



Elliott Express



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Elliott Elementary School's Mission is to Educate, Engage, and Empower Each Student to succeed in a dynamic world



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Website

<http://www.am.dodea.edu/Elliott/index.htm>

Parent/Student Handbook

<http://www.am.dodea.edu/Elliott/Forms/LaurelBayHandbook.pdf>

Important Phone Numbers

Main	843.846.6982
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Cafeteria	843.846.8708



Mark your Calendars



November 25th -29th – Thanksgiving Break

December 2nd - 5th – Penguin Patch

December 5th – Elliott Family Night 4:30p.m.-5:30p.m.

November's Family Night

Rotating through each activities, the smiles, laughter's, and gratitude was evident as families enjoyed time together creating Autumn, Thanksgiving Holiday crafts, beautiful Veteran's Day "Thank you" cards, and for the first



Time, a sensory station. The sensory station was enjoyable as bins of deer corn, feathers, and slime, made with sand; offering a surprisingly range of textures to the hands of all who engaged in the experience. Families were able to rotate to each activity. As November's family night ended,

There were tears of sadness, along with slow exits that marked that this successful event was over.



PTO Board Members

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PTO is always looking for volunteers, so if you're interested in helping out, please send an email to the above address.



[Early Release is every Tuesday of the month. Students are released at 1:30 p.m.](#)



Pre-K Hours

[A.M. Class](#)
7:55 a.m. – 9:55 a.m.

[P.M. Class](#)
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Information on: Technology and Children from the Pre-K team

The American Academy of Pediatrics states that, “Children younger than 2 years need hands-on exploration and social interaction with trusted caregivers to develop their cognitive, language, motor, and social-emotional skills. Because of their immature symbolic, memory, and attentional skills, infants and toddlers cannot learn from traditional digital media as they do from interactions with caregivers, and they have difficulty transferring that knowledge to their 3-dimensional experience.” These experiences are crucial for children as they reach school age. Once children hit pre-school age, there are apps that can promote rote academic skills and facts. However, it is important to emphasize that higher-order thinking skills and executive functions are essential for school success. This set of skills may include task persistence, impulse control, emotion regulation, and creative, flexible thinking. They are best taught through unstructured and social (not digital) play, as well as through responsive parent-child interactions. Human interaction and real-life experience is key to acquiring the skills mentioned. Technology apps keep young minds constrained in a digital world, not providing them the opportunity for real-world application. Without this critical connection between parent and child, children can be behind in areas of social, emotional, and academic growth. Students may be able to follow the flow and problem-solving through a game; however, it is important to transfer this thinking into life situations in which they must adapt to unpredictable factors, such as the personalities and opinions of others. -American Academy of Pediatrics
<https://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/138/5/e20162591>

Activities to step away from technology and build skills:

- -Count while in the grocery store (items, step, etc...).
- -Hold a conversation on the way home (What did you do at school today; Who did you play with...)
- -Allow for problem solving if they made a mess or need something by talking through steps and solutions.
- -Pretend play (kitchen, house, dolls/action figures, etc...).
- -Cook and discuss (ingredients, amounts, terms)

Influenza Vaccine

DoDEA requires ALL students to submit proof of flu vaccine OR signed immunization waiver annually for the current school year. Beaufort Naval Hospital will hold a FLU clinic at Bolden School on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 from 2 PM until 6 PM for those who have been unable to get their flu shot yet. Parent MUST be present. If you have not provided proof of flu vaccine OR signed immunization waiver to the school nurse, you may do either at that time as well. Thank you to parents who have already complied with this DoDEA requirement.

-Nurse Zina Egan

