

# OCTOBER NEWSLETTER



-It is important that all parents/visitors check in the office before, during, and after school to receive a visitor's badge.

-Remember to **communicate frequently with your child's teacher**. Report Cards will go home on Thursday, October 20th.

-Calling ALL Parents to join our PTO at the ELC. Look for a flyer for our next meeting to come home.

-**Thank you** for making our **Simple Qpon fundraiser** a success! If you still have the booklet and didn't purchase, please send back to school.

-Fall Fest is a great family event! We hope to see you on Friday, October 14th from 5-7. Thank you to all of the volunteers and donors who are helping to make it successful!

-Help keep our children warm during the cold winter! Please donate coats to **Coats for Kids** (and families). If you are in need, feel free to call for more information.

- Here Comes the Bus is now available in the SCOH! You will be able to see the real-time location of your child's bus on a map, bus arrival times, confirmation that your child's bus has arrived at the stop and school, and your child's scan data.



## The Early Learning Center at George Earle Elementary

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### Your Kindergartener or Preschooler!

Your child has now settled into his/her new school at the Early Learning Center at George Earle. By now, he/she has learned classroom procedures and expectations, is beginning to build friendships, and is learning reading and math strategies. Please continue to support this new knowledge at home by asking questions and reinforcing what is taught at school. Get into the routine of reading a book with your child each night, so your child learns more about how stories work. It is great bonding time for you both. Let's work together to help your child succeed! Be sure to review your child's report card to monitor their learning.

#### What is a 529 plan?



### HOBART INDIANA PROMISE 529 COLLEGE ACCOUNT

It is never too early to think about college, better yet... Saving for college for your child! Every child deserves encouragement that his or her life matters. It is our role to support their hopes and dreams for their future. Setting up a CollegeChoice 529 is a beneficial way to be supportive. A 529 plan is a tax-advantaged savings plan designed to encourage saving for future college costs. Each kindergartner who registers for a 529 will receive a \$25 investment by Legacy Foundation and Hobart Chamber of Commerce. Come learn more about Promise Indiana on Friday, October 14th from 4:00-7:00 at the ELC.

### Minds in Motion

Students will be moving through the new Minds in Motion maze. Gross motor is very important to child development and impacts learning in many ways. Through Minds in Motion, students will build their vestibular system preparing them for learning and growth. Ask your child to show you some of the activities they do in Minds in Motion such as eye tracking, balance, bean bag toss, and monster mash.



#### When Should My Child Stay Home?

It is very important that **your child be at school everyday he/she is well**. There are many in-class learning opportunities which cannot be reproduced at home. This includes learning which occurs during class discussions, hands on experiences, and through student communication. Please emphasize **good and prompt attendance** with your child. However, we don't want students at school if they are truly sick. You can help us out by:

- Keep your child who is sick at home. When you call him/her off, please report the type of illness and/or symptom.
- Teach your child to wash hands a lot with soap and water for 20 seconds. (Try having him/her sing the alphabet while washing hands.) Be sure to be a good example yourself.
- Teach your child to cover coughs and sneezes with tissues or by coughing into the inside of the elbow.
- People who are sick should stay home from work or school and avoid people until they are better.
- When your child is free of a fever for 24 hours, he/she can return to school.
- Remember when your child returns to school, to send him/her with a note or doctor's note with child's full name, date absent, and reason.