

September 7, 2018

EMES Mission Statement

“The purpose of our school is to teach all children to become competent, caring citizens and life-long learners through a challenging and relevant curriculum.”



Alicia Lyford, Principal

2018-2019 EMES Family Newsletter

Dear EMES Families -

You have heard me mention that we will be opening up the Parent Portal in Infinite Campus this fall as part of our proficiency based scoring and reporting system. The Parent Portal will allow families to view student achievement information via the Infinite Campus website. If you are already paying your child's meal account balance online, you have access to this site. You may also have access to the site if you have a child at U32 and you access their information via the portal.

At our Parent Information Night next Wednesday, Arlyn will provide training to parents on how to get signed up to view the Parent Portal, as well as how to access information via the portal and what it all looks like. She will offer three different time slots that night and I encourage parents who are not familiar with the portal to attend one of the trainings. There will also be a form for you to fill out, which will allow us to permit you access to the portal.

The opening of the Parent Portal will require some new learning from everyone across our system. EMES teachers have been working on inputting tasks (often referred to as assignments) into the IC gradebook for the past year with the understanding that the portal would go "live" in the fall of 2018. The Parent Portal is intended to give students and families more frequent access to feedback on academic tasks, however it is not intended to provide instant access to feedback. This year, teachers will enter information that can be viewed by parents every two weeks, beginning at the end of September. Once you are set up to view the portal, we ask that you plan on checking it about every two weeks, however checking it more frequently than that may cause unnecessary concern.

I am excited about the addition of opening up the Parent Portal this year, and am hopeful you will find it helpful in understanding your child's progress on our student learning outcomes. As always, if you have any questions or concern, please don't hesitate to reach out to me any time!

Best,

Alicia

Dates to Note:

Parent Information Night: Wednesday, September 12th from 5:00 - 6:30

All-School Hike: Friday, September 21st/Rain Date Friday, September 28th

Picture Day/Retake Day: Thursday, September 13th/ Monday, October 15th

Teacher In-Service: Friday, October 6th (No school for students)

EMES Harvest Festival: Saturday, October 6th

Columbus Day: Monday, October 8th (No school for students)

Hunter's Safety Class: Monday, October 8th 5:00—8:00

WCLT Music Day for 4-6: Thursday, October 11th

Open House: Thursday, October 18th 5:30 - 6:30





Wednesday, September 12th

We are excited for our upcoming Parent Information Night! This is a great opportunity for you to come and hear about the many opportunities your child will be experiencing this year in their classrooms. It's also an opportunity to learn about our PE labs K-6, band opportunities for fifth and sixth graders, and our new Infinite Campus Parent Portal. You'll have time to meet other families and learn how you can partner with us in your child's education. Please remember that this evening is for parents only. We will have a student-led open house on October 18th at 5:30!

5:00-5:25	<p>5th and 6th grade band meeting with Mrs. Mishkin in the music room</p> <p>Arlyn in the library sharing information on the IC Parent Portal (including paperwork to start the process)</p> <p>Blanch in the gym sharing information about upcoming PE labs</p>
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