

Easton Middle School Monthly Newsletter- January

Dear Easton Middle School Families,

Welcome Back and Happy New Year! We hope everyone enjoyed the winter break. We are in full swing here at Easton Middle School! The end of the quarter is just around the corner. Quarter 2 ends January 26th. Please encourage your student to make certain that all work is being completed and turned in.

We have lots of great opportunities for students! This is a good time for your student to become involved in a club, if they are not already. You can view our complete club list on FROG.

We are always looking for guest speakers to educate our students about different careers, colleges or other related topics. Please contact Twila Walker, twalker@talbotschools.org, if you are interested in speaking with our students.

We continue to encourage you and/or your student to fill out a Panther Pride Award for our extremely dedicated and talented staff members. This form can be found on our website. Each month a drawing is held and a staff member is recognized. Congratulations to Mrs. Confair for being our Panther Pride Award Winner for the month of January.

Thank you to our families and staff who attended our second Parent Advisory Committee on January 3, 2018. Our focus was on service learning, communication, The EMS Strategic Plan and volunteer opportunities. We will have some updated information about service learning in our front office and it can also be found on The Talbot County Public Schools Website. Once on the home page, click on departments, then curriculum and then scroll down to service learning. If you have any questions about service learning, please email Katie Manley kmanley@talbotschools.org.

Please note that all Talbot County Public School employees' email addresses have changed from @tcps.k12.md.us to @talbotschools.org. For the time being, all emails will be forwarded from the @tcps.k12.md.us accounts to the @talbotschools.org accounts.

Thank you for allowing us to learn from and with your student(s) each day! As always, thank you for your continued support!

Mrs. Jackie Valcik
Acting Principal

Reminders:

Please make sure that students are coming to school dressed for the weather. Per the dress code, students are not permitted to wear coats within the school building.

Unfortunately, bus changes cannot be made after 1:00p.m. Your student must bring in a note with this information. Phone calls are not permitted.

Please send early dismissal notes in with your student. Students are to bring those notes into the office, first thing in the morning. This will allow for a seamless process when picking your student up early.

Note Our Important Dates:

January Dates:

1/2 School Reopens

1/3 Parent Advisory Committee Meeting 6:30p.m.

1/15 Schools Closed- Martin Luther King Day

1/24 Board of Education Meeting at TCEC 7:00p.m.

1/26 End of Quarter 2

1/26 Half-Day for students

February Dates:

2/2 Report Cards Sent Home

2/7 Q2 Awards Assemblies-

8th Grade- 8:00a.m.

7th Grade- 9:00a.m.

6th Grade- 10:00a.m.

Parent Involvement Opportunities:

School Store- Mrs. Rochester and Mrs. Green are looking for parent volunteers to help with the school store, located in the media center. EMS School Store Hours are 7:35-8:00a.m. Please contact Melissa Rochester at mrochester@talbotschools.org or Yolanda Green ygreen@talbotschools.org, if you are interested in helping.

SGA- Mr. Ken Popp is looking for parent volunteers to advertise SGA school events and help at the events. Please contact Ken Popp at kpopp@talbotschools.org, if you are interested.

EMS School Goals:

Academic Excellence- All students have equitable access to high quality and culturally relevant instruction, curriculum, support and other educational resources to insure college and career readiness for all students.

Community Partnerships- EMS effectively communicates with diverse constituencies to identify and facilitate ways for the community to partner with the school.

Organizational Resources- Maximize organizational efficiency and effectiveness in order to provide a 21st century education in equitable, safe, well-maintained environments.