

Bobcat Blast for week of September 30-October 4, 2019

Good evening, Ellis families!

This week, we conclude our school-wide grace and courtesy emphasis on CREATIVITY, but we will continue to encourage all Ellis students to be their own unique individual.

Monday, September 30th, is the deadline to submit the beginning-of-year PTA survey. We ask that you please take a few moments right now to help us by providing your input. The link to the survey can be found in the blast in your email (<https://forms.gle/T67foPFg49unja8F8>).

Wednesday, October 2nd, is International Walk to School Day. Ms. Patra will be at Circle Park with a "Walk to School" treat to greet and celebrate bikers/walkers from 7:20 – 7:45am.

Thursday, October 3rd, is the submission deadline for the PTA "Do Good Things" grant application for students. For more information about this and other PTA news and events visit the PTA website link in your email (<https://www.ellismontessoripta.org/blog>).

Coach Lesley would like to make all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students aware that volleyball tryouts start on Monday after school. There is also a district swim team meeting being held at STEM Academy on Wednesday, October 2nd. More information about these events can be found on the "Athletics" page of the Ellis website (<http://internet.savannah.chatham.k12.ga.us/schools/Ellis/athletics/default.aspx>).

That is all for now. Have a great week, Bobcats!

Notification from SCCPSS on September 27, 2019

Good evening Parents,

As we approach the end of our first nine weeks, we wanted to remind you that students will have the first of two early release days this school year on Friday, October 11th. That is only two weeks from today and we want to make sure you've familiarized yourself with the Early Release Bell Schedule that is posted online on both the district's website and each of the school websites.

The modified bell scheduled will release students 3-hours ahead of their regularly scheduled dismissal time. Transportation has also been adjusted for the three-hour time difference. The YMCA BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT program (formerly known as Pryme Time) will operate on extended hours to supervise children and staff will remain on their normal work schedules.

In addition, we want to remind families attending district athletic events this year to allow extra time in arriving for security screening before entering the venue. This fall, BOE Campus Police began piloting new security protocols at district athletic events requiring those who enter to be screening using metal detectors and also requires the use of clear bags. Our expanded security protocols are being utilized at some events each weekend as the program is piloted but will eventually be included at all District athletic events. We appreciate your cooperation and continued support in our work to ensure everyone has a safe and enjoyable time at district athletic events.

For more information – including a list of items prohibited at SCCPSS athletic events and examples of the types of bags allowed into events – please visit our website: SCCPSS.com.

We thank you for your support of Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools.

[Bobcat Blast for the week of September 23-27, 2019](#)

Good evening, Ellis families!

This week, we continue our school-wide grace and courtesy focus on CREATIVITY.

This Friday, September 27th, is individual make-up and class picture day. Class pictures must be pre-ordered. You can do this online (<http://www.strawbridge.net> with code: FM322621) or by returning the envelope with payment (cash or check payable to Strawbridge) that was sent home last week. A portion of all picture sales comes back to Ellis so thank you for your support! If your student missed the first picture day in August, please make them aware that they should take an individual picture on this day.

Also, Friday is a Donation Dress Down Day! This month, Ellis is supporting Hurricane Dorian relief efforts in the Bahamas and North Carolina. If your child wishes to dress down this day, please send at least \$1 to donate to this worthy cause.

The PTA needs your help! As part of the process of applying to be a National PTA School of Excellence, PTA requests feedback from families, administrators, and teachers at two points during the year. The first survey can be found at the link in your email (<https://forms.gle/T67foPFg49unja8F8>). Paper copies can be downloaded from the PTA (<https://www.ellismontessoripta.org/blog>) or Ellis (ellis.sccpss.com) websites. Please either complete the online survey or return the paper copy to your child's teacher by September 30th. We appreciate your help and input.

We have added a new "School Counseling" tab (<http://internet.savannah.chatham.k12.ga.us/schools/Ellis/sc/default.aspx>) to the Ellis website. Check it out to get more information about the Ellis counseling program from Ms. Rebecca and Ms. Ivey.

In case you missed the news, we wanted to make you aware that Superintendent Levett recommended that no make-up days be utilized at this time as a result of days missed due to Hurricane Dorian. This recommendation was approved by the Board of Education last week. For more information, you can view the board meeting brief at the link in your email (<https://spwww.sccps.com/PublishingImages/Pages/September-18%2c-2019-Board-Brief/September%202019%20Board%20Brief.pdf>).

