



EAST LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL ACADEMY OF ENGINEERING

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



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Thank you to everyone that came out to our Engineering Expo. I really believe this was the best one yet. We had over 800 attendants. Thank you to our amazing PTA which put on everything that was out front of the school with our food, games and MOSI science experiments. Everything inside the courtyard and school was put together by our fabulous teachers. The student projects this year were the best I have seen. Students - I appreciate all of your hard work that you put into your academics; it was great to see you have fun that night. Next year update - starting 2018-19 school year, students will no longer be able to carry a backpack around during school hours. All backpacks will be stored in their locker. Students are able to access their lockers any time in between classes, before, and after school. I hope everyone enjoyed their Spring Break and is refreshed to finish out the rest of the school year. These next couple of months will be busy and will fly by, so please enjoy them and work hard. Please make sure you have checked out the testing calendars. We do our best to get testing done in the least amount of days possible so that we can go back to normal school schedules and not continue to disrupt learning.



Principal Huzar displaying Distinguished School Award

Eighth grade students have some fun events coming up for them. May 11th will be their 8th grade dance put on by our PTA. It will be at Crescent Oaks. Save the date flyers with ticket information will be coming home soon. Also, 8th graders have a Moving Up ceremony. This will be on May 23rd at 2:30pm. Save-the-date flyers for this were sent home before Spring Break.

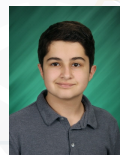
MARCH STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

6TH GRADE



Spencer Conrad

7TH GRADE



Dimitri Bayramov

8TH GRADE



Toby Conforti



Savanah Gipson



Kadence Collora



Alissa Chin

April



2018

Schedule of Events

Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Walk to School Day	5	6	7
8	9 NJHS Meeting	10	11 SAC Meeting PTA Meeting	12	13	14
15	16	17 FSA Reading Test All grades	18 FSA Reading Test All grades	19	20	21
22	23 NJHS Inductions	24 Engineering Advisory Board	25 PTA Membership Meeting	26 Math FSA Test	27 Math FSA Test NJHS Service Awards Luncheon	28
29	30					

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- April 4 - Walk to School Day 8:15 a.m.
- April 9 - NJHS Meeting 4:00 p.m. Performing Arts Building
- April 11 - SAC 5:30 Performing Arts Bldg.
- April 11 - PTA 6:30 Performing Arts Bldg.
- April 17 - FSA Reading Test all grades
- April 18 - FSA Reading Test all grades
- April 23 - NJHS Inductions 1:30 p.m. HS Auditorium
- April 24 - Engineering Advisory Board 7:30 a.m. Conference Room
- April 25 - PTA Membership Meeting 5:30 p.m. Performing Arts Building
- April 26 - FSA Math Test
- April 27 - FSA Math Test
- April 27 - NJHS Service Awards Luncheon 11:00 a.m.

April



2018

Testing

Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 FSA/ELA READING ALL GRADES	18 FSA/ELA READING ALL GRADES	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 FSA MATH EXAM PART 1	27 FSA MATH EXAM PART 2	28
29	30					

May



2018

Testing

Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 SSA SCIENCE EXAM 8 th GRADE ONLY	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 ALGEBRA & GEOMETRY EOC EXAM PART 1	9 ALGEBRA & GEOMETRY EOC EXAM PART 2	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 CIVICS EOC EXAM 7 th GRADE ONLY	17 FINAL EXAMS	18 FINAL EXAMS	19
20	21 FINAL EXAMS	22 FINAL EXAMS	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Mark your calendars!
Wednesday, April 4th is
WALK TO SCHOOL DAY!

Meet at Calvary at 8:15 a.m.
Then Walk to School as a Group at 8:55 a.m.

Hop To See You All There!



DUNEDIN FINE ARTS CENTER

The Dunedin Fine Arts Center show called "Taking Shape" had a reception for all the students who were chosen to have their work displayed. Kyle Savage, Kate Evans, Madison Chabina, Addison Weaver all had work in the show. Kaly Brenna also had work accepted but was unable to attend the reception.



Twenty-two students from East Lake Middle School participated in the **Pinellas History Day Fair** at Largo High School. We had many students move on to the Finals and two students placed in their categories! Kendall Bullock came in First Place for her individual documentary "The History of Florida Phosphate Mining: An Industry Stuck Between a Rock and a Hard Place" and Leah Ojiem came in Third Place for her individual website "Federalists v. Anti-Federalists: The Fight for the Constitution."



Finalists were Arianna Scott / individual documentary, Adam Donnelly and Evan Benson / group documentary, Tori Farkas and Kiley Reiser / group exhibit. First and second place recipients move on to the State competition and third place recipients are the alternates in case first or second cannot attend. Please congratulate these students for their accomplishment and if they are able to attend, wish them luck at the Florida History Day Fair in Tallahassee on May 6-8th.

PRIDE AWARDS RECIPIENTS



PRIDE Awards recognize academic achievement

Pinellas County Schools students will be honored for their academic achievement and commitment to learning at this year's PRIDE (Program to Recognize Initiative and Distinction in Education) awards.

