



# THE GRIFFIN

April 2024 Newsletter

## APRIL IS...



## ECVS EVENTS & REMINDERS



**April 2024**

### **\*\*Grades 3-12 Testing**

- 10** Grade 11 ACT & Civics Exam at ECASD Administration Building (arrival 7:45am; dismissal 2:00pm)
- 15** ECVS Closed for Professional Learning Day for Staff
- 15** 11-6:30pm In-Person Class Scheduling for 6-12 (Flynn Elementary Gym)
- 16** Grades 3 - 8 Forward Testing at Flynn (arrival 8:25 am; dismissal 2:45 pm)
- 16** ECVS Governance Board monthly meeting 4:45 PM
- 19** Grades 4 and 8 Forward Testing at Flynn (arrival 8:25 AM; dismissal 12:35 PM)

**Check out the website for a complete list of ECVS activities!**





## A Message from our Principal, Mr. Jim Schmitt

We are excited for State testing this month. Students need to come with their school-issued device charged (and bring their charger!). These tests are an excellent opportunity to show what our students have accomplished this school year. They are required tests from the State, so please plan to be ready to show off our work from the year! We already began this process with students in grades 9 and 10 on March 21 with the PreACT.

We are also busy scheduling students for next year. Students selected their courses last month for grades 7-12. We are now building their schedules based on those choices. This is an important process to ensure students have what they need to start the next school year!

Please continue to monitor communications from ECVS staff through Outlook and Pearson staff through their Web Mail for grades 7-12. We hope everyone has the information they need for their students to be successful.

Test	PreACT/Forward	ACT	Forward (Day 1)	Forward (Day 2)
Date	Thurs., March 21	Wed., April 10	Tues., April 16	Fri., Apr. 19
Time	7:30 - 2:00 (gr. 9 done at 11:40)	7:30 - 2:15	8:15 - 2:00	8:15 - 12:45





**A Message from our Librarian, Ms. Carling**

**Make sure your device is ready for testing by...**

- Restarting daily
- Reporting issues to our Help Desk (715) 852-3411
- Installing updates when prompted to do so!

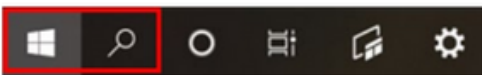
**\*\*\*Bring ECASD Laptop & Charger to all tests!**

## ECASD Dell Laptop Updates – Week before assessments during ELT

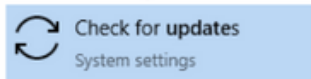
It is VERY important that your laptop is **PLUGGED IN, CONNECTED TO WI-FI, and the COVER STAYS OPEN** through the entire update. Complete both parts of this process.

### 1 - Windows Updates

- On the bottom-left of your screen, either select the magnifying glass or Windows icon.



- Type the word Update
- Click to open **Check for updates**.



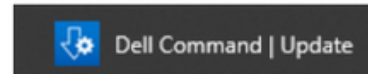
- Click on Check for Updates.



- Download and install all updates listed.
- Tap Restart now when/if asked.

### 2 - Dell Command Updates

- Select the Windows icon.
- Find and click **Dell Command Update**



- Choose Check and run all updates.



- Choose Restart when asked.

*\* One of these is a BIOS update that absolutely must have power connected and the laptop open. There will be a warning sign on the screen when the critical update is being processed.*

Restart your laptop every day: Click the **Windows** icon then click **Power**, and then **Restart**.



## A Message from our Secretary, Mrs. Nemitz

**SENIORS**, we are still looking for a few more speakers at the graduation ceremony in May. If you would like to speak, please let Jim Schmitt or me know asap! Speaking may mean giving a traditional speech, or it could mean taking a small role like introducing a part of the program.

If you ordered a cap/gown/yard sign, we should have those all in by the end of this month or early May. I will send out information regarding the pick-up day and time once I have everything in. If you have not submitted your two photos yet; baby photo or youth photo and senior photo, please send them asap as I am starting to prepare our slideshow for the graduation ceremony.





