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# East Lake Middle School Academy of Engineering

Principal Karen Huzar

1200 Silver Eagle Drive, Tarpon Springs, FL 34688

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## Principal's Message

We are off to a great start! Our students have done an amazing job getting to class and being on time to school with their belongings. One thing we noticed is that we have quite a few students with missing assignments. Many of these assignments are small tasks that they seem to have started in classes, but have not followed through and finished or turned them in. Parents, please take some time and log onto Focus with your student and go through each class with them, to ensure they are up to date with their assignments, and everything is turned

in. If you have questions about any class, please be sure to reach out to your student's teacher. Next week we (Student Service Team) will start meeting with all students that have low grades. We are here to support all students and want to make sure they have any resources needed. Parents, please know we have extra help available on Mondays for Math and Thursday

for Reading through our ELP program. If this is something that you are interested in, please feel free to reach out to Mrs. Dollar our guidance counselor sub that is here to help your student. Her email is [dollarn@pcsb.org](mailto:dollarn@pcsb.org).

Check out ELMS Dance-a-Thon Fundraiser on page 3.

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## Student of the Month September

6th Grade



Thanh  
Le

7th Grade



Nolan  
DeCosimo

8th Grade



Amirah  
Alexander



Kseniia  
Senina



Madelyn  
Falkenbach



Sawyer  
Stone

### East Lake Middle School GET YOUR SCHOOL UNIFORM AND SPIRIT WEAR!

All your uniform and spirit wear needs can be placed online at your own convenience. Just scan the QR code or go to the link below to start now. All orders will be processed within 2-3 weeks!



2069 Range Road  
Clearwater, FL 33765

SCAN ME



Feel Free To Call Us at 727-736-0880 or visit at:  
<https://stores.jbedwards.com/eastlakemiddle>

# September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 	2	3 PM1 Reading Test	4	5	6
7	8	9 SAC 8:30AM	10 PM1 Math Test	11	12 Engineering Advisory Board 6:45AM	13
14	15	16	17 Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night	18	19 No School	20
21	22	23	24	25 Chipotle Spirit Night	26	27
28	29 	30				

## Spirit Night at Chick-fil-A Oldsmar

### Wednesday, September 17 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Join us at Chick-fil-A Oldsmar for a fun-filled night supporting East Lake Middle School's 8th-grade field day.

Just mention East Lake Middle when you order inside or through the drive-thru and 20% of your purchase will go toward the field day.

Spin the prize wheel for just \$1, cash only, and keep 100% of the proceeds.

Bring your family and friends for a night of delicious food and exciting fun.



## SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

### EAST LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL ACADEMY OF ENGINEERING

#### MEETING DATES

8/19	1/6
9/9	2/10
10/7	3/10
11/4	4/7

MEETINGS BEGIN @ 8:30 AM

CONTACT AMIRA RAY  
RAYAM@PCSB.ORG  
727-940-7624



## Engineering Advisory Board

### East Lake Middle School Academy of Engineering

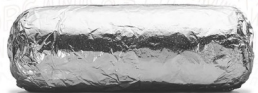
1200 Silver Eagle Drive, Tarpon Springs, FL 34688

Dates: 9/12 - 11/7 - 2/6 - 4/17  
Time: 6:45 AM to 7:45 AM  
ELMS Engineering Classroom

Do you have experience in the tech industry? Would you like to help the next generation of innovators? The East Lake Engineering Advisory Board needs you! Come connect with our educators & fellow professionals. Be a part of our community.

Contact Amira Ray for more information  
rayam@pcsb.org

## DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE




CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR  
EAST LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL

25% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH | 4-8PM  
33121 US HIGHWAY 19 N, PALM HARBOR, FL, 34684

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE LJ2VLN8  
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT



For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of and during the hours of the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.

