

Easton Middle School Monthly Newsletter- December

Dear Easton Middle School Families,

As we are making our way into the holiday season and approaching our winter break, this is a great time to reflect and appreciate everything about our students. Not just of our students' hard work, grit, and determination, but on their good hearts, great character, and graciousness. It is also a good time to reflect with your student about their school day. A few simple questions that can be asked to see how your student's day was: When did you feel most proud of yourself today? What challenged you today? What new fact did you learn today? What made you smile today?

We enjoyed celebrating our students' accomplishments at our first awards assembly last month! Many awards were presented for perfect attendance, principal's honor roll, honor roll, and GRIT awards. We look forward to recognizing even more students for the second quarter.

Thanks to our band, chorus, and color guard for hosting such wonderful events this past month. If you have not had a chance to see the band and chorus, they will be performing at EHS this Thursday evening at 6:30pm.

Thank you to our community members, families, and friends who visited EMS for American Education Week! We enjoyed our guest speakers and thank them for volunteering their time. We are always looking for guest speakers to educate our students about different careers, colleges or other related topics. Please contact Twila Walker, twalker@tcps.k12.md.us, 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. Enzor for being our Panther Pride Award Winner for the month of November.

Our next Parent Advisory Committee will be held on January 3, 2018 at 6:30p.m. All parents are welcome to be a part of this committee. This is a great place to voice any questions, comments, or concerns. We will have some updated information about service learning. Email me or let me know if you are interested and I will add your name to the email list.

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

Note Our Important Dates:

December Dates:

12/14 Band and Chorus Concert at EHS 6:30p.m.

12/14 Interim Ends

12/15 PBIS Dance at EMS 6:00-7:30, \$5 Tickets sold at the door, pizza and snacks will be for sale, EMS students only

12/18-12/21 School Spirit Week, sponsored by EMS SGA-

Monday- Elf on a Shelf (Dress like an elf), Santa/Elf hats are allowed OR dress for your favorite holiday

Tuesday- Ugly Holiday Sweater Day- If you want to compete in the contest, pay \$1.00.

Wednesday- Candy Cane Day- Dress in white and red

Thursday- Pajama Day- Holiday PJs if you have them- Please make certain the PJs are appropriate and no slippers

12/20 Interims go home

12/20 Board of Education Meeting 7:00p.m.

12/21 Half-day for students, PBIS Incentive

12/22-1/1 Winter Break

1/2 School Reopens

1/3 Parent Advisory Committee Meeting 6:30p.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@tcps.k12.md.us or Yolanda Green ygreen@tcps.k12.md.us, 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@tcps.k12.md.us, 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.