

# April 2026



# East Lake Middle School Academy of Engineering

Principal Karen Huzar

1200 Silver Eagle Drive, Tarpon Springs, FL 34688

## Principal's Message

Let's finish strong on quarter 4. You'll find our May testing calendar on page 3, along with our finals week schedule breakdown. It's important that you do not schedule appointments during this time. There are also no early Final exams. If you have extenuating circumstances, please contact me. We have makeup testing for any students that fall sick on one of these testing days. Please note that on the last day of school there's an exam and also 2 hour early release.

If you have a rising 7th grader, please check the information below.



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## Update from Nurse Ty

**Attention parents of incoming 7<sup>th</sup> grade students:**

Students entering or attending 7th grade are **REQUIRED** to have a **Tdap (tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis)** **prior** to attending class on the first day of school or a valid documented exemption. This grade level is also required to have **two** varicella vaccines. All schools in the county are required to enforce these immunization requirements. Please submit a certificate of immunization (DH-680) with the documented Tdap vaccine to the school at your earliest convenience. Documentation should be sent to the attention of the school nurse. Be sure to get started now, so your child is ready!

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## Yearbook Pre-Sale Final Countdown!

The Pre-Sale will only be open until 4/4/26. Don't delay & order yours now for the discounted rate of \$45. You may also purchase a 1/8 page ad at the bargain price of \$35, to celebrate your student & highlight all of the amazing things they have accomplished. (Ad purchases are open to all grade levels) Last day to place an ad is 4/4/26. Contact Mrs. Clark with questions, [clarkdebo@pcsb.org](mailto:clarkdebo@pcsb.org).

**[Click here for link](#)**  
**ELMS Code: 16609**

# S.O.A.R. Award Winners



**1st Row:** Mi'a Escurra, David Kracjic, Adam Cox & Jayden Lucas-Dublino. **2nd Row:** Emery Anderlik, Hannah Sweeney, Juliana Riveros, Lucy Brucculeri & Mrs. Huzar.



## ELMS Science Olympiad Rocks!

The ELMS Science Olympiad Team earned a 3rd place team trophy at the Western Florida Regional Tournament on 2/28, at Hillsborough Community College– Brandon. The team qualified for & will be competing at the FL Science Olympiad State Tournament on 4/11 at USF-Tampa. Congratulations to all & good luck at States!

### Top 3 Event Medalists:

2nd place Potions & Poisons: Carter Bruce & Anh Pham

2nd place Metric Mastery: Aaron McDermott & Michael McSoley

2nd place Rocks & Minerals: Sami Dedels & Sophia Nguyen

2nd place Mission Possible: Cooper Davis & Thanh Le

3rd place Experimental Design: Thanh Le, Aaron McDermott & Michael McSoley.

3rd Place Codebusters: Carter Bruce, Sami Dedels & Sophia Smith

3rd place Circuit Lab: Keros Kades & Thanh Le

### The following students are also on the roster of competing students:

Ava Evers, Michelle Gonikman, Emma Hodges, Aiden Russell, & Luuly Tran.

### Contributing team members but were not at the competition:

Park Allen & Daniel Nguyen.

## Student of the Month April

### 6th Grade



Alexander Berry

### 7th Grade



Arushi Nerella

### 8th Grade



Aaron McDermott



Harper Simpson



Forrest Stone



Haven Simmons

# April 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		SAC 8:30 AM				<b>Threshers Game</b>
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
						
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
					<b>8th Gr Dance</b>	
26	27	28	29	30		
						

Friday 5/22	Mon 5/25	Tue 5/26	Wed 5/27	Thu 5/28
<b>P1 &amp; P2 Final</b>	No School	<b>P3 &amp; P4 Final</b>	<b>P5 &amp; P6 Final</b>	<b>P7 Final</b>
7:25 - 8:35   P1		7:25 - 8:35   P3	7:25 - 8:35   P5	7:25 - 8:35   P7
8:40 - 9:50   P2		8:40 - 9:50   P4	8:40 - 9:50   P6	8:40 - 10:21   P7 Test
9:55 - 11:36   P1 Test		9:55 - 11:36   P3 Test	9:55 - 11:36   P5 Test	10:25 - 10:55   Lunch
11:40 - 12:10   Lunch		11:40 - 12:10   Lunch	11:40 - 12:10   Lunch	11:00 - 11:55   Mentor
12:14 - 1:55   P2 Test		12:14 - 1:55   P4 Test	12:14 - 1:55   P6 Test	Early Dismissal

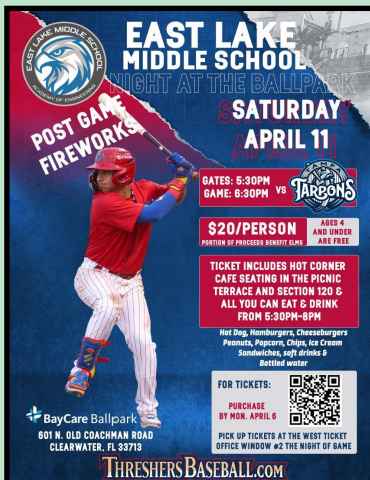


**JUAN'S MEXICAN GRILL**

## ELMS SPIRIT NIGHTS

EVERY 3RD WEDNESDAY  
11AM TO 9 PM

JANUARY 21<sup>ST</sup>  
FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>  
MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup>  
APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup>  
MAY 20<sup>TH</sup>



