

May 2026



East Lake Middle School Academy of Engineering

Principal Karen Huzar

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Principal's Message

May is always an exciting & an eventful time of year. Some students become very stressed with the testing & end of quarter projects. If your student needs any support, please feel free to reach out to either myself or Mrs. Chichester so we can help guide your student through this busy time.

The May Testing calendar is on page 3. Please note that we have **made one change. Our FAST ELA test will now take place on 5/19.** See the attached letter as well as the schedule for the week.

On 5/21, we will collect all student computers from all students. Students must bring their chargers along with their computers. Lastly, we will also be cleaning out lockers on same day, 5/21. Students will not be able to use their lockers after this date. Students can only bring small backpacks or string bags from 5/22 on.

Update from Nurse Ty

Attention parents of incoming 7th 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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Friday 5/22	Mon 5/25	Tue 5/26	Wed 5/27	Thu 5/28
P1 & P2 Final	No School	P3 & P4 Final	P5 & P6 Final	P7 Final
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

S.O.A.R. Award Winners



Mrs. Huzar, Joel Prifti, Cooper Ikewood, Adam Loubani, George Defosses, Lukas Bloznalis, Sadhvi Kollu & Symphony Diez.

Student of the Month May

6th Grade



Peyton
Rosen

7th Grade



Avery
Murphy

8th Grade



Hadley
Dorsett



Allyson
Tarver



Djordje
Piperski



Nolan
Wight

Science Olympiad State Tournament

The ELMS Science Olympiad Team had a great day at the Florida State Science Olympiad Tournament at USF-Tampa on April 11th. Over 1,000 Science Olympians from the top 48 middle school & top 52 high school teams throughout Florida competed for top honors.

ELMS finished the day with four "Top 10" event placements & two event teams earned the very first state-level medals for our school!

7th place*: Solar System– Sami Dedals & Michelle Gonikman.

8th place: Experimental Design– Thanh Le, Aaron McDermott & Michael McSoley.

9th place: Heredity– Emma Hodges & Keros Kades.

10th place: Circuit Lab– Keros Kades & Thanh Le



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JUAN'S MEXICAN GRILL

ELMS SPIRIT NIGHTS

EVERY 3RD WEDNESDAY
11AM TO 9 PM

JANUARY 21ST
FEBRUARY 18TH
MARCH 18TH
APRIL 15TH
MAY 20TH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu		
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
						8th Gr Field Day
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
			8th Gr Stepping Up 6 PM Theater	<i>Last Day of School!</i>		
31						

EAST LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL
PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE

2026

8TH GRADE MOVING
UP CEREMONY

MAY 27TH, 2026
EAST LAKE HIGH THEATRE
6PM

MAY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
	NO STUDENTS					
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	C DAY	A DAY	B DAY	A DAY	CIVICS EOC SCIENCE SSA B' DAY*	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	C DAY	ALG / GEO EOC A' DAY	MATH PM3 B' DAY	A DAY	8TH GRADE FIELD DAY B DAY	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	C DAY	READING PM3 A' DAY	B DAY	C DAY	P1+P2 FINALS	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	NO STUDENTS	P3+P4 FINALS	P5+P6 FINALS	P7 FINAL	NO STUDENTS	
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

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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 1st 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 8th 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.



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 8th 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 8th grade weekly update.



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.