The PRIDE awards recognize fifth-grade students who excel in math, science, social studies and writing and eighth-grade students who excel in math, science, social studies, writing and world languages.

The students will be honored during an upcoming event. To be eligible for a PRIDE award, students must achieve an A average in their subject area, maintain a positive attitude, and score highest on a subject area test. Eighth-graders must have a grade point average of 3.5 in the subject area, be involved in a subject-related club or program, and demonstrate good citizenship. Each student winner receives a medallion and a trophy to recognize his/her academic achievement. The annual event is sponsored by DITEK, the City of Largo, and the Pinellas Education Foundation.

This year's winners are **Arianna Scott** for math, **Elise Stallwood** for Science, **Adam Donnelly** for Social Studies, **Luna Garcia** for writing, and **Michael Kim** for World Language. Please be sure to congratulate these students for winning this amazing award!

Calling all 8th Graders!

Save the Date

Friday, May 11th

We're rolling out the red carpet

at the 8th Grade Dance

Invitation to follow soon!

GREAT NEWS TO SHARE FOR NEXT YEAR ...



Order the school supplies your teachers request

Easy as 1, 2, 3!

1. Go to website
2. Place order
3. Supplies delivered to school

- All online ordering from the comfort of home or office
- No lost or misplaced order forms
- Applies to current 6th and 7th grade students

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AFTER SPRING BREAK

EAST LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL PTA
INVITES YOU TO THE

April

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ON

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25TH AT 5:30 PM

MUSIC ROOM

OFFICERS (PRESIDENT, 2ND VP, TREASURER AND SECRETARY) WILL BE VOTED IN
YOUR VOICE AND VOTE MATTERS!

SEEKING NEW PTA OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS!

Want to get more involved at East Lake Middle?

The PTA has a great opportunity for you!

POSITIONS AVAILABLE FOR 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

- PRESIDENT
- 2ND VICE PRESIDENT
- TREASURER
- SECRETARY
- FUNDRAISING CHAIR
- MEMBERSHIP CHAIR Position filled ☹
- SPIRIT CHAIR



WE NEED YOU

Interested? Email us at elmsaopta@gmail.com

We are happy to answer questions. A conversation does not equal a commitment so feel free to just inquire. Thank you for considering to serve!

Officers (president, 2nd VP, treasurer and secretary) will be voted in at the

April 25th PTA General Membership Meeting.

Parent
Communication



ELMS PTA HAPPENINGS

To keep you informed, we use Facebook, Peachjar and Constant Contact for sending emails.

To decrease the chances of PTA emails from going into junk mail, kindly place elmsaopta@gmail.com on your safe sender list.

Not receiving our emails but want to?

Simply email us at elmsaopta@gmail.com with **ADD ME TO YOUR EMAIL LIST** on the subject line.

**EAST LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL
ACADEMY OF ENGINEERING**

ENGINEERING ADVISORY BOARD

Do you have a career in engineering? Do you want to help the next generation of engineers? ELMS has created an **Engineering Advisory Board** to connect our academy educators to industry professionals in our community. We have many opportunities this school year to showcase our engineering program and want to make the most of them.

We need you!

They will be held in our conference room at 7:30 am.

Coffee and breakfast items will be served.

Meeting dates are below.

Tuesday, October 10th

Tuesday, January 16th

Tuesday, February 27th

Tuesday, April 24th

Please contact Mr. Gregory Stewart to RSVP.
stewartgr@pcsb.org.



What is SAC?

The School Advisory Council is a collective of stakeholders tasked with assisting the principal in developing & evaluating the results of the school improvement plan & the annual school budget. It's the responsibility of the SAC to help increase student success.

Can I Join?

YES! Family members, school staff, community members, business/industry professionals. Anyone interested in supporting academic achievement, improving school climate, and strengthening family engagement.

When?

5:30 PM
12/13
1/10
2/7
3/14
4/11

SAC meetings focus on strategic conversations which requires examining school data and brainstorming solutions to issues affecting the school. A School Advisory Council is an opportunity for parents/family members, Faculty, staff, community members and the principal to collaborate, address issues, and develop strategies for strengthening the school and academic achievement.

SAC Objectives

Words from our members

My name is Joy Chimichorio. I am a parent representative at SAC (School Advisory Council) in East Lake Middle School Academy of Engineering. I am grateful that I came to SAC meeting last September after I read a SAC Flyer says that **OPEN TO EVERYONE** if you would like to know more I enjoyed the meeting and I was surprised to see how informative the meeting was. Afterwards I was invited to join SAC monthly meeting. SAC meeting is only 1 hour once in a month. You become educated and informed with latest school news and updates that will assist you to reach your goals in coming years in your children's lives. I'm an active parent who wants to know more about my child's school choice a few years ahead and just make sure well prepared. I interact with school staff and get informed by latest news and updates and personally the SAC meeting is timely and valuable. Investing my time is a vital part of my life that builds a strong foundation unto my child's education. This is a great way to be engaged in ELMS!

