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# COUGAR UPDATE

*The Official Monthly Newsletter of Estrella Mountain Elementary*

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## From the Desk of Mrs. Booras...



March was an exciting and busy month for all our Cougars!

Choir performed 101 Dalmatians for friends, family, and community members over two evenings. A few comments after the show included: "Wow! Cruella stole the show with her acting skills." "Your music teacher, Mrs. Landaiche, sure knows how to put on a show." "EMES has a great deal of talent, we look forward to upcoming performances." It was a terrific show which showcased the abilities of our students. In short it was a grand success.

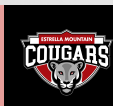
T2 GPA Awards Assembly celebrated 61 students receiving Principal's List, 126 receiving Honor Roll, and 98 receiving Honorable Mention. Cougars, you continue to impress me with your dedication to your academics and extracurricular activities. Congratulations!! The learning on campus continues to be at a high level of rigor for our students. Classrooms are buzzing with collaboration, group projects, and inquiry. We will begin AASA state testing on April 4th in grades 3-8. Be sure your student(s) get a good night's sleep before testing, eat a nutritious breakfast, and leave home on a positive note. Remind your student(s) this is their time to shine and show us what they have learned. It is important students are on time each day for testing, as they won't be able to enter a testing session after the teacher has started. Students will receive a lunchtime treat on test days and a reward for perfect test day attendance. Our PTO Move-A-Thon was a great success raising over \$40,000 for our school. PTO continues to support classroom projects, student and staff recognition, and much more with the funds raised throughout the school year. Thank you for your support during our Move-A-Thon. I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events as we wrap up our school year.

~ Mrs. Booras, Principal

## MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

PTO Move-A-Thon Assembly  
1  
Science Olympiad @ ASU  
2  
Baseball/Softball Pictures @ 2:45 p.m.  
4  
Music Program KG/1 6:00 p.m.  
6  
Governing Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.  
11  
Readers Bingo Celebration 12:00 p.m.  
13  
Good Friday ~ No School  
15  
Practice Bus Evacuations 8:45 a.m.  
20  
Site Council 3:00 p.m.  
21  
Student Council Dance  
22 or 29 TBD  
Governing Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.  
25  
KG Field Trip ~ Wildlife World Zoo  
26

Please see our website calendar for more events.



Ms. McCorkle  
Vice  
Principal

Ms. Kanarata  
Principal  
Secretary

Ms. Moran  
School  
Secretary

Ms. Svetz  
CNA





## Mrs. Finn's Coaching Corner



Spring is in full bloom and we are getting closer to the finish line. With less than two months left of school, our focus is zoomed in on classroom instruction aligned to the essential standards. During lesson planning, LESD's pacing calendar is closely referenced to ensure that our students become proficient in all content areas.

To prepare our learners for AASA, our state assessment, teachers have been

assigning grade-level essential standards in Dreambox and selecting standard-based articles and activities in Achieve 3000. Achieve 3000 has also launched a Test Prep Boot Camp campaign - AASA Prep Boot Camp and AASA Smart - for grades 3 through 8. Their selected activities are directly aligned to the state assessment and provide an additional level of rigor for students.

April brings state assessment to the forefront. Grades 5 and 8 have already completed both sessions of their AzSCI test (state science assessment) in March. Grades 3-8 will embark on their testing journey on April 4, assessing their proficiency in writing, English Language Arts, and mathematics.

As always, thank you for being such a dedicated and resilient group of educators. Estrella Cougars rule!

~ Mrs. Finn, Instructional Coach

## Congratulations to the Boys Baseball Team!



Cougars win first game of the season!

Brayden, Parker, Baron, Damian, Caiden, Gavin, Jacob, Jordan, Baylor, Ellis, DJ, AJ, Ryan. Coach Ms. Pluguez.



For Additional Parent  
Communication Follow us!!



## Eighth Grade visits....

....EFHS!

"We got through  
this year together  
and now we're  
moving on."



## Reminders....

8th Grade Catalina Field Trip  
May 15 - May 18

8th Grade Promotion  
May 19 @ 5:00 p.m.  
EMES Gym



"What lies behind us, and what  
lies before us are small matters  
compared to what lies within us."

Ralph Waldo Emerson





## 101 Dalmatians Kid's Musical....

We experience music almost everywhere. But the most important, fun place to experience music is in a classroom with your music teacher. As an integral part of our experiences, music serves as a language: to communicate and build our identities, convey our emotional experiences, and explore our passions. (Pictured on Page 1).



### A Big Thank you!

Ms. Morris delivered 325 pairs of socks to Helen's Hope Chest. An item that is very much needed. Thank you to our generous Cougar families & students. We appreciate your continued support!!



## 101 Dalmatians Kid's Musical!

If you happened to experience our Musical, immediately you realized how talented and incredible our student's musical potential is and how it is extremely exciting! For that, we thank you for your continued support of our music program here at EMES! Thank you to Taste of Italy for supporting our spaghetti dinner prior to our musical.

## 8th Grade Technology Scholarship!



Congratulations to Samara, Addison & Travis for participating in the LESD 8th Grade Technology Scholarship opportunity. Each student selected an area or idea in which they were interested in and submitted it to our Technology Department. These students will move on to the level. Thank you Mr. Moreno, Ms. Karafa, & Ms. Zumbro for taking the time to visit our campus and honor our students!!!



## A Positive Impact!

Kenslie and Olivia in Ms. Arriaga's 2nd grade class find ideas in helping our campus community!

## 8th Grade Design Glass!



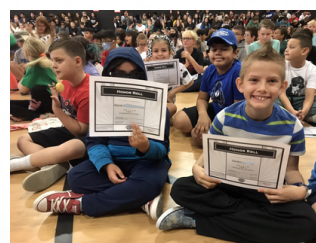
Ms. Sheesley's 8th grade participated in a fun activity in a simulation about populations and genetics.

## Goodyear Fire Pals!



"Water Safety," Grades KG - 4th

## GPA Awards Assembly!



Our GPA Awards Ceremony is always so much fun and full of energy. We were able to honor students in grades 3-8 who earned Honorable Mention, Honor Roll and Principal's List. Way to go Cougars!!

Cougars Rock! 🐾



# MOVE A THON



Our PTO Move-A-Thon was a huge success. Our students were able to raise over \$40,000. All students had the opportunity to participate and visit all the interactive stations. Thank you to all our volunteers, thank you for all the snack and drink donations, thank you to our sponsors for supporting our school and keeping it fun all day. But most importantly, we thank our PTO for organizing a fun and engaging Move-A-Thon fundraiser. It was a great way to raise funds and build awareness for our school.

