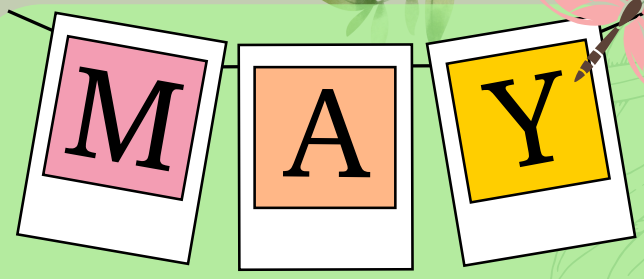
EFMS NEWSLETTER

MAY 2025



Dodgeball Game

The 2nd annual EFMS Dodgeball tournament took place on Friday, April 11, 2025. Homerooms faced off against their respective grade levels and eventually the teacher teams. Through several heats of competition, our student teams collaborated using strategy and determination to rise to victory. Each grade level presented a winning homeroom including Ms. Garland (8th grade), Mrs. Kennon (7th grade), and Mrs. Egan (6th grade). Additionally, homerooms were coordinated to match and inspire teamwork with themes such as sports jerseys, black-out, Hawaiian, and more! Great work, EFMS!



CALENDAR

MAY 2 PROGRESS REPORTS MAILED
MAY 5-9 TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK
MAY 5-9 SPIRIT WEEK
MAY 7 SCHOOL NURSE DAY
MAY 8 GRADES 7 & 8 CHORUS CONCERT @ 6:30 p.m.
MAY 8 PBIS EVALUATION
MAY 13 & 14 GRADE 8 ALGEBRA KEYSTONES
MAY 13 PTO MTG. @ 6:00 p.m.
MAY 14 FACULTY MTG.
MAY 14 GRADE 6 MUSIC CONCERT @ 12:30 p.m.
MAY 14 BLDG. FUTURE LEADERS @ 9:00 a.m.
MAY 15 & 16 NWEA TESTING
MAY 19 GRADE 8 FIELD TRIP
MAY 20 NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
MAY 20 IN-SERVICE DAY FOR STAFF
MAY 22 GRADES 7 & 8 BAND/ORCH. CONCERT @ 6:30 p.m.
MAY 22 GRADE 7 FIELD TRIP
MAY 23 STW CELEBRATION @ 9:30 a.m.
MAY 23 EARLY DISMISSAL @ 1:05 p.m.
MAY 26 NO SCHOOL
MAY 30 GRADE 6 ROBOTICS COMP.
MAY 30 STUDENT COUNCIL & NJHS- PINECOVE FIELD TRIP

Wild Rewards- PBIS Assembly

Living Treasures Animal Park

Student View: Allanah, Anna, and Lily











This past month, students have been keeping track and making extra sure that all of their work is turned in on time. The EFMS PBIS ran a campaign for students who turned in all work on time for the month of March. These students could go to an assembly held at school where they got to take pictures and pet lots of animals from Living Treasures Animal Park located in Jones Mills, PA. They brought an albino wallaby, a baby kangaroo, a lamb, a baby American alligator, two baby bunnies, and a banana snake. Students had an amazing time thanks to Living Treasures Animal Park and PBIS.

Earth Day - GATE Field Trip

Student View:
MJ G.





On April 9th, the EFMS GATE went on a field trip to the Rose Plastics Factory. The trip was meant to educate students about the production and recycling of plastics. The group explored the factory and viewed the machines, learning about how each one worked. Employees explained what types of natural, less harmful materials could be used to manufacture the plastics. The trip taught students a great deal about plastics and their interactions with the environment. Students later researched the earth and produced short presentations with facts and information regarding the environment and the planet. This celebration of Earth Day was fitting, as the holiday is meant to spread awareness and offer an opportunity for people to help the Earth.

EFMS Softball Team



Student View: Allanah F.

The EFMS girls' softball team's season started great with a big win against McKeesport; the Warriors won 21-0. Unfortunately, due to the weather lately, the softball team has only had 3 games. Right now the team is 2-1 overall. Our starting pitcher Jayci Patterson has been doing great with many strikeouts per game. The team has been doing an excellent job of working together and having fun. We have also been doing very well at defense and batting. Fortunately for the Warriors, we have many power hitters. You can follow the team's progress on the app Gamechanger. Hopefully, our team can continue winning and having fun.

We wish the softball team the best of luck with the rest of their season and a special thank you to our 8th graders who will continue their efforts in softball at the high school next year.

EFMS Track and Field





The Elizabeth Forward Middle School Track and Field had a great season. Students in grades seven and eight were able to work with our dedicated EFMS coaches (Mrs. Como, Dr. Della Lucia, Mrs. Keener, and Miss Plassio) and compete in various events. At the beginning of the season, eight meets were tentatively scheduled for the season. Track and Field allows students to demonstrate their strengths in a multitude of ways. For example, students may participate in sprinting events that require speed, some of these events such as the relay require teamwork between four students passing a baton. Distance is also a major factor when choosing an event to compete in with distances ranging from 800 meters - 1600 meters for a single competitor. Additionally, students may choose to participate in field events that require strength and agility. Some of the field events include the following: long jump, triple jump, high jump, shot put, and discuss. Many of our students perfected their times and techniques in order to improve their own personal records as they bolstered for spots in the upcoming WAADA invitational. Students competing at the middle school level also have the opportunity to work with high school students and staff to perfect their techniques and times for their continued participation in their event(s). Good job EFMS Track and Field for your 2025 season.

Night of Service at EFHS



On the evening of April 30th students from Elizabeth Forward Service Organizations gathered for their annual Night of Service hosted by the EFHS Student Government Association (SGA). This year students from 8th Grade Student Council were invited to participate in the festivities and design their own service project, Blessing Bags for local nursing homes. Overall, 8th grade student council, with assistance from EF High School service organizations, produced 50 blessing bags for local nursing home residents.



Representatives from SGA, Interact, BRAVE Bunch, Leo Club, Tri-M, and EFMS Student Council, with a total of over 70 students combined, completed various service activities. Activities included: Chemo Bags, Tie Blankets, Breakfast Bags, and more benefitting various charities and groups.

Spirit Week & Teacher Appreciation Week







May 5th - 9th will recognize Teacher Appreciation Week nationwide. This week traditionally takes place after the majority of our standardized testing is completed. Furthermore, Teacher Appreciation Week is a week-long celebration acknowledging the dedication and hard work put forth by educators around the country all year long. Within our community and building teachers are valued for their valuable contributions to our community/society and the impact teachers have on their student's lives.

Additionally, next week we will celebrate with a spirit week. Each day coordinates with a different theme. Students who participate each day are eligible for various prizes and rewards, so show your school spirit and celebrate all week with us!

Monday, May 5th - Cinco De Mayo Celebration Day
Tuesday, May 6th- USA Day
Wednesday, May 7th- Hawaiian Day
Thursday, May 8th - Dress Like a Teacher Day
Friday, May 9th - Warrior Day