"I just wanted to let you know how much I enjoy attending the monthly SAC meetings... they really help me to keep my finger on the pulse of the school. I enjoy hearing actual teachers discuss their course material and goals for our students, and the information about how ELMS stacks up to other schools across the county and state is invaluable. I hope you continue with the monthly presentations, as they truly keep me informed about my biggest investment (my kids!)"
Thank so much!
Janie Griffith

Please contact Amira Ray at
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East Lake Middle School Academy of Engineering
1200 Silver Eagle Drive, Tarpon Springs, FL 34688

MENTOR WORKSHOP



EAST LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL

1200 Silver Eagle Drive, Tarpon Springs, FL 34688

Thursday, April 19th

8:15-9:15 am

RSVP to Amira Ray at rayam@pcsb.org
Or 727-940-7624

Why Mentor?

More and more people want to have a lasting, profound impact in their community. They understand that the commitment of becoming a mentor can change a child's life while helping them grow personally. Can you remember adults who paid attention to you; who believed in you; and who guided you during your childhood? These individuals served as mentors. Wouldn't you like to have someone think of you as their life-changing, trusted mentor?



Calling all 6th grade parents!

Today, we are all looking for ways to improve our health and that of our families. Immunizations remain one of the **best and most effective** ways to protect ourselves from many serious diseases. Many major medical organizations, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the American Academy of Family Physicians, recommend vaccinations/immunizations for children as they enter school, and then booster updates as they enter adolescence and even into adulthood. Some diseases (like polio and diphtheria) are becoming very rare in the U.S. as a result of immunizations, and a disease like smallpox has been eradicated. You are encouraged to see your healthcare provider regularly for an annual physical and immunization updates.

For the school year 2018-2019, students entering or attending 7th grade will be **REQUIRED** to have a Tdap (tetanus- diphtheria- pertussis) and two varicella (chickenpox) vaccines **prior to attending class** on the first day of school, or valid documented exemption.

If you are questioning if your student still requires this immunization you can check your parent portal under the medical tab. If they are coded an 8 (not a 1) they have had the immunization and are up to date. We will be sending out reminders as the year winds down. These reminders are not child specific, so you will receive reminders even if your student has had this immunization. Can't locate this section on your parent portal, please email me and I will research it for you.



Remember - no shots - no school next August!

If you have any questions, please contact your school nurse at (727) 940-7624 or via email longden@pcsb.org.



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2017-2018 BACKPACK RULES

"Students will only be allowed to carry a bag no larger than 11 1/2 x 17 x 2 1/2". This is the size of a typical string back pack. Larger bags must be stored in the student's locker during the day."

New Eagles Camp - Summer 2018

Who: Incoming students New to ELMS (6th-8th)

When: Monday, July 30, 2018 8:30am-12:00noon

Where: East Lake Middle School Academy of Engineering

1200 Silver Eagle Drive Tarpon Springs, FL 34688

Attendance is optional

Students will participate in activities that will help with the transition to middle school. Examples include Eagle Expectations, Class Schedule, Using Lockers, Staying Organized, and Team Building.



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2016-2017

School Grades



*Middle Schools in
PINELLAS COUNTY*



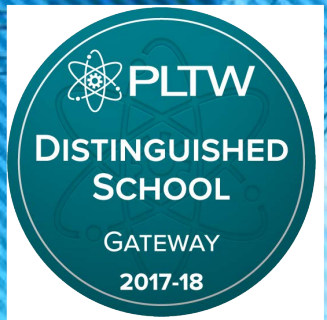
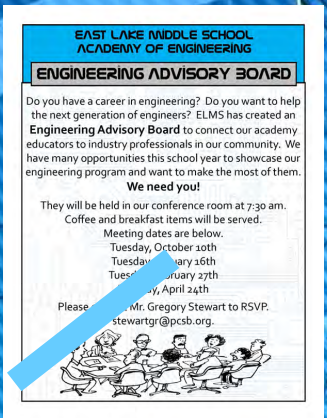
*Middle Schools in the
STATE OF FLORIDA*

Top Five Middle Schools in Pinellas County Florida	
1	East Lake Middle School Academy Of Engineering
2	Clearwater Fundamental Middle School
3	Thurgood Marshall Fundamental
4	Palm Harbor Middle School
5	Tarpon Springs Middle School

Top Ten Middle Schools in the State of Florida	
1	Doral Academy Of Technology
2	Okaloosa Stemm Center
3	Archimedean Middle Conservatory
4	Terrace Community Middle School
5	Bay Middle School of the Arts
6	George Washington Carver Middle
7	Julia Landon College Preparatory & Leadership Development School
8	Somerset Academy Charter Middle School South Miami
9	East Lake Middle School Academy Of Engineering
10	Alachua Learning Academy Middle School



**Number 1 Again, 2016-2017!
ELMS finished number one in Pinellas
county for all middle schools, and number
9 in the state of Florida!**



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Please contact Amira Ray if you have any questions: rayam@pcsb.org or 727-940-7624

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