



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello Sherman Families,

It's hard to believe how fast the weeks are flying by. The sun is shining longer and the unseasonably warm weather has made it feel like spring. Just a reminder that we still require boots during recess, since it is wet and muddy outside, so continue to send those to school. Friendly reminder to you all that we don't have supervision in the mornings until 8:20 a.m. Please make sure to drop your student off after that time so we know our Sherman Stars are supervised and safe.

You should've received your student's progress report by now. Please reach out to us if you haven't and we'll help get those to you. We are beginning to prepare for Family Teacher Conferences (February 29), which will be a great opportunity to ask any questions regarding your student's progress. Teachers will be sending out their Bookings link in the next few weeks to begin the process of signing up for a conference spot. Same as the fall, you have the option of virtual, phone-call, or in-person conferences. If you need assistance, just reach out and we will help you schedule.

One last thing, Book Fair! We are finalizing plans and will be offering a chance for families to check it out on Thursday, February 29th during conferences. We hope you will stop by!

Have a great weekend and take care!

Sincerely,

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

FEBRUARY

- February 5th - 9th: School Counseling Week
- February 6th: Culver's Night
- February 7th: Kindergarten Field Trip
- February 13th: SSC Meeting
- February 23rd: Friendship Tea
- February 29th: Conferences - No School for Students

MARCH

- March 1st: All Schools CLOSED
- March 4th: Professional Learning Day - No School for Students
- March 5th: Culver's Night
- March 6th: "A Night Under the Stars"
- March 6th - 21st: Read-A-Thon
- March 12th: SSC Meeting
- March 25th-29th: Spring Break - All Schools CLOSED

APRIL

- April 2nd: Culver's Night
- April 2nd - 28th: Forward Testing
- April 8th & 10th: 3rd Grade Field Trip
- April 9th: SSC Meeting
- April 15th: Professional Learning Day - No School for Students
- April 18th: 1st Grade Field Trip

IMPORTANT LINKS:

[Community Events & Resources](#)

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[Website](#) | [Facebook](#)

[SPED Family Engagement Newsletter](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sherman Friendship Tea

It's that time of year again! Sherman's annual Friendship Tea will be on February 23rd. If you would like to volunteer or donate items, please use the link or QR code below. You may also return this form to school.

<https://forms.office.com/r/G0M81aBMU4>



Please have all donations to Sherman Elementary no later than Monday, February 19th.

Questions? Please contact:

Kate Brock - Partnership Coordinator - kbrock1@ecasd.us or 715-852-4807

2024-2025 School Year Calendar Approved by School Board

Our School Board approved the 2024-2025 School Year Calendar at the January 22, 2024, School Board meeting. Please go to [2024-2025 School Year Calendar \(pdf\)](#) for details.

MINDFUL MONDAY FEBRUARY 5

BEING MINDFUL MEANS BEING AWARE OF YOUR OWN AND OTHER PEOPLE'S FEELINGS.

ALL SCHOOL ACTIVITY:

- Wear clothing with a mindful message or mindful picture (smiley face, etc.). We will provide stickers for students and staff if they do not have something.

CLASSROOM ACTIVITY:

- Start the day with a short calm breathing video so you are ready to have a mindful day and ready to learn.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9p2c6j9exv0>

<https://calmingroom.scusd.edu/VisualRelaxation>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zohyQQlsejA>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IN5z4gNOVg>

HOME ACTIVITY:

- Check-in with each other about how the day went.
- Spend time with family by playing a game or reading a book together.

TAKE A CHANCE TUESDAY FEBRUARY 6

TAKING A CHANCE CAN BE VERY SCARY OR MAKE US NERVOUS. HOWEVER, TRYING SOMETHING NEW CAN HELP US BECOME CONFIDENT AND APPRECIATE NEW THINGS.

ALL SCHOOL ACTIVITY:

- Dress for your future job (ex. sports team apparel, teacher, farmer, principal, school secretary, nurse, doctor, school counselor, business executive) or your future educational goal (ex. university, community or vocational studies logo).

CLASSROOM ACTIVITY:

- Eat lunch or play at recess with someone you don't know very well in your classroom. You might make a new friend!
- Raise your hand to answer a question or volunteer to help your teacher in class.
- Check out the apps Smiling Mind and Headspace through Clever for activities to do as a class!

