Weekly electronic communication with staff.

Important Dates

Monday, March 6
CDM 3:10 pm

Tuesday, March 7
Coffee Bean Team 3:10 pm
Math Committee finalize plans 3:10 pm

Wednesday, March 8

Thursday, March 9

Friday, March 10
Coffee Bean Club 7:45 am
Sweetheart Dance
P/T conferences

Testing Dates!
Spring standardized testing is coming! Here are some tentative dates:
MISA Training (5th Grade teachers/Special Educators/Reading & ESOL Teachers): February 27
MISA Administration (5th Grade): March 13 & 15
ESSA Survey Training (5th Grade teachers/Special Educators/Reading & ESOL Teachers): March 21
ESSA Survey Administration (5th Grade): March 27-31
MCAP ELA/Math Training (3rd, 4th, & 5th Grade teachers/Special Educators/Reading & ESOL Teachers/TAs and TSAs): April 17

Don't forget to give your teammates a shout out! Thanks for sharing all of the love and positivity!!
Engagement Strategies

**Manipulatives**
Don’t forget: concrete representation is crucial for all grade levels, in all stages of instruction (not just when introducing a concept.) Get manipulatives in their hands!

**Open-Ended Questions**
Open ended questions like “What do you notice?” or prompts like “How do you know?” are easy to incorporate, and they help kids (and teachers) learn more about their thinking.

Character Trait Lessons

Monthly Character Trait lessons are linked [here](#). This month we will focus on Integrity.
Buddy Classes

March Buddy Class Lessons with speaker notes for teachers. A copy will be placed in all teachers mailboxes.

Green School Artifacts Needed

It's time to submit your grade level Green School artifacts in the Google Drive.

Reading Updates

- Professional Development Opportunities for Literacy:
  - Marking Period 4 Writing Planning: March 15th from 4:30 - 6:30 #20554 get paid to plan writing for the last marking period of the year :)  
  - Fundations PD: April 18th from 5:00 - 7:00- #103616 Teaching Fundations Level 1 learning activities
- Please enroll in the Literacy Professional Learning Brightspace if you have not already so you have access to the planning and training resources
- K-3 Remember to give Funcations unit test scores to Amanda and Kelsey to enter into RTI

Math Updates
First In Math Goals
Here's a fun review game that gets kids talking using academic and content vocabulary.

**How it works:** Every kid gets one card with a question on it and the answer in a complete sentence on the back. Kids circulate around the room. Find a partner, read their questions to each other. After they've both asked and answered questions, they trade cards and find a new partner. This activity takes some prep as you will need to create the cards with questions and answers. Model for the students how to do the activity and remind them to speak in complete sentences and help each other. If needed with reading, if questions are related to notes or something they read, encourage them to look for the answer in the text. If kids like this game, eventually you can have them make their own cards to review each time you do a review.

**Tech Updates**

NEW! Use Media Library to Organize & Edit Video & Audio
NEW! Quiz Creation Workflow
The quiz creation workflow has been updated to match the Assignments workflow. This will be opt-in for users until the end of the 22-23 school year.
NEW! Availability Dates in Assignments
Add and interact with PDFs with OrbitNote in Brightspace Assignments.
Check out the directions.
OrbitNote in Assignments
OrbitNote PDF in Brightspace Assignments A Brightspace Tip 📚 Video Tutorial (coming soon)
OrbitNote allows students to express their understanding in many flexible ways. They can type or draw their thoughts on the page. More on the OrbitNote Chrome Extension Installing the OrbitNote ... docs.google.com

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School- Wide Electronic Communication.
March is here and our students are enjoying time outdoors to learn. I continue to be impressed by our students' dedication to learning. We have a lot of exciting events coming up this month! We hope to see you there.

Testing Update
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MISA Administration (5th Grade): March 13 & 15
ESSA Survey Administration (5th Grade): March 27-31
MCAP ELA/Math Administration:
5th Grade: April 24-28
4th Grade: May 1-5
3rd Grade: May 8-12

Spring Break is right around the corner! School will be closed April 3rd-April 10th. The office will be closed during Spring Break and will reopen on April 11th.

I am grateful for all that you do each day for our students and staff.

Sincerely,
Kim VerMerris
Principal

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

March
2nd: 2 hour late arrival (Parent/Teacher conferences)

https://www.smore.com/hujp3e
Weekly Update
Third Grade

Important Information- Week of March 6th

Science Fair: Information about the Science Fair was sent home with interested 3rd grade students this week. The Science Fair is OPTIONAL. If you would like your child to participate and you did not receive the information in their Take Home Folder, please reach out to your child’s homeroom teacher.

Talent Show: Our first annual Take it to the ‘Edge Talent Show will be held on May 25th at 6:00 pm. Talent Show practice for student in Grades 3-5 will be held on the following dates from 3:15-4:15 pm:
Good Morning,

We have two very fun upcoming events for our Edgewater Students!

The Girls' Sweetheart Dance is this Friday, March 10th. If you have not done so already, please make sure to use the RSVP form attached. This event is for the Edgewater Girls' and their one chaperone and will take place at the school from 6-8pm. We hope you join us "Under the Sea!" We are also looking for a few volunteers to help us set up, manage the event onsite and help clean up. If you are able to help, please use the following link to sign up: [Sign up Genius link](#)

The EES Boys' Bowling Night is also coming up on Saturday, March 25th at Annapolis Bowl. Flyers to RSVP will go home this week, so please keep an eye out. The event is for our Edgewater Boys and their one chaperone. The cost to attend is $15 per couple and $3 for any additional student. Price includes bowling, shoes, pizza and soft drinks.

We are looking forward to these special events with our students!

Thank you,

The EES PTA Board

[Sweetheart Dance 2023 Under The Sea English and Spanish.pdf](#)