

The SEJ Buzz

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"Together we are better at SEJ!"

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Assistant Principal: Katie Nacrelli

School Counselor: Audrey Barrett

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Upcoming Dates:

- ★ Jan. 27th Basketball Week 4 Game: SEJ vs Floyds Knobs at Scribner Middle School
Boys game Court 2 @ 8AM
Girls game Court 2 @ 11AM
- ★ Jan. 29th Boys Basketball Practice 2:30-4:00
- ★ Jan. 30th Girls Basketball Practice 2:30-4:00
- ★ Jan. 31st Boys Basketball Practice 2:30-4:00
- ★ Feb. 1st Girls Basketball Practice 2:30-4:00
- ★ Feb. 1st Kindergarten Pre-enrollment 5:30-6:30 -
More info to come soon!
- ★ Feb. 3-4th Basketball Championship at Scribner Middle School
- ★ Feb. 5th Progress Reports go home this week
- ★ Feb. 14th Valentine's Day
- ★ Feb. 19th Presidents Day

~ A message from Mrs. Meadors ~



We celebrated the 100th day of school this week! We had several "old" people that joined our classes at SEJ. We also had some creative shirts decorated with 100 items. What a fun day!

Attendance Matters!!!

The importance of school attendance . . . Absences add up! Missing just two days a month means a child misses 10% of the school year. During the 2022-23 school year 19.3% of Indiana students missed 18 or more school days. Students who are chronically absent in grades K-2 are much less likely to read at grade level by 3rd grade - which would make them 4 times more likely to drop out of high school than proficient readers.

18 + days absent is labeled Chronic Absenteeism by the IN Department of Education. Our school social worker will reach out to create an Attendance Success Plan if your child has more than 18 absences.

SCHOOL HOURS

Doors Open at 7:45 a.m.

Tardy Bell at 8:00 a.m.

Dismissal for K-4 at 2:25 p.m.



Go Hornets!!

Safe Arrival and Dismissal

Our number one priority during arrival and dismissal is to ensure the safety of all students! We need families to follow the procedures below:

1. The Culbertson Ave. parking lot is for buses only.
2. Car riders need to be dropped off and picked up on the Oak Street side of the building. Please join the line - it moves very quickly!
3. Walkers are released from Door #2 by the playground. Families may not park in the Oak Street parking lot to pick up. If your child is normally a walker and you are picking up by car due to the weather, we need you to call the office, make a dismissal change and join the car rider line.

Thank you for working with us to make sure we have a very safe arrival and dismissal each day.



SEJ Families ~

Our annual Science Fair will be held on Wednesday, March 6th. Our awards night will be Thursday, March 7th. If your child is interested in participating, please complete this short sign-up form by Friday, February 2nd and turn it in to your child's teacher. If you have more than one child, please fill out a separate form for each child. If you do not know the title of your project, you can leave that blank or just put undecided.

A packet with more information will be sent home once we receive this form. Thank you!!

Student's First and Last Name: _____

Grade Level: _____

Teacher: _____

Topic or Project Idea that will be submitted:

Parent/Guardian email address:



Help Your Child Succeed in School: Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early

DID YOU KNOW?

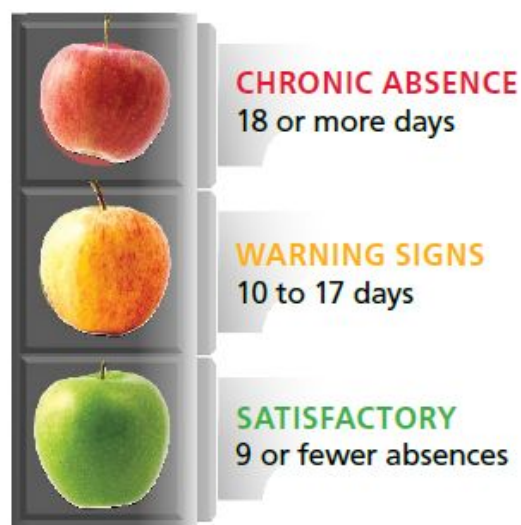
- Starting in preschool and kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10%, or about 2 days each month over the course of a school year, can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just 1 or 2 days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences and tardiness can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Eventually good attendance will be a skill that will help them succeed in high school and college.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Keep your child healthy and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Introduce your children to their teachers and classmates before school starts.
- Develop backup plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor or another parent.
- Try to schedule non-Covid-19 related medical appointments and extended trips when school isn't in session.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors and other parents for advice on how to make your child feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- If you are concerned that your child may have Covid-19, call your school for advice.
- If your child must stay home due to illness or quarantine, ask the teacher for resources and ideas to continue learning at home.

