

Emmett Middle School Monthly Board Update November/December

Thoughts From A Middle Schooler

Student Perspective

At Emmett Middle School we like hanging out with our friends and after-school activities. We get to learn and get smarter. We like switching classes and having different teachers. The food is good and the teachers are nice. We have our own lockers. The teachers do a good job decorating their rooms. We like the teamwork that comes with sports. Emmett Middle School slays!

SWIP Plan

Our 23-24 School-Wide Improvement Plan was approved on November 30. This approval allows us to use federal funding to support our journey to improve ELA, Math and ELL test scores.

Kindness week

During the week of November 13-17, EMS stressed the importance of kindness while discussing strategies to prevent bullying.

Curriculum Updates:

11 teachers (2 from the EHS) received a two day training from EL Achieve called Constructing Meaning. EL Achieve is the curriculum used to support our English Language Learners. This is a 5 day training spread among a few months with the first two days being back to back. The purpose of this PD is for our core group of teachers to learn the strategies and bring the strategies back to PLC to teach to their team.

Constructing Meaning offers an accelerated approach to instruction that emphasizes both academic English and critical literacy skills, thereby supporting English learners in acquiring the analytical language necessary to meet the demands of content standards. It provides teachers with a clear process and practical tools for weaving explicit language instruction into content-area teaching. The focus is on teaching the content-specific language that enables students to

think, discuss, read, and write to the goals of the lesson. Even though the training specializes in English Language Learners, it will benefit all students.

New White Boards Installed

Thanks to our School Improvement grant, 23 new magnetic white boards were installed during Thanksgiving break. This was a huge upgrade which replaced the shower board that had been installed many years ago. The teachers are enjoying being able to erase their boards without a black film being left behind.

Thank you to...

- Mr. Wright and all the wrestling coaches and volunteers for supporting our wrestlers and helping many girls and boys place in districts.
- Mrs. Williams and the EMS Student Council for holding a holiday boxed food drive at EMS.
- Mrs. Capen, Mrs. McConnell and Ms. Gothenburg for organizing Pastries with your Peeps, our student of the month program.
- Mrs. Eggers, Mrs. Elliot, and Mr. Rovig for organizing the Bogus Basin Ski trips to be held in January and February.
- Mr. Kirsch for keeping our building clean and safe.

December Events at EMS

- **November 27-December 6** EMS boxed food drive
- **December 11, 13, 14** Hybrid Hunter Education class (participants must be registered)
- **December 13** Academic Team @ Summitvue 4pm
- **December 14** Band Concert & Marimba Concert @ 6:30 pm in the EMS auditorium
- **December 15** Beginner Drama play, 6-8pm
- **December 16** Hunter Education Field Day #1 in the EMS cafeteria 9am-2pm
- **December 22-January 7** Christmas Break
- **December 28** Hunter Education Field Day #2 in the EMS cafeteria 9am-2pm
- **January 8, 2024** Welcome Back, Students! Start of Semester 2 (use new schedules)