**EAST LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK

**SATURDAY APRIL 11**

POST GAME FIREWORKS

GATES: 5:30PM  
GAME: 8:30PM VS JARBOONS

**\$20/PERSON** AREAS 4 AND UNDER ARE FREE

TICKET INCLUDES HOT CORNER CAFE SEATING IN THE PIGNIC TERRACE AND SECTION 120 & ALL YOU CAN EAT & DRINK FROM 5:30PM-8PM

Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Cheesburgers  
Fries, Popcorn, Chips, Ice Cream  
Sandwiches, soft drinks & Bottled water

FOR TICKETS:   
PURCHASE BY MON, APRIL 6  
PICK UP TICKETS AT THE WEST TICKET OFFICE WINDOW #2 THE NIGHT OF GAME

BayCare Ballpark  
801 N. OLD COACHMAN ROAD  
CLEARWATER, FL 33713

THRESHERSBASEBALL.COM



*A Night in Paris*  
8th Grade Dance

Friday, April 24th  
6:00PM - 9:00 PM  
Ardea Country Club

*Semi-Formal*  
Appropriate attire required



Tickets \$30 per student \* Ticket sales end Monday, 4/20

No limo drop-offs or pick-ups, please.

Any questions, please contact Mrs. Huzar

APRIL	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	29	30	31	1	2	3	4
	C DAY	BEST WRITING A DAY	B DAY	A DAY	NO STUDENTS		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
	C DAY	WORLD LANGUAGE PART 1 A DAY	WORLD LANGUAGE PART 1 B DAY	A DAY	B DAY		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
					8 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE DANCE		
26	27	28	29	30	1	2	
	NO STUDENTS						

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

<b>THURS. 4/9</b>	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	<b>BUDGETING FOR TEENS</b> Empower yourself with essential financial skills with experts who care! Grades 6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> & college age	
<b>MON. 4/13</b>	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	<b>ANIME TRIVIA</b> Test your anime and manga knowledge against friends to win prizes. Grades 6 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>MON. 4/27</b>	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	<b>TEEN POKEMON CLUB</b> Trade and win Pokemon cards while testing your Poke-knowledge. Grades 6 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>THURS. 4/30</b>	5:00 PM 7:00 PM	<b>MOVIE WITH A CRAFT</b> Relax and enjoy a craft with friends to ease the stress of testing session. Grades 6 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>SAT. 5/30</b>	10:00 AM 1:00 PM	<b>SUMME READING PROGRAM</b> Read at home throughout the summer and win prizes at the library! All reading counts. Grades K - 12 <sup>th</sup>	

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4125 East Lake Road  
Palm Harbor, FL 34685

**8th grade field day & spirit week reminders**



**FIELD DAY  
FRIDAY MAY 15TH**

On Friday May 15th, all eligible 8th grade students will participate in field day. Field day activities will begin at 8:15 am (after 1<sup>st</sup> period) and will end at the start of lunch. After lunch, students will have time to sign yearbooks in the courtyard and rehearse for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade moving up ceremony.

In the next coming weeks, students will be able to pick their field day groups, team sign-ups will occur during lunch. Student's will not be required to wear uniforms on May 15th.



**PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We are looking for several volunteers to assist with field day. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to Mrs. Ray  
rayam@pcsb.org. As a reminder, all volunteers must be a level 2.

Volunteers will be needed from 7:45am-11:40am.

We have several fun events planned to celebrate our 8th graders and all their hard work. This is a friendly reminder that our students still need to follow our SOAR and school-wide behavior expectations.

- S SUCCESS
- O ORGANIZED
- A ATTITUDE
- R RESPONSIBILITY



**SPIRIT WEEK**

Leading up to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance, students will have the opportunity to participate in an 8th grade spirit week. Each day will have a theme that students can dress up. This year students spirit week will begin on Friday 4/20-4/24. As we get closer more information will be shared, please check the 8<sup>th</sup> grade weekly update.



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**PTA NEEDS YOU!**

*Why join PTA?*

- #1 OUR STUDENTS BENEFIT**  
Help your child perform better academically by being an active participant and role model in the community that helps raise your child!
- #2 OUR SCHOOL BENEFITS**  
Help create a positive, caring, and engaging community by supporting the teachers and administration!
- #3 CREATE CONNECTIONS**  
Develop powerful relationships with teachers and staff while making life-long friends with other parents!
- #4 YOU BENEFIT**  
Volunteering your time, talents, and energy while socializing with other parents is fun, healthy, and rewarding!



**ANYONE CAN JOIN THE PTA!**

*Interested in Joining?*

Elections for 2026-27 school year board positions will be held on April 20th. Please contact nominating committee chair Jaime Logan at rayljaime@msn.com for more information on how to get involved!



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**Anonymous Reporting:** As most of you are aware, Pinellas County Schools has partnered with Sandy Hook Promise which allows us to offer the Say Something Anonymous Reporting System. This allows stakeholders to submit a secure and anonymous safety concern that helps us identify and intervene in a proactive way. Please remind your student(s) that this is in place to assist with addressing a concern and also a way for someone get any help that may be needed – tips are passed along to appropriate law enforcement and school personnel. FortifyFL is also another reporting system that is available to report suspicious activity which allows Florida students and the community to relay any safety concerns. Both links can be found below.