When Do Absences Become a Problem?



Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.

Revised October 2021

Visit Attendance Works at www.attendanceworks.org for free downloadable resources and tools!

New Albany Floyd County Schools Kindergarten Pre-enrollment!

February 1, 2024

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Locations

Floyds Knobs
Fairmont
Georgetown
Grant Line
Greenville
Green Valley
Mt. Tabor
S. Ellen Jones
Slate Run

Please bring your child's birth certificate, immunization records, and proof of residency

To qualify for kindergarten, children must be 5 years old on or before 8.1.2024

For more information visit: www.nafcs.org



PRE-KINDERGARTEN INTENT TO ENROLL

**2024-2025
SCHOOL YEAR**

New Albany Floyd County Schools offers a Pre-K program at 9 elementary schools. Our Pre-K specialists foster a love of learning through developmentally appropriate practices based on:

- Building relationships between all children and adults, a safe and healthful environment, and a consistent curriculum that promotes learning and social, emotional, physical, language, and cognitive development

Get kindergarten-ready with NAFCS' pre-K program!

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Locations: Fairmont, Floyds Knobs, Georgetown, Grant Line, Green Valley, Greenville, Mt. Tabor, S. Ellen Jones, and Slate Run
- 180 days of instruction following the NAFCS calendar
- Student academic day: 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- Before and After School Care for working families (Space is limited): 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Transportation is not offered for this program. You must provide transportation.
- Your child must be 4 years old by Aug. 1, 2024.

INTENT TO ENROLL REQUIREMENTS

(Space is limited. First come, first served basis)

- Floyds Knobs, Georgetown, Greenville, and Grant Line: NAFCS Intent to Enroll form (linked below) is required. (Limited grant scholarships available, based on income)
- Fairmont, Green Valley, Mt. Tabor, S. Ellen Jones, and Slate Run: The NAFCS Intent to Enroll form (QR code attached) AND the On My Way Pre-K Application are required (OMWPK applications open in March. You will be notified when it opens.). OMWPK provides FREE pre-K to those families who qualify. (Limited grant scholarships are available, based on income, for those who do not qualify.)

INTENT TO ENROLL FORMS FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

Choose ONE of the following methods to complete the Intent to Enroll form. If you need assistance, please call 812-542-2146.



(English)



(Spanish)

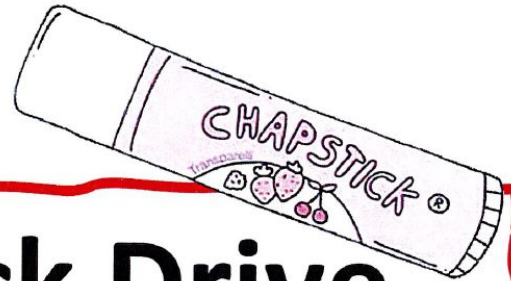
Intent to Enroll forms will open on Jan. 19th at 6 p.m.

QUESTIONS? PLEASE CALL:

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| • Fairmont 812-542-5501 | • Mount Tabor 812-542-5507 |
| • Floyds Knobs 812-542-5505 | • S. Ellen Jones 812-542-5508 |
| • Georgetown 812-542-5510 | • Slate Run 812-542-5509 |
| • Grant Line 812-542-5502 | • Spanish-speaking families: |
| • Green Valley 812-542-5503 | Contact Stephanie Gregory |
| • Greenville 812-542-5504 | (Sgregory@nafcs.org) |
| | 812-542-3804 |



NEW ALBANY FLOYD COUNTY
CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL CORPORATION



SEJ Chapstick Drive

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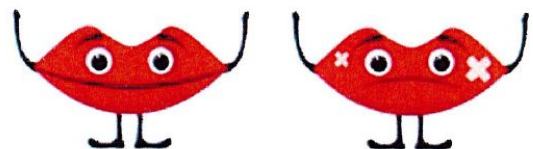
Winter weather can be hard on the lips! SEJ is hosting our first chapstick drive to help students develop their community service skills and to see that small acts of kindness can go a long way.