## A Message from our School Counselor, Mrs. Steig



To all our amazing seniors,

**As your Graduation Day draws near, remember that these final two months are your chance to shine brighter than ever before.** You've come so far, and now is the time to finish strong especially on those days when you are feeling tired and/or you feel a case of "Senioritis" setting in. Be strong! Embrace every moment, stay focused on your goals, and keep pushing forward with determination and resilience to earn your high school diploma. Your hard work, dedication, and passion have brought you to this point, and your future is filled with endless possibilities. So seize the opportunity and make every day count! **We believe in you, ECVS seniors, and we can't wait to celebrate your incredible achievements at our Commencement ceremony on May 22, 2024. Go Griffins!**

**24-25 Scheduling Update:** If you missed the 24-25 Arena Scheduling window in Skyward or if you have additional questions or need more support with the scheduling process, Mrs. Steig will be available at Flynn Elementary in-person from 11:00 a.m.-6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 15th to answer any questions you may have. You may also email Mrs. Steig directly your scheduling questions at [lsteig@ecasd.us](mailto:lsteig@ecasd.us)

**The ACT test date for all ECVS Juniors is April 10, 2024.**



**What is the ACT and why is it important?** The ACT is a standardized test that measures college readiness and academic achievement. ACT scores can help students and families see academic growth, strengths and areas in need of more support and learning. The ACT can help you earn scholarships and is often required as part of the college admissions process.

ACT Test Prep Materials can be found on our **[ECVS Student Services Webpage.](#)**





**It's that exciting time of year when we get to start our new Career Exploration Unit** where ECVS students will embark on an exciting journey to discover their interests, skills, and potential career paths. At the heart of this adventure is Xello, an engaging and student friendly online platform designed to guide students through the process of exploring various career options and planning their futures.

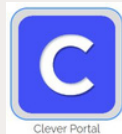


## Why Career Exploration Matters

Post secondary readiness and career connections are huge drivers for relevance in the classroom and student motivation. This unit will help our students make critical connections between school today and careers tomorrow. We will teach, model, practice and build skills necessary to help our students become community, college, career and life ready! Understanding one's interests and strengths is crucial for making informed decisions about future education and career paths. By engaging in career exploration early on, students can gain valuable insights into potential career options, set meaningful goals, and develop the skills they need to succeed in their chosen fields.

**How:** Xello offers career lessons and activities for all ECASD/ECVS **K-12 Grade Students**

**Where can I find Xello?** You will find Xello in Clever



**What:** Once logged into Xello students will find 4 lessons per grade level that ECASD

**K-6:** Mrs. Steig will provide teaching and time during monthly K-6 Developmental Guidance Class for students to complete their 4 Xello lessons.

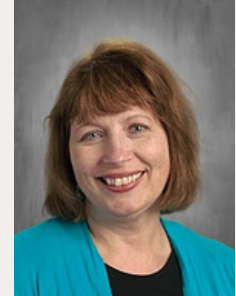
**7-12 Graders:** Learning Coaches and students are encouraged to build in time to their virtual school schedule to complete their grade level 4 career lessons in Xello.

**ECVS Learning Coaches:** Please have your K-12 students **4 Xello lessons complete by May 20, 2024.**

If you have any questions about Xello or ideas to share to support this exciting unit, please reach out to Mrs. Steig, ECVS School Counselor. 715-852-3508 [lsteig@ecasd.us](mailto:lsteig@ecasd.us)



**A Message from our 1-3 Teacher,  
Ms. Skalecki**



As we approach the new life of Spring, we celebrate the growth that our students have made. First graders are adding tens and ones using models. Second graders are getting out their yardsticks, tape measures, and rulers and measuring everything in sight. Third graders are studying fractions and learning what it means to eat  $\frac{1}{8}$  of a pizza,  $\frac{1}{4}$  of an apple, etc... English/Language Arts has us confronting some "big" topics. First graders are busy finding "root words", while Second graders are learning about homographs. Second graders are also practicing using formal and informal language. If you are wondering what conjunctions are and how to use them, a third grader can certainly help you.



## A Message from our 4-6 Teacher, Ms. Matera



Last month, we followed the Iditarod race and found out who the winning musher was (Dallas Seavey) and which mushers won character awards and why. It was all very exciting as we watched live feeds and communicated directly with checkpoints along the way! But now, Spring has sprung and we are on to new learning! This month, we will have our first ever talent showcase! This will give us an opportunity to celebrate our hard work and endurance during the Forward exams, and have an opportunity to learn about one another and grow relationships!





