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News from The Cove

Emerald Cove Middle School

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Important Contacts

Reminder: If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school. For general questions you may contact the main office. Your child's teachers are your first contact for classroom needs and concerns.

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Mrs. Thallemar
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6th grade:

Mrs. Rosas, Guidance
561-803-8015
Mr. King, Asst. Principal
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Mrs. Leatherman, Guidance
561-803-8009
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Ms. Cynthia Orsenigo,
Guidance, 561-803-8008
Mr. Wheeler, Asst. Principal
561-803-8041

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Mrs. Rae Jensen, ESE
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561-803-8025

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Health:

Nurse Schillian, RN
561-803-8057
Nurse Bailey, RN
561-803-8058

Message from Dr. Feaman

Dear ECMS families,

This holiday season we are thankful for all of our students and families that make up The Cove! We have had a successful first semester of the school year and are looking forward to an even better 2019. Have a relaxing and fun winter break. Students, don't forget to read, practice skills, and enjoy your family and community and all that you can learn from experiences such as visiting the public library, volunteering for a worthwhile cause, and being active. Be safe and we will see you January 8, 2019!

Tips from the Guidance Department

The Choice program application window opened on Nov. 1, and closed on December 7th for the following programs: Boynton Beach High School Arts programs (Dance, Digital Media, Music-Band, Music-Keyboards/Piano, Music-Vocal, Theatre, and Visual Arts) and A.W. Dreyfoos Jr. School of the Arts (all programs). The deadline for all other programs not listed will be January 25, 2019. It is strongly recommended that applications be submitted online. Applications can be accessed at mypbchoiceapp.com. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Orsenigo.

Listen for #College Fridays for announcements about college information.

As we go into the holiday break season it's a great time for us to remind you about cell phone, tablet, game console, and Internet use. This past month in Social Studies our students all received the Techsafe training with reminders on safe use of the Internet. Parents should be reminded as well that as the school year progresses, and students have a break with more time on their hands, so do the texts, phone calls, Instagram, Kik, Facebook, IM messages, Snapchat, ask.com, YouTube videos, chat rooms and online communication via game systems (i.e. Fortnite, Call of Duty, etc.). If your child has a cell phone, chances are they may have access to many social media and texting apps that are not being monitored by an adult.

Many conflicts begin and escalate on social media, so it is important to make sure you are a tech savvy parent and know what your child is doing online and on the phone. Please visit the following websites for more information on how to keep your child safe online:

<https://www.common sense media.org/privacy-and-internet-safety>

<https://www.dhs.gov/publication/stopthinkconnect-parent-and-educator-resources>

Don't forget!

- Check under your beds and in your bookbags and turn in any late library books.
- Like us on Facebook. We have several important dates, announcements and pictures posted daily.

Congratulations

Congratulations to two of our outstanding teachers who will be the ECMS Dwyer nominees for this year, Mrs. Heather Evrley and Mr. Roderick King!

We are so proud of you

Testing Updates

The window for Diagnostic Testing will open in January 2018, when we return from winter break. Winter diagnostics provide a baseline indicator as to how students will perform on the FSAs. By administering in January, we will have ample opportunity to revisit some areas where improvement is needed and ensure our students are well prepared. Please take a look at our webpage and Facebook for the Diagnostic Schedule. It's already posted.