

Shout Outs

Thank you School Board. EMS is very grateful that we were able to add another teacher to help with class sizes. Because of this addition, we were able to add the following classes to our day:

- LEAP (Learning Enrichment Advanced Program, GT class)
- A second 7th Advanced Social Studies
- A second 8th Advanced Social Studies
- 2 classes of Drawing and Design
- 1 7th grade Social Studies.
- 1 Fitness class



A big shout-out goes to the EHS student council for putting on a great homecoming celebration and inviting the other schools to participate in the parade. Our student council created a delicious ‘root beer float’ float.

Within our Walls...

9/11 celebration

There is no doubt that September 11th brings up many emotions for people. It is hard to imagine for some of us, but the students at EMS were not alive on this tragic day. This, however, did not stop them from honoring all the lives that were lost. Each student at EMS took part in a ceremony where they assisted in placing 2,977 spoons into the front lawn; one spoon for each life lost. While the students placed the spoons, it was silent ending in approximately 580 students and staff surrounding the front lawn. It was a moving experience.



Announcing the 24-25 PTO

I am happy to announce that EMS officially has a PTO. They have many things planned for our staff and students but their number one priority is providing teachers with what they need. All PTO meetings will be held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month with the first one being held on October 16th at 3:15pm in the library.

SICA Testing Results

All of our students at EMS took the SICA test in September. The SICA test is an ISAT pretest that tests students on information they should know by the end of their school year.

As you can see in the chart below, we are comparable with and even above the state average and not far from where we were in December of last year. This is exciting to see and with our teacher's excellent teaching skills, I have no doubt that we will crush the state average on ISATs this year.

Grade	24-25 School % Proficient/Adv.	24-25 State % Proficient/ Adv	23-24 December SICA Proficient/ Adv (same students)
6th ELA	30%	29%	N/A
7th ELA	26%	31%	32%
8th ELA	32%	37%	28%
6th Math	14%	12%	17%
7th Math	21%	19%	20%
8th Math	8%	11%	22%

Gifted and Talented opportunities

Congratulations to Dana Williams who was selected to teach our gifted and talented class called LEAP (Learning Enrichment Advance Program).

The goal of this program is to give identified GT students the specialized support and skills that they need educationally to improve their performance and capabilities. In this class, students will receive some project-based learning according to the student's interests, talents, and leadership abilities. The one project that will be outside of the students choice is the National History Day project where students will compete at districts, possibly state, and possibly nationals. Students will also receive some skills support in dealing with anxiety, a growth mindset, fear of failure, and overcoming adversity taught by the All Stars group from Hale Counseling. The LEAP program goal is to help the "high students" find ways to stimulate and foster their personal and academic development.

Monthly Goals

Well developed goals create a sense of camaraderie, focus, and a shared sense of purpose in a healthy team. Meeting tough goals contributes to a sense of Collective Teacher Efficacy- the belief that what we do matters, and that we can influence outcomes in our students.

This is why every month the ELA, Math, and Science departments will be responsible for setting clear, concise, and measurable team goals based on student data. The other content areas will choose one or more goals to support in their classrooms. At the end of each month, progress monitoring will be conducted and the results reported to the EMS leadership team and appear in the monthly board report. The first results are due at the end of October. See the goals below:

ELA:

- Focus on the standard of identifying the main idea and key details with the goal of 80% of students who are in attendance 90% of the time to achieve growth on this standard

Math:

- 6th Grade: Standard 6.RP.A.1 Use ratios to describe relationships between quantities.
- 7th Grade: Standard 7.RP.A.1 Compute unit rates associated with ratios of fractions.
- 8th Grade: Standard 8.EE.B.5 Graph proportional relationships; Interpret the unit rate as slope.

Science:

- Students will make a claim after observing the phenomena.

Upcoming Dates:

Sept. 30- Family Escape Room 6-7:30 pm

Oct. 9 - Instructional Rounds

Oct. 10 & 11- Parent teacher conferences

Oct. 16th- PTO Meeting

Sports Schedule

10/1	Tuesday	4/ 5:15	7 & 8 Football	Caldwell	Away
10/2	Wednesday	4/5:15	7th Volleyball	Middleton	Home
10/3	Thursday	4	Cross County	Desert Canyon Golf Course	Away