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Principal's Message

The 1st quarter comes to an end on Oct. 10th. Students do not have school on Oct. 13th.

SOAR Rewards

This next quarter we're starting a new student recognition program. Students will be able to earn SOAR Cash by showing a SOAR trait in class or around campus.

SOAR stands for:

S– Success

O– Organized

A– Attitude

R– Respectful

Students will be able to redeem their SOAR Cash for prizes & experiences. The SOAR Store will be visiting the cafeteria during lunch on select Fridays. Items that can be found in the SOAR store will range from small prizes like candy, chips or Gatorade, to highlighters, pencils or ELMS shirts. We'll also have experiences like an outside game lunch in November, that they can use their SOAR Cash for or be first in line for Kona Ice pass in November. SOAR Cash will begin on Oct 14th. The store will open on Oct 31st.

This is an initiative that students have asked for and have given input towards.

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HOW TO EARN SOAR CASH

- HELPING OTHERS
- COMPLETING ALL WORK
- STAYING ORGANIZED
- ASSESSMENT GRADE
- COMPUTER SPOT CHECK
- CLASS PARTICIPATION
- BRING KIND TO OTHERS
- BEING RESPECTFUL
- HELPING TO CLEAN UP
- INCLUDING OTHERS
- NO MISSING ASSIGNMENTS
- IMPROVED WORK
- GOOD ATTENDANCE
- NO TARDIES
- 100% ON MORE DIFFICULT ASSIGNMENTS
- PLANNER CHECKS
- HAVING ALL MATERIALS
- CHARGED COMPUTERS
- NO INFRACTIONS END OF QUARTER
- SOAR AWARD- EARNS \$5
- PRINCIPAL'S LIST- EARNS \$5

WAYS TO EARN WILL VARY BY TEACHER

I'm happy to announce that Mrs. Smith is our East Lake Middle School Teacher of the Year for 2025-26.



Student of the Month

October

6th Grade

7th Grade

8th Grade



Ethan Hancock



Drake Matyka



Alexander Bull



Olivia Karlesky



Elise Oszczypala



Avri Goodlet

S.O.A.R. Award Winners

1st Row: Brayden Ritchie, Blaise Klinedinst, Gabriel Kerkinni, Anthony Rodgers.

2nd Row: Peyton Smith, Kseniia Senina, Kennedy Heda, Sophia O'Malley, Deklan Mathews, Elisabeth Happe, Aaiden Garrabrant-Rosa.

3rd Row: Vibhu Mantripragada, Tatum Ackerman, Matthew Algarin, Isabel Gorman, Alex Santiago, Roberto Vasquez, Cody Harmon, Michael McSoley, Ciera Smith, Martin Shaker, Christian Genna.



October 2025

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|-----|--------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|-----|
| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 SAC 8:30 AM | 8 | 9 PSAT 3 Bros Pizza | 10 Dress Down Day \$2 | 11 |
| 12 | 13 No School | 14 Kona ICE At Lunch | 15 Juan's Spirit Night | 16 Discovery Night 5:30PM | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 Silver Beat Band @ ELHS football Game | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | |



Pizza Night
THREE BROTHERS
 * NEW YORK PIZZA *
THURSDAY, 10/9/25, 11AM-9PM
 OPEN 11AM TO 9 PM | 10% GOES TO ELMS
 3436 TAMPA RD
 PALM HARBOR, FL 34684
 WWW.3BROTHERSNY.COM
 727-474-3797
 10% GOES TO ELMS

EAST LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Dress Down Day

\$2 CASH

WRIST BANDS SOLD DURING LUNCH ONLY

STARTING OCTOBER 1ST & SOLD THROUGH OCTOBER 8TH

DRESS DOWN DAY
OCTOBER 10TH

 East Lake Middle School Academy of Engineering

Discovery Night
10/16/25 @ 5:30 PM
All Are Welcome

Small group tours available to those who can't attend Discovery Night.
Reservations Required

We start taking reservations on 10/1 @ 8AM.
 727-940-7624

10/21 @ 10:15 AM
 10/22 @ 8:15 AM
 10/28 @ 8:15 AM
 10/28 @ 10:15 AM
 11/11 @ 8:15 AM
 11/13 @ 10:15 AM
 11/18 @ 10:15 AM

District Application Program Information

Application Period
 Jan 6-16



Acceptance Period
 Feb 10-20

JUAN'S MEXICAN GRILL

ELMS SPIRIT NIGHTS

EVERY 3RD WEDNESDAY
 11AM TO 9 PM
 OCTOBER 15
 NOVEMBER 19
 DECEMBER 17
 JANUARY 21





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2025-2026 DONORS

GOLD

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SILVER

Chick-fil-A Allen Dental Practice

EAGLE

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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, or 727-940-7624.

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:

| | Amount | | Amount | | Amount |
|-----------------------|--------|------------------------|--------|---------------------------|--------|
| Math | | World Languages | | Engineering | |
| 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 Heppie | | Jill Moore | | Cristina Fallara | |
| Social Studies | | Jackie Wheaton | | | |
| Michael Rumaker | | | | 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, for questions. Thank you for your support!

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.