HOME ACTIVITY:

- Try a new vegetable at dinnertime, you might like it!
- Ask an adult to teach you something at home (like tying your shoes, folding laundry, or help prepare dinner).

WOW! DREAM BIG WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 7

WE ALL HAVE DREAMS ABOUT WE WANT TO ACHIEVE. WHAT ARE YOUR BIG DREAMS FOR THE FUTURE? YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELORS WANT ALL YOUR DREAMS TO COME TRUE.

ALL SCHOOL ACTIVITY & CLASSROOM ACTIVITY:

- Wear your pajamas to school to celebrate your big dreams.
- Share your future goals, hopes, and dreams with your class.

HOME ACTIVITY:

- Talk to your family about your future goals and dreams. Make a plan and write down how you can reach your goals. Post your goals somewhere as a reminder.

THOUGHTFUL THURSDAY FEBRUARY 8

THOUGHTFUL PEOPLE ARE THOSE WHO SHOW KINDNESS AND GRATITUDE. LET'S BE THOUGHTFUL TODAY BY THINKING ABOUT AND RECOGNIZING SOMEONE WHO IS SPECIAL TO YOU.

ALL SCHOOL ACTIVITY:

- Wear the color red, or pink or any color hearts to show you are thinking of someone you love.

CLASSROOM ACTIVITY:

- Think about someone special in your life. Write a note telling them why they are special or draw a picture for someone special.

HOME ACTIVITY:

- With an adult, choose someone you can show gratitude for. Write or draw a card to someone you would like to thank. Call someone on the phone to thank them.

FUZZY FRIEND FRIDAY FEBRUARY 9

DID YOU KNOW RESEARCH SHOWS THAT PETS AND ANIMALS CAN MAKE YOU HAPPY? PLAYING WITH OR PETTING AN ANIMAL CAN LOWER STRESS LEVELS.

ALL SCHOOL ACTIVITY & CLASSROOM ACTIVITY:

- Bring your favorite stuffed animal to school. Share with your class why your stuffed animal is special and your favorite. Or share what pet(s) you have and what makes them special.

HOME ACTIVITY:

- Play with your pet and show them you care.
- Don't have a pet? Decorate a rock and make a pet rock.

National School Counseling Week Activities

SHERMAN UPDATES:

VOLUNTEER AT SHERMAN!

Interested in volunteering at Sherman this year? Chaperoning field trips, reading to students, and helping put on events are all fun opportunities we need YOUR help with! All volunteers **must** submit a background check and be approved in advance to be able to volunteer in the building. If you are interested in volunteering or need to complete a School Volunteer Agreement or background check, please reach out to the Sherman Partnership Coordinator, Kate Brock, at kbrock1@ecasd.us.



WEEKEND KID MEALS

Feed My People Food Bank provides a regular weekend meal package of cereal, juice, fruit, and soup to any student in the district, regardless of family income. Sign up online any time at this [link](#).

CULVER'S NIGHTS

Please join us on **February 6th from 4:00pm-7:00pm** at the Folsom Street Culver's!

10% of the proceeds will go directly back to programming efforts the Sherman Steering Committee works to provide at Sherman!

♥♥♥♥♥ We LOVE learning about money! ♥♥♥♥♥

The third Monday of February is President's Day. This day recognizes our first president, George Washington's birthday on February 22, but it is also close to Abraham Lincoln's birthday, which is February 12. Both men played such important roles in our country that we have also honored them by putting their images on our money. George Washington is on both a coin (the quarter) and currency (\$1 bill). Abraham Lincoln is also on a coin (the penny) and currency (\$5 bill).

Did you know that it's against the law for a living president to have their image printed on U.S. currency? This dates back to Washington's refusal to have his portrait printed on the U.S. dollar. In 1866, this tradition was made law by an act of Congress.

Abraham Lincoln was the first president to be featured on a U.S. coin. Minted in 1909, "Lincoln Pennies" were meant to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Lincoln's birth. However, the coins proved so popular that they just never stopped minting them!

We also celebrate Valentine's Day in February! Since we LOVE when students save at Royal Credit Union School \$ense, our special gift this month will be prize bags randomly awarded to two savers depositing on February 15th.

The Sherman Royal School \$ense is open every **Thursday** lunch to help your child develop good saving habits.

Remember that Royal donates \$250 to your school for every 500 deposits made. As of 1/11, 383 deposits have been made, I think we can hit 500 before Valentines!