We are asking SEJ families to donate lip balms, so that each child at SEJ can be provided this resource to help get through the winter weather with healthy lips.

Our goal is to collect **500 items** so that each of SEJ's 250 students can take home two lip balms.

We will be accepting donations now until Wednesday, February 14th!



Small tubes of Vaseline and Aquaphor are excellent choices to provide students with allergies.

**You're
invited!**

**Big fun.
New friends.**

YOU'RE INVITED!

Looking to make new friends at a unicorn recruitment party? All Rising Kindergarten to Current 1st grade girls are welcome to join the party and see what Girl Scouts is all about!



**Thursday, February 15th
6-7pm**

**Saturday, February 17th
2-3pm**



Floyd County Library – New Albany Branch
180 W Spring Street, New Albany, IN

Scan the QR Code to RSVP or find more events like this near you!

Ready now? Text JOIN to 36068

girlscouts
of kentuckiana



TICKET!

ADMITS YOU + A FRIEND!

**Big fun.
New friends.**

**[DATE AND TIME CUSTOMIZABLE]
At [LOCATION CUSTOMIZABLE]**

TICKET!

Prosser Health Careers
Medical Assisting Class of 2024 will be hosting a

Teddy Bear Clinic



February 15th 2024 11:30

For Kindergarten and 1st graders at S.Ellen Jones Elementary.
Teddy bears to be given to the students at the clinic to help ease their fears of
medical professionals and procedures.

The following stations will be set up for the students to take their Teddy Bear to
visit:

1. Student check in. Students will be given their teddy bear w/ID bracelet and Doctor's lab coat. Personal Protective Equipment to be explained.
2. Vision screening booth. Students will help assist their bear with a vision check. Plastic glasses will be available.
3. Nutrition-My students will do a short presentation on nutrition. Coloring sheets will be given to the students in their goody bag.
4. X-ray/CT scan. Students will set their teddy bear up in a "class built" x-ray/CT machine. Students will have the option to wrap a limb if the bear has a "fracture"
5. Operation Game-Students will get to remove bones and a heart on a large size "class built" operation game in the shape of a teddy bear. This will help them understand how surgery is done.
6. Vaccinations station. Students will learn how important it is to get vaccinations. They will receive a syringe only and get to give a pretend shot to their teddy bear.
7. Bullying Activity-Students will be shown a short age appropriate video about bullying along with a short activity.
8. Vital signs-Students will get to listen to their bear's heart and be shown how blood pressure is taken.
9. Photo Booth-Class photos will be taken of the students holding their teddy bears in front of a banner that will be thanking the NAFCS Education Foundation. (My class received a grant from them for this project).



Valentine's Day

Parent's Night Out

GREEN VALLEY ELEMENTARY PTO

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH

5PM-9PM

- NERF BATTLES!
- NERF GAMES!
- PIZZA!
- MOVIES!
- FUN!
- AND MORE!

LIMITED SPACES!



QUESTIONS? CALL OR TEXT TO
SAVE YOUR CHILD'S SPOT TODAY!
(812) 218-8000
WWW.812CAMP.COM

 GREEN VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Home of the Wildcats

SCAN
ME! >>



St. Marks United Church of Christ

222 East Spring Street
New Albany, In 47150
812-945-2569

*"No matter who you
are or where you
are on Life's
Journey, you are
Welcome Here"*

Neighborhood Health Fair



Saturday, February 24, 2024

10:00 am – 2:00 pm (Doors open at 10:00 am)

Free Services for all

Free Vision testing (includes specialized tests for Children 2-6 yrs. old)

Free Eye glasses

Free Blood Pressure & Body Mass Index

Free Immunizations and Flu Shots

Free Haircuts

Free Dental Screening

Bilingual and ASL interpreters will be available

*Community Health Education including resources on; Mental Health, Smoking; HIV Prevention;
Substance Abuse; Abuse Reporting and Imagination Library sign up.*

Meal served from 11:00a.m. – 1:00p.m.

Please visit our Free Clothes Closet

The Dentist is coming to school!!!



MORE DETAILS
**Coming
Soon**

www.fhcenters.org

FREE SOCCER CLINIC



NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

JANUARY 10 – MARCH 13

**WEDNESDAYS
5 – 6 PM**

**GRADES
1 – 5**

Please wear shinguards
and cleats or tennis shoes.



