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News from The Cove

Emerald Cove Middle School

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Important Contacts

Reminder: Your child's teachers are your first contact for classroom needs and concerns.

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Mr. King, AP
561-803-8030

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Mrs. Leatherman,
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Message from Dr. Feaman

Dear ECMS families,

Happy New Year! We welcome you back from the winter break and hope that our students are recharged for a great new semester! **We continue our focus to Achieve Like Pirates and increase our school grade by 20 points.** This goal will only be met by the continued hard work and focus of our students, faculty, and staff and the support our families at home.

We jump right into the new nine weeks with our diagnostic testing which begins on January 8th. We want our students to take the testing seriously and do their best, as it is a formative assessment that will help guide instruction going forward. Please be sure to review the testing calendar online.

We look forward to seeing our students on Tuesday, January 7, 2020 in school dress code, with needed supplies replenished, and ready to work!

If you have any needs or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Sincerely,

Dr. Eugina Feaman

We are Proud of our Pirates!

- Congratulations to the following outstanding teachers who are the ECMS Dwyer nominees for this year: Mrs. Patricia Johnson, Mrs. Staci Dorish, and Mrs. Salem Shuhaiber!
- Kudos Band and Choral students for excellent Winter Concerts!
- Great job all Spelling Bee participants! Congrats first-place winner, 7th grader Hemant Chintalapudi, and the second-place winner was 7th grader Angelo Bass. Hemant and Angelo will move on to the regional spelling bee on March 10th at Boca Prep International School.
- Congratulations to 6th grade artist Aaliyah Keys. Her self-portrait was selected for permanent display in Superintendent Dr. Donald E. Fennoy's, conference room.

*We are so
proud of you*

Testing Updates

Diagnostic Testing will begin on January 8, 2020 and continue thru January 17th. Winter diagnostics provide a baseline indicator as to how students will perform on the FSAs. By administering in January, we will have many opportunities to revisit some areas where improvement is needed, enrich and ensure our students are well prepared. Please review the test schedule on our webpage and Facebook so that you do not schedule appointments for your child. During testing, ensure that your child gets a good night's sleep, is on time daily and eats a healthy breakfast

Important Dates

- 1/8-17 Diagnostic Testing
- 1/15 Report Cards
- 1/16 Five Guys Spirit Night
SAC meeting 6pm
- 1/20 No School
- 1/27-29 Vision/Hearing Screening
- 2/1 Great Charity Challenge and ECMS
Night at Equestrian Center

PBCSD CALENDAR CHANGES:

- 3/16 End of 3rd nine weeks
- 3/17 No School
- 3/18 Begin 4th nine weeks
- 3/30 Students return from Spring Break



Don't forget!

- Check under your beds and in your bookbags and turn in any late library books and return those to school this week.
- Clean out, organize your binder, and restock paper, pencils, and needed supplies in the backpack.
- Like us on Facebook. We have several important dates, announcements and pictures posted daily.

Congratulations

Nurse Helene Schillian will be retiring from the Healthcare District and as School Nurse at ECMS. We wish her much happiness in retirement!



Mental Health and Social and Emotional Learning

Each Monday during your child's extended period, they will have "Monday Matters" lessons that will focus on our School-wide positive behavior initiatives as well as their social and emotional well-being. In addition, our school counselors have been teaching lessons from the Teen Safety Matters curriculum within your child's science or social studies class.

Coming soon will be the Suite 360 lessons focused on mental health that will cover the legislative mandates surrounding the topic.

If you have any questions or have concern specific to your child, we are here to help! Please contact your child's school counselor.

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Students can earn CREED Call outs for following the CREED on campus. Please remind students of our school-wide expectations and procedures.