If you have any questions about the Royal School \$ense program please contact:

Mariah.Wheeler@rcu.org

SHERMAN UPDATES CONTINUED:

COLD WEATHER / WINTER EXPECTATIONS:

Students will go out for recess unless it is raining, or the temperature is dangerously cold. School staff will make the decision based on the district guidelines of 0° real temperature or -10° wind chill.

COLD WEATHER GEAR EXPECTATIONS:

- If the temperature is 55 degrees or above, students can choose if they need a coat or not.
- If the temperature is between 40-55 degrees, arms need to be covered (examples: jacket or coat, sweatshirt, long sleeved shirt)
- If the temperature is 40 degrees and under, legs and arms need to be covered. (examples: leggings or tights, jean or pants, jacket or coat)

WINTER GEAR EXPECTATIONS:

- During the winter months, ALL students are required to wear coats, hats, gloves/mittens, snow pants, and winter boots.
- Snow pants are no longer optional for 4th and 5th graders.
- Boots are required to be worn from December until spring has sprung.
- Snow pants are expected under 30 degrees, even if there is no snow.

Please send your child to school with appropriate clothes for the weather. If your child comes to school without the proper cold weather/winter gear, they will have to stay indoors for recess. If your child forgets cold weather/winter gear, you will receive a note home (example on back) indicating what item(s) your child forgot. Please help your child remember the following day.



SHERMAN STEERING COMMITTEE:

Happy New Year from the SSC!

As we head into the second month of 2024, we're excited to promote three awesome opportunities to support Sherman Elementary School students and families:

Teacher Conference Meals on Thursday, February 29:

Spring Family-Teacher Conferences will be held on **Thursday, February 29**. The SSC would like to support Sherman staff by providing them with a catered meal. There are two ways you can help:

1. Donate to support this meal by:

- Sending your child to school with a cash donation in a clearly labeled, sealed envelope.
- Sending your child to school with a check written out to Sherman Elementary School Steering Committee
- Donating through Venmo – Sherman Steering Committee @SSCboard

2. **Sign up** to set up or clean up during Family-Teacher Conferences on Thursday, February 29

Spring Scholastic Book Fair on Thursday, February 29:

Our Spring Scholastic Book Fair will occur from 7:30am – 7:30pm on Thursday, February 29 in the Sherman Elementary School Cafeteria during Family-Teacher Conferences – and we cannot do it without your help!

Shifts to work the Book Fair are available in 1-hour time slots from 7:30am to 8:30pm, although we'll work with your schedule. Sign up for a volunteer slot [here!](#)

2nd Annual Read-a-Thon March 6 – March 21: Details Coming Soon!

As you may have learned from last year's first annual event, Read-a-Thons are great ways to get your reader(s) excited about reading – and they give friends and family the opportunity to encourage your child(ren) to read even more!

What's more, this is an awesome fundraiser for Sherman students and staff. Our fundraising goal this year is \$12,000, all of which will be used to support field trips, classroom grants, teacher appreciation efforts and more.

Our Read-a-thon starts **Wednesday March 6, 2024**. Stay tuned for instructions on how to activate your reader's personal page. This is where you will be able to view and record their progress.

Interested in calling three businesses to see if they would sponsor our Read-a-Thon? This will only take a few minutes and would love your help! Email ekrieg@ecasd.us if you are willing to call a few!

Monthly SSC Meeting - Tuesday, February 13th at 5:30 pm (Library):

A friendly reminder about our monthly SSC meeting. Your participation is welcome, and we invite you to join us in the school library or virtually **Tuesday, February 13th at 5:30 pm**. Your insights and input are highly valued as we work together to support our students and school community.

Monthly Culver's Night - Tuesday, February 6th (4-7 pm at Culver's West):

Don't miss our monthly Culver's Night! Treat your family to a tasty dinner at Culver's West (2520 Folsom Street) on **Tuesday, February 6th, between 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm**. Culver's is generously donating 10% of proceeds from 4-7pm to the SSC! This is a great way to enjoy a meal while supporting our school.

FAMILIES - JOIN US FOR



FAMILY SERVICES AFTER HOURS



**MONDAY,
FEBRUARY 5
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
ECASD Administration
Building
500 Main St.**

★ Wisconsin Educational Opportunities Representative available to:

- Help with the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Provide information on WI TIP and Gear Up Grants - available to ALL students

★ Information about Youth Substance Misuse:

- Stop by the Eau Claire City-County Health Department resource table to learn more about new and emerging cannabis products sold in Wisconsin, e-cigarettes and vaping, youth substance misuse in Eau Claire County, youth resources, and more!