As always, please check the District (sccps.com) and Ellis (ellis.sccps.com) websites regularly to stay up to date on the latest information.

That is all for now! Have a great week, Bobcats.

Bobcat Blast for the Week of September 16-20, 2019

Good evening, Ellis families!

This week, we begin our grace and courtesy focus on CREATIVITY. Let's encourage our students to think outside-the-box.

The Ellis administration would like to reiterate the following safety procedures:

1. Per the Ellis Family Handbook, which can be found on the Ellis website, no student is permitted to be dismissed early from school after 2pm.
2. Per District protocol, all visitors to the school must present their driver's license or state-issued I.D. in order to enter the building during school hours (7:50am- 2:50pm).

Enjoy dinner at Chipotle on Victory Drive, Monday, September 16, 4-8 PM. Chipotle will donate 33% of the cost of the meal to the Ellis PTA! Online orders do not count, and you must mention Ellis Montessori when you order. Please invite your friends and support this Spirit Night!

This week, you have two opportunities to attend a parent education workshop. "Minding Your Manners: Grace and Courtesy in the Home and at School" will be presented by our Primary teachers on Thursday, September 19th at 6pm and Saturday, September 21st at 8:30am in the Ellis Media Center.

Ms. Olivia is looking for donations for S.T.E.A.M. projects. If you have any recycled building materials or craft materials (including but not limited to tubing, pool noodles, paper towel/toilet paper rolls, etc.), there is a box in the front foyer where you can drop off those items.

As always, to get more information, view upcoming events, and see helpful resources, visit both the district (sccpss.com) and school (ellis.sccpss.com) websites on a regular basis.

That is all for now. Have a great week, Bobcats!

[Special Bobcat Blast for September 11, 2019](#)

Good evening, Ellis families!

You are cordially invited to join us at the film screening of "Inside Montessori" on Thursday, September 12th, from 6-9pm at the Yamacraw Center for Performing Arts (649 W Jones St, Savannah, GA 31401). Light refreshments will be served, and food trucks will be available for purchasing food before the event starting at 5pm. There will be a panel discussion after the film with leaders in Montessori education including Ellis' own, Ms. Renee. Please extend this invitation to your family, friends, and anyone who may be interested in reframing the national education conversation toward creating learning environments that allow all children to achieve their full potential. We hope to see everyone there!

[Notification from SCCPSS on September 4, 2019](#)

Good evening parents - This is a reminder from Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools to keep students engaged in learning while they're not in the classroom this week. If you go to our website (www.sccpss.com) you can use the search bar to find "Parent Resources". On that page you'll find links to Student learning sites Khan Academy, MobyMax and Read Theory. Stay safe throughout the storm and we look forward to seeing students back in class next week. Thank you for your support of Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools.

[Bobcat Blast for the Week of September 2-6, 2019](#)

Good evening, Ellis Bobcats!

This week, we continue our school-wide grace and courtesy focus on KINDNESS.

Please remember there is NO SCHOOL tomorrow, September 2nd, due to the Labor Day holiday.

The Ellis Nutrition Services Manager would like you to know that ALL students are eligible for free school breakfast every weekday morning until 7:50am. Starting September 3rd, a new "Grab and Go" station will be set up in the hallway by the media center for your student's convenience. Encourage your children to take advantage of this opportunity so that they have the energy to start their day off right.

Ms. Olivia is looking for donations for S.T.E.A.M. projects. If you have any recycled building materials or craft materials (including but not limited to tubing, pool noodles, paper

towel/toilet paper rolls, etc.), there will be a bin in the front foyer where you may drop off those items.

Mark your calendars for the film screening of "Inside Montessori" which will be shown at the Yamacraw Center of Performing Arts on September 12th from 6-9pm. There will be a panel discussion with leaders in Montessori education following the screening of the film. We want to thank MESS (Montessori Education Society of Savannah) for sponsoring this event which is sure to be educational for all who attend.

As always, visit the Ellis website (ellis.sccpss.com) for that latest updates, important dates, and current information.

That is all for now. See you Tuesday, Bobcats!