# L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library Youth Services Events

## Youth Services Calendar of Events April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 2 Teen BookBox available 3:30–6 p.m. Dabble Box Open Lab 3:30–6 p.m. Dabble Box Open Lab 4:30 p.m. Read Me a Book Club		3	4 3:30–6 p.m. Dabble Box Open Lab	5 10:30 a.m. Preschool STEM	6 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Dabble Box Open Lab
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14 	15 3:30–6 p.m. Dabble Box Open Lab 6 p.m. Triple P: Power of Positive Parenting	16 3:30–6 p.m. Dabble Box Open Lab	17 5 p.m. Story Seekers	18 3:30–6 p.m. Dabble Box Open Lab	19 10:30 a.m. Preschool STEM	20 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Dabble Box Open Lab
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- Infant/Preschool events
- School-age events
- Teen events
- Family events
- Parent/Caregiver events



To see ALL events, scan the QR code. →



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ysstaff@eau Claire.lib.wi.us

 L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library  
www.ecpubliclibrary.info

→ Registration is required for some events. See reverse for details.

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## Youth Services Events • April 2024



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### EVENTS FOR KIDS AND FAMILIES

To register for events, go to [ecpubliclibrary.info/kids](http://ecpubliclibrary.info/kids) or call Youth Services at 715-839-5007.

#### Preschool STEM

Fridays, April 5, 12, 19, 26 • 10:30 a.m. • Youth Program Room

Explore STEM with your preschoolers at the library! Hands-on activities in each of the STEM challenges will be provided each week.



#### Read Me a Book Club (Grades K–2 and their grown-up)

Mondays, April 1 & 8 • 4:30 p.m. • Youth Program Room

A book club for kids and their grown-ups. This month's theme is *Fe Fi Fo Fum—Fairy Tales Remixed*. Find out what happens when a troll meets a billy goat, choose your own adventure and see what Cinderella really thinks of her glass slippers. Registration required.

#### Book Scouts (Grades 3–6)

5–6 p.m. • Youth Program Room

Choose between Story Seekers or Page Turners. Registration required. Play games, get crafty, explore STEM projects and talk about books.

#### Story Seekers • Wednesday, April 17

For newer independent readers who enjoy shorter chapter books.

#### Page Turners • Thursday, April 25

For more experienced independent readers who enjoy longer chapter books.

#### Dabble Box Open Labs (All ages)

Mondays, Tuesdays, & Thursdays • 3:30–6 p.m.

Saturdays, April 6 & 20 • 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Drop in to play, make and share. From coding with robots to painting and drawing, there's something for everyone.

#### LEGO® Club (For kids and their grown-ups)

Saturdays, April 13 & 27 • 1–3 p.m. • Youth Program Room

Drop-in family program. We supply the LEGOs, you supply the imagination.

#### Triple P: Power of Positive Parenting (For parents and caregivers)

6–7:30 p.m. • Riverview Room

#### Monday, April 15: The Power of Positive Parenting

Discover the five key principles of positive parenting that form the basis of Triple P.

#### Monday, April 22: Raising Confident, Competent Children

Learn the six core building blocks to help children become confident and successful at school and beyond.

#### Monday, April 29: Raising Resilient Children

Explore the six core building blocks to help children manage their feelings and become resilient in dealing with life stress.

Registration required for each session. The series is intended for parents and caregivers. Childcare will not be provided.

Come early and join us for a meal at 5:45 p.m.

### EVENTS FOR TEENS (Grades 7–12)

To register for teen events, go to [ecpubliclibrary.info/teens](http://ecpubliclibrary.info/teens) or call Youth Services at 715-839-5007.

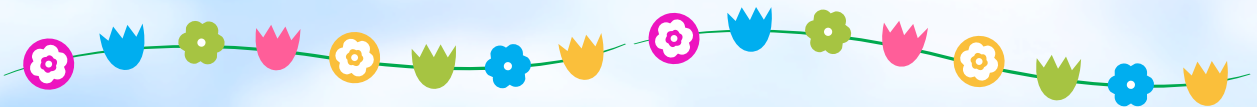
#### Teen BookBox (Available April 1)

A themed subscription box containing a library book and goodies. Valid library card required. Request your box at [ecpubliclibrary.info/teens/teen-bookbox](http://ecpubliclibrary.info/teens/teen-bookbox).

#### Teen Litwits Book Club

Tuesday, April 9 • 6:30 p.m. • Carnegie Room

Talk about books you love (or hate) without fear of non-readers getting you down. Registration required.





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