★ Representatives from CVTC and UWEC:

- Stop by their resource tables to chat and get information

★ SKYWARD Assistance

★ SNACKS



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FAMILIAS ACOMPÁÑENOS



A LA NOCHE DE SERVICIOS FAMILIARES



**LUNES
5 DE FEBRERO
5 A 7 DE LA TARDE**

**Edificio de Administración
de ECASD
500 Main St.**

★ Representante de Oportunidades Educativas de Wisconsin disponible para:

- Ayuda con el formulario FAFSA, solicitud gratuita de ayuda federal para estudiantes
- Proporcionar información sobre las subvenciones de Wi Tip y Gear Up-disponibles para TODOS los estudiantes.

★ Información sobre el Abuso de Sustancias en Jóvenes

- Visite la mesa de recursos del Departamento de Salud del Condado y Ciudad de Eau Claire para obtener más información sobre los nuevos y emergentes productos de marijuana que se venden en Wisconsin, los cigarrillos electrónicos y el vapeo, el uso indebido de sustancias en el Condado de Eau Claire, recursos para jóvenes y más.

★ Representantes de CVTC y UWEC

- Visite sus mesas de recursos para platicar y obtener información.

★ Asistencia en SKYWARD

★ SNACKS



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OPEN ENROLLMENT:

Open Enrollment is February 5 through April 30, 2024

What is Public School Open Enrollment?

Wisconsin's inter-district public school open enrollment program allows students and families who don't live in our district to open enroll into the Eau Claire Area School District.

Who May Participate?

Wisconsin residents in grades K-12 may apply to participate in open enrollment. Students in pre-kindergarten may participate in limited circumstances; parents should call the Executive Director of Business Services at 715-852-3010 to find out if their preschool-aged children qualify.

How and When May Parents Apply?

The regular open enrollment application window will be February 5, 2024, through April 30, 2024, for the 2024-2025 school year. Parents may submit online applications beginning February 5, 2024, at the Wisconsin Department of Instruction website at <https://dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment>. Please call 715-852-3127 or email districtadministration@ecasd.us for more information.

Have you moved out of the district during the 2023-2024 school year?

If so, you must apply for a Tuition Waiver to continue attending the Eau Claire Area School District for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year. Contact the Enrollment Office at 715-852-3127 or email districtadministration@ecasd.us for an application.

Students Currently Attending the ECASD Through a Tuition Waiver

Students who have moved outside of the district during the 2023-2024 school year and are currently attending school under a Tuition Waiver must apply for open enrollment during the regular application window, February 5, 2024, through April 30, 2024, to continue attending during the 2024-2025 school year.

Current Open Enrollment Students

Students currently attending the Eau Claire Area School District under the open enrollment law do not need to reapply.

Other Information

Students who move into the district after January 2024 and anticipate moving out of the district before the 2024-2025 school year will not be eligible for a Tuition Waiver. Students must apply for open enrollment during either the regular open enrollment or alternative open enrollment period to be eligible to attend the Eau Claire Area School District during the 2024-2025 school year.

School Placement

By completing an open enrollment application, you are applying to attend the Eau Claire Area School District. You have the opportunity to indicate which school your child would prefer to attend; however, the district will determine placement based on space availability.

Questions?

If you have any questions about open enrollment or the application process, please contact the Enrollment Office at 715-852-3127 or email districtadministration@ecasd.us.



RESPIRATORY SEASON!

It's that time of the year again...

We've been seeing multiple absences due to respiratory illness. To keep your child healthy, follow the tips below!

Symptoms:

- Cough • Body aches
- Fever • Sore throat

When to seek medical attention:

- Fast or difficult breathing
- Fevers over 104 F or that lasts more than 2 days
- Experiencing chest pain
- Symptoms that last more than 3 weeks

How to prevent getting sick:

- Wash hands well and often for at least 20 seconds
- Stay home if sick and get tested as appropriate
- Stay up to date on Flu and COVID vaccines



At Sherman, in partnership with families and the community, we are dedicated to engaging learners in a focused, respectful environment where all staff and students work collaboratively to achieve at high levels.

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