

PTO Corner Newsletter

Dear Eberwhite Families,

We are excited to welcome you back for the 2025 -2026 school year. We have lots of exciting events and activities to kick off the year! Please take a look at our newsletter, which we'll be sending out twice per month. We look forward to connecting with you! Our latest information is typically updated on our website, so if you have questions, please use this as a reference.

With Gratitude,

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Eberwhite Events Calendar

We've started our Events Calendar, confirming dates for some of our biggest events of the year. Many are still TBD, but this should give our community an idea for when activities happen.

[2025-2026 Events Calendar](#)

Interested in volunteering? Please let us know by filling out this quick [interest form](#) and we'll reach out with more information.

Become an Eberwhite School Community Sponsor

The **Eberwhite Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)**, a registered **501(c)(3) nonprofit**, invites local businesses to become **Community Sponsors** for the 2025–2026 school year.

By partnering with us, you'll help fund essential programs that benefit every student, including:

- Field trips and enrichment experiences
- Classroom supplies and teacher resources
- Family engagement and community-building events
- Equity and inclusion programs, helping **all** students feel supported and represented
- Environmental and social responsibility initiatives

Community Sponsorship – starting at \$500

Donations begin at **\$500**. Sponsorship opportunities include a variety of ways to connect with the Eberwhite community such as recognition in PTO newsletters and email updates, signage around the Eberwhite campus and representation at community events.

Contact us to learn more about sponsorship levels and what your support may include.

Your contribution directly impacts **every child at Eberwhite**, helping us provide a strong, connected, and inspiring school experience.

Ready to become a Community Sponsor?
Fill out this interest form.

[Interest Form](#)

We'd love to partner with you.
Eberwhite PTO

It's Spirtwear Time!

Spiritwear is back with some exciting new colors and designs. The PTO is providing every student and staff member with a FREE Eberwhite T-shirt to be worn for the Fun Run. Get your student's free t-shirt [HERE!!](#) Please fill out the form by Friday, September 5th. The PTO will be purchasing Y5/K & 3rd yellow shirts; 1st & 4th blue shirts; 2nd & 5th red shirts.

The sale opens Monday, August 25th and ends Wednesday, September 10th so hurry and [GRAB YOUR BRAND NEW GEAR!](#)

Youth Prices:

Short sleeve shirts - \$12

Sweatshirts - \$20

Adult Prices:

Short sleeve shirts - \$17

Sweatshirts - \$25

“Tools for School” Supply Drive

It is back to school time and that means SCHOOL SUPPLIES! The PTO would like to invite families to support Eberwhite Elementary by creating a supply of consumable materials for staff and student use through the year.

NOTE: The district no longer allows the use of Clorox or Lysol sanitizing wipes. The Purell wipes listed are the district approved wipes.

What to Buy:

- Y5/K:
 - Last Names A-L: Kleenex
 - Last Names M-Z: Crayons, Colored Pencils & Markers
- 1st:
 - Last Names A-L: Mini Dry Erase Erasers & Expo Spray
 - Last Names M-Z: Pencils (Regular & Golf Size/Wood & Mechanical)
- 2nd:
 - Last Names A-L: Post its & Paper Towels
 - Last Names M-Z: Dry Erase Markers (Black Fine Tip & Wide Tip)
- 3rd:
 - Last Names A-L: Snacks (Yogurt & Applesauce Pouches, Raisins)
 - Last Names M-Z: PURELL Foodservice Surface Sanitizing Wipes (District Approved)
- 4th:
 - Last Names A-L: Tape (Scotch & Packaging) & Glue Sticks
 - Last Names M-Z: Cardstock (White & Colored)
- 5th:
 - Last Names A-L: Erasers (Rectangle & Pencil Top), Paper clips, & Staples
 - Last Names M-Z: Hand Santizer, Spiral & Composition Notebooks

Where/When to Drop Off:

Boxes at the school entrance labeled “Tools for School” or send in with your student. Please label item(s) with “Tools for School.” Please return no later than Friday, Sept 5th.

No Time to Shop?

Check out our [Amazon Wishlist](#) and have items sent directly to the school!

Any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Alison Etter alison.j.etter@gmail.com 614-314-7471

Stock the Shelves Book Drive

The nonfiction section of the Eberwhite Elementary Media Center is in desperate need of a refresh! The PTO is inviting families to donate books that have been requested either by our fantastic school librarian, Ms. Player and/or the Eberwhite students. Please consider signing up to [PURCHASE BOOKS](#) for the library.

The PTO will place a dedication in the book from your family. ***In the comments section, please write the name(s) you would like included in the dedication. For example, The Smith Family or Ashley Smith." ***

If available, please purchase the library binding or hardcover version of the book to preserve the investment! I tried to include as many details as possible about each book but if there is any confusion as to which book is needed feel free to contact me at alison.j.etter@gmail.com or 614-314-7471

Drop Off: Books can be dropped off in the office or given to classroom teachers. Make sure the teachers know the book is for the Stock the Shelves Book Drive. Please drop off all books by Friday, September 12th.

Thank you so much for keeping the materials in the media center up to date and engaging for our students. Your support is greatly appreciated!

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at alison.j.etter@gmail.com or 614-314-7471.

Lunch and Recess at EBW

Lunch and Recess at EBW are a very busy and important time of your child's day, and we need your help to make it smooth and safe.

Please [sign up here to help](#).

If you haven't already, please complete an iChat form for the 25-26 school year. You can [print a blank form here](#) to complete or pick one up from the front office. Either email the completed form to Kim Lyon lyonk@aaps.k12.mi.us or bring it into the front office. This needs to be done before the day you plan to volunteer.

Sustainability at Eberwhite

Hi all! Cara, from the PTO :) EBW has decades of sustainability leadership for the AAPS community thanks to the work of the community over the years. I've set some goals for all of us for this year which I think we can reach if we work together.

1. Continue our place as one of the 2 chosen AAPS pilot composting programs, composting our lunch scraps and trays, and collecting compost from classrooms which decreases our organic food waste by >90%. Other schools are trying to compost now!
2. Continue to bring your plastic film to the front of the school for recycling. We will aim for at least 1000 lbs again to get another Trex bench. Please bring your plastic film (plastic bags, wrap, bubble wrap, etc) NO bubble mailers. [See a complete list here](#). (We just reached our goal for last year and are picking out a bench right now!)
3. Continue standard recycling with the leadership and work of our students.
4. Continue nature-based field trips and ecology, nature, and sustainability curriculum.
5. Start a gardening group to include parents and students. This group will meet one day in Summer, Spring, and Fall to maintain our native prairie and rain gardens - a chance to learn about invasive and native species.
6. Continue to care for the Eberwhite woods (Woodchip Day!) and enjoy it as much as we can!
7. Continue to use energy friendly bulbs, water stations, cleaning wipes, and compostable plates, cups, and napkins where possible.
8. Limit most Eberwhite events to water refilling stations for water bottles to decrease waste.
9. Continue to host an Earth day for the Eberwhite community to learn and play! Come join us!

If you have other ideas or are interested in helping in some way, please contact us at eberwhitepto@gmail.com

Join Us!

We can't do this without you! We still have some PTO Board positions and committee positions available! Email us eberwhite.pto@gmail.com to let us know if you're interested.