Silver Street Park (Indoor Complex)

2043 Silver St | New Albany, IN



cityofnewalbany.com/parks

For more information, text or call:

**Shane Stuber
Scott Blair**

**(502) 419 – 8505
(812) 697 – 0128**



Little League

2024 New Albany Spring Registration

ONLINE REGISTRATION ONLY

www.newalbanylittleleague.com

January 1 - 31



Baseball Costs/Divisions

- \$90 - T-Ball - First year players, ages 4-5
- \$90 - Instructional - Coach pitch, ages 5-6
- \$115 - Rookie - Coach pitch, ages 6-8
- \$115 - Minor - First year kid pitch, ages 9-10
- \$115 - Major - ages 11-12
- \$115 - Intermediate & Junior - ages 13-14



Softball Costs/Divisions

- \$90 - T-Ball - First year players, ages 4-5
- \$115 - Rookie - Coach pitch, ages 6-8
- \$115 - Minor - First year kid pitch, ages 9-10
- \$115 - Major - ages 11-12
- \$115 - Junior - ages 13-14

Discount available for multiple player families

New Albany Little League is open to all residents within our boundary or those who attend school within our boundary. Please see our website for links to [boundary maps](#), [age charts](#), and available grants to help with registration fees.

Rookie, Minor, and Major league players will have assessments on Saturday, February 17 at the Silver Street Park indoor sports facility, 2043 Silver Street, New Albany. Each player will be assessed for three minutes. The assessments will be used to determine draft order. T-Ball and Instructional divisions will not have any assessments and teams will be randomly assigned.

Game days and practice days for each division will be determined after the registration period is closed.

Coach and Volunteer Information

- ALL Coaches will be required to provide a driver's license/state-issued ID and social security number and will be subject to a background check.
- ANY person wishing to assist and enter the field of play or dugout will be required to complete a volunteer form and will be subject to a background check.

MANDATORY FOR ALL COACHES:

Team drafts will occur February 26 and 27 at 6:00 p.m.

Coaches meeting - Wednesday, February 28, Time TBD, New Albany High School



SATURDAY,

APRIL 6

We want to thank our volunteers who play their part, so that Little Leaguers everywhere can live their own epic series.

one
TEAM
one
LITTLE LEAGUE®

Questions? Email us:
registration@
newalbanylittleleague.com

LITTLE SLUGGERS



**\$25
per child**

**REGISTER BY:
MARCH 8**

**THURSDAYS
APRIL 4 - APRIL 25
6PM-7PM**

**BOYS AND GIRLS
AGES 3-5**

**Learn the basic fundamentals of throwing,
batting, fielding and base running.**

****No equipment required****



**SILVER STREET PARK
INDOOR TURF
2043 SILVER STREET
NEW ALBANY, IN 47150**

For more information & registration:

812-949-5448

www.cityofnewalbany.com/parks



Eco-Science Challenge: Solutions for the future

The Eco-Science Challenge encourages innovative Hoosier students to work towards finding solutions to current eco-science issues. Both small and big initiatives are welcome as we work together to positively impact our communities and beyond. This event will be at Indiana University Southeast (4201 Grant Line Road, New Albany, IN 47150). This event is sponsored by the IUS School of Education and School of Natural Sciences, and Earth Charter Indiana.

February 17, 2024 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Subject areas could include topics such as: renewable energy, sustainable agriculture, eco-friendly products, environmental awareness, habitat protection, pollinators, water quality, soil conservation, native plants, wetlands, and food sustainability. Topics could also be social projects such as civic participation, actions to protect the environment, or other related areas with approval.

How to get involved: Elementary, middle and high school students, homeschool students, Boy and Girl Scouts, and 4H Clubs are invited to present projects.

- Age Categories are K-4, 5-8 and 9-12.
- Students have the option to submit their project either for the competition or to exhibit and share with fellow students.
- Visit our website for competition rules and to register:
<https://www.earthcharterindiana.org/ecosciencechallenge>
- Deadline to register is January 19, 2024
- For questions contact: Brian and Tamela Brewer at 502-403-7956 or email thebrewers@earthcharterindiana.org.

Celebration and award ceremony will follow the judging process. Participants will need a parent or sponsor to remain on site during the event. Parking will be provided. IUS Police will provide security on campus.

