoor recess, a related arts class, and 45 minutes of “i-Time”. More information on these is below.

**i-Time**

Eakin follows Tennessee standards for providing Multi Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS). Within this framework, all students receive general instruction from their classroom teacher. When students are not advancing at an appropriate level within the general instruction curriculum, assessments are used to plan appropriate interventions to meet specific needs.

Using multiple screening and assessment measures, such as the Fastbridge assessment, Measures of Academic Progress (MAP), Text Level Assessments (TLA), and classroom achievement, Eakin students are screened throughout the year for their reading and mathematics abilities. These achievement measures help set goals for student’s learning growth and to assess a student’s academic performance. Across time, results can be used to track improvement. Assessment scores will be shared with families during the year in reports sent home with your student. You can also ask your teacher at any time to share results of any screenings or assessments.

Using these multiple assessment measures, Eakin groups students by ability level to provide individualized instruction each day at a student’s current level. Called “i-Time” this individualized instruction provides an opportunity for accelerated learning, interventions, and ability appropriate instruction depending on a student’s needs. During the i-Time period, all students are receiving individualized instruction at their level every day. Students who need a challenge can receive one. Similarly, students who are not advancing at an appropriate level within the general instruction curriculum can receive appropriate interventions to meet specific needs.

Be sure to ask your student’s teacher should you have any questions about your student’s assessments or i-Time placements.
Related Arts

Beyond the general classroom, all students at Eakin participate in a rich related arts curriculum. Students will go to a related art each day with the students from their general instruction classroom. The related arts curriculum is structured on a five-day rotation so each week all students will receive the full rotation. In this weekly rotation, students will attend the following related arts classes:

1. Music Education
2. Art
3. Spanish (Foreign Language)
4. Physical Education – offered twice weekly to make a five-day related arts rotation

Recess

At Eakin, we believe that all students need to have time for physical activity each day. In addition to physical education twice each week, all students have an outdoor recess daily. For this reason, we encourage students to wear athletic shoes each day. Students in kindergarten and first grade have recess on the playground immediately outside their classrooms behind the school. Students in second through fourth grades have recess on the larger playground and ball courts behind the school on the Southern edge of Fannie Mae Dees park.

Please also be sure to send a coat with your child for recess on cold days. In times of inclement weather, outdoor recess may be moved to an indoor location.

Social Emotional Support & Behavior Management

Eakin utilizes the Positive Behavior Intervention & Supports (PBIS) as its school-wide approach to developing community and managing student behavior. Under PBIS, Eakin seeks to define, teach, and support appropriate behaviors that creates a positive school environment in the classroom and throughout the school (hallways, cafeteria, buses, etc.). Rather than responding to specific student misbehavior with a punishment-based strategy, we seek to reinforce positive social behavior at Eakin.

Since we are the Eakin Eagles, we use the acronym S.O.A.R. to give common language to the positive behavior we seek to build as a community by being:

Safe
On Task
Acting responsibly
Showing Respect.

When talking with teachers, this SOAR framework gives common language for everyone in the school for discussing student progress and concerns.
Under PBIS, we work to teach behavior expectations and to reward students for following these expectations rather than waiting for misbehavior to occur. In the classroom, teachers will recognize positive student behavior. Additionally, students can earn tickets for appropriate behavior. These tickets may be redeemed in the “SOAR store” for prizes throughout the year, which may include small toys or privileges like extended recess or the ability to eat lunch in the classroom with their teacher.
Contact Information:
Faculty and Staff List & Email Addresses

Our faculty and staff work hard to ensure all children at Eakin receive a world class education, in a safe and loving environment. People are the core of the Eakin community. This year we welcome several faculty and staff as new Eakin Eagles:

- Abigail Warren, P.E. Teacher
- Beth Asbell, Kindergarten
- Candashia Polk, 3rd Grade
- Dionne Brown, Music Education
- Erica Reynolds, School Counselor
- Jasmine Brooks, 3rd Grade
- Jeanie Crouch, 1st Grade
- Jennifer Newman, 4th Grade
- Jessica Jarrett, 4th Grade
- Julie Gembra, Exceptional Education
- Kathleen Couch, 1st Grade
- Kirsten Clark, Dean of Instruction

You will have a chance to meet Eakin Administration and all your child’s teachers at the Grade-Level Orientation nights in August.

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