## ELMS Adopt-A-Class

I would like to Adopt-a-Class for the 2025-2026 school year! Please accept my total donation in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the adoption of the following class or club as designated below:

Math	Amount	World Languages	Amount	Engineering	Amount
Karin David		Jessica White		Michael Dority	
Heather Russell		Art		Alicia Branick	
Sydney Brennan		Eileen Iacobucci		Richard Kennedy	
Science		Music		ESE	
Karen Lee		Robin Benoit		Heather Tuck	
Deborah Clark		Language Arts		PE/Health/AVID	
Sheri Carter		Tracy Smith		Charles Ruocco	
Chris Hepe		Jill Moore		Cristina Fallara	
Social Studies		Jackie Wheaton			
Michael Rumaier				Clubs/News Crew	
Sarah DeTurk				Karen Huzar	
Oren Schlierer				Specify Group Name:	

### Please Check One:

- ☐ If funds are not spent during the school year, I agree to allow the teacher to retain the funds for the following school year.  
☐ Any funds remaining at the end of the school year shall be transferred to the Adopt-A-School account which shall be used at the discretion of the Principal and will be used to benefit the student body as a whole.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone and or email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your checks payable to **East Lake Middle School Academy of Engineering**.  
 Checks can be mailed to 1200 Silver Eagle Drive, Tarpon Springs, FL 34688.  
 Contact Jim Dzija, School Bookkeeper @ 727-940-7624, [dzija@pcsb.org](mailto:dzija@pcsb.org), for questions.  
 Thank you for your support!

## ELMS Adopt-A-School 2025-2026



☐ **Eagle Sponsor — \$100 to \$249**  
 Your business/name will appear in outside display case.

☐ **Silver Sponsor — \$250 to \$499**  
 Your business/name will appear in the outside display case.

☐ **Gold Sponsor — \$500 and up**  
 Your business/name on the outside display case & school newsletter.

Donation Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Initial to use funds for Student & Staff Recognition:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks to **East Lake Middle School**. Once we receive your form, we will request an electronic copy of your business logo. If you have any questions, please contact, Amira Ray, [rayam@pcsb.org](mailto:rayam@pcsb.org), or 727-940-7624.

## EAST LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL ACADEMY OF ENGINEERING



### ELMS SCHOOL CLUBS

**FBLA**  
FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS  
OF AMERICA  
MRS. CARTER

**CHESS CLUB**  
MR. SCHLIERER

**BATTLE OF THE  
BOOKS**  
MRS. SMITH

**STEAM GIRLS  
6TH**  
MS. BRANICK

**MAKER  
SPACE**  
MR. KENNEDY

**NEWS CREW**  
MR. STEWART

**MIGHTY MU**  
MRS. RUSSELL

**YUGIOH CLUB**  
MR. RUMAKER

**SAVE CLUB &  
CLUB**  
MRS. CARTER

**GUYS READ**  
MR. DZIJIA

**SCIENCE  
OLYMPIAD**  
MRS. LEE & MRS.  
CARTER

**STUDENT  
COUNCIL**  
MRS. CARTER

**PMAC**  
PRINCIPALS MULTI-CULTURAL  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MRS. WHITE

**STEAM GIRLS  
7TH/8TH**  
MRS. CHICHESTER &  
MRS. DAVIS

**STEM ROBOTICS**  
MR. DORITY

**NJHS**  
NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR  
SOCIETY  
MRS. CLARK & MRS.  
FALLARA  
INVITE ONLY

WANT TO JOIN A  
CLUB?  
REACH OUT TO  
THE CLUB  
SPONSOR FOR  
MORE  
INFORMATION.



**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.



### East Lake Middle Dance a Thon Fundraiser



Our school is hosting a **Dance a Thon** fundraiser from August 26th—September 14th. Students who participate and raise \$75 will attend our exciting **GLOW DANCE PARTY** at school on September 16th.

Our school will be raising money to fund the many needs of our students and staff this school year and we need your help. You can register online to receive credit card donations. You can also turn in cash checks to the school. Please make checks payable to Earn and Learn Fundraising. Donations are due no later than September 14th at Midnight in order to receive prizes. NO prizes are awarded for late donations.

### REGISTER YOUR STUDENT ONLINE TODAY

To participate, follow these simple steps:

Register your child at [www.UltraSchoolEvents.com](http://www.UltraSchoolEvents.com). It's free, quick, & easy! Type in the school access code **EastDance2025** and hit GO! OR use the QR Code to go directly to our school's page. Register the parent's information and then each student at the school. You can upload a photo and a video to personalize your student's page. Then choose your prize level goal.

Email and/or Text your student's fundraising webpage link to your friends and family. You can also post on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc. The more you share, the more donations you will receive and the more prizes you will earn.



REGISTER ONLINE IN  
THE FIRST 3 DAYS TO  
EARN A DRESS DOWN  
PASS



Be sure to look at the back of this letter for the exciting prizes & rewards!