

Emmett Middle School Monthly Board Update May 2024

ISAT Updates

This year there is a different feel at EMS during ISATs. Kids are actually trying and are talking about the results. Several things have spurred this interest. One of which is that teachers made sure all students knew last year's scores and created a growth goal. Other incentives have been put into place to include a growth field day, where students earn tickets based on the amount of growth and if they scored proficient or advanced. They can use the tickets on gift card drawings and activities during the field day.

Each day since ISATs, students are asking if their scores have been reported and when they are, they are telling Mrs. Dawson. Although not all scores are in yet, the ones that are have shown growth.

ELA and Science ISATs are completed; Math ISATs are on May 7th.

Staff Shout out!

A huge thank you to Melissa Sharp-Cornell who has worked hard to get donations from local businesses for incentives for those students who show growth on their ISATs. So far, she has received about 150 gift cards.

Introducing VP and Instructional Coach

In April, the EMS team worked hard to hire highly qualified educators to take the place of our current Assistant Principal and Instructional Coach. With a record number of applicants, they were successful.

Kelli Jo Hudson accepted the Assistant Principal position (pending board approval). Kelli was a high school ELA teacher for 15 years and has spent the last 2 years as a principal at a STEM charter school.

Mellisa Pitman, a current History teacher at EMS, accepted the position of Instructional Coach (pending board approval). With her knowledge of our School Improvement Plan and the professional development we've had over the last 2 years, she will transition well into being a teacher mentor.

Thank you to everyone who spent hours in interviews and discussions making these important decisions.

SWIP Plan update:

On May 2, Dr. De Arms and Mrs. Dawson met with Patty Dalrymple, the State Department of Education's School Improvement and Support Coordinator, to present the current progress of EMS with their schoolwide improvement plan (SWIP). The meeting was successful and Mrs. Dalrymple was pleased with what she was presented with.

EMS is finishing up year 2 of being in state-identified school improvement; the leadership team is in the process of writing year 3's SWIP plan.

End of the year

The end of a school year is always busy and full of finals, celebrations, and end of the year wrap ups. Here is a brief summary of what is going on at EMS.

May 15th

- 5th grade visit

May 17th

- Honor Roll Field Trip

May 20th

- Finals for 3rd and 6th

May 21st-

- Finals for 2nd and 5th

May 22

- Honor Roll Assembly
- 8th grade Field Trip

May 23rd

- Senior Walk through/parade
- Finals for 1st and 4th
- Chromebook Collection
- Locker Clean out
- Growth Field Day

May 24th

- Talent Show
- Pep Assembly
- Yearbook Distribution and Signing
- Staff Celebration

Spring Sports

We just wrapped up spring sports last week which consisted of tennis and track. Both teams sent people to districts and saw some success.

In Tennis:

- Savannah Urch placed 4th in #1 Girls Singles
- Devyn Greenman and Suri Frasier placed 4th in #1 Girls Doubles
- Oden Enderle and Jeremy Jones placed 3rd in #2 Boys Doubles

In Track:

- Evan Jensen placed 1st in 200 Hurdles, 4th in high jump, 3rd in pole vault
- Gemma Goslin placed 3rd in Discus
- Trinity Domingues tied for 1st in the high jump, and 1st in the pole vault.



Important Dates

May 6-10 -

- Teachers Appreciation Week

May 7

- Math ISAT Day
- Staff Meeting

May 9

- Constructing Meaning Training- Day 5 for Cohort 2

May 13

- Board Meeting

May 15

- 5th grade Visit

May 16

- Leadership Meeting

May 17

- Honor Roll Field Trip

May 20

- Finals 3rd and 6th - *This is a change from last week's WAAG.*

May 21

- Finals 2nd and 5th

May 22

- Honor Roll Assembly

- 8th grade field trip to Wahooz

May 23

- Finals 1st and 4th- *This is a change from last week's WAAG.*
- Senior Cap and Gown Walk 9 am-ish
- Locker cleanout
- Growth Field Day

May 24

- Talent Show
- Pep assembly
- Yearbook Distribution and Signing
- End of 4th Quarter
- Last day for Students
- Staff celebration (Details coming soon)

May 27

- Memorial Day- No School

May 28

- Staff Work Day