

EMS Explorer

Eisenhower Middle School | Lawton, Okla.

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Principal: Beverly Mattingly

Assistant Principals: Vicki Apple (Grade 6), Brent Hagen (Grade 7), and Sean Herbig (Grade 8)

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The 2018-19 school year is quickly approaching. We look forward to meeting our incoming sixth graders and new students. Our returning seventh and eighth graders will provide leadership and assistance to our new Vikings. We also offer a warm Viking welcome to our new teachers and employees.

This newsletter is being sent out earlier than usual in the hopes of getting all the start-up dates for fall sports and other events to you in a timely manner. Please note that our Open House is set for Wednesday, Aug. 8, from 4:45-6:00 P.M. All students and parents will meet in the cafeteria at 4:45 for introductions and a brief PTSA meeting. You can then meet your child's teachers, counselors, principals, and your child can locate their classrooms. I hope you



will be able to attend. It will be a come-and-go format. Mrs. Apple will meet with sixth grade parents briefly before Open House at 4:30 pm in the cafeteria. Eisenhower Middle School welcomes the opportunity to work with parents and considers you a vital part of our team. Carol Buchner said, "They may forget what you said but they will never forget how you made them feel." EMS believes strongly in building relationships. We look forward to teaming with you in the challenges and successes of the upcoming year. Feel free to contact us when you have questions, concerns, or suggestions to make this our best year ever. Check our Facebook page (Lawton Eisenhower Middle School) daily for updates and announcements.

Sincerely,
Beverly Mattingly, Principal



Upcoming Events

Wednesday, August 1

Enrollment Begins

Wednesday, August 8

4:45-6:00 pm Open House

4:30 pm 6th grade meeting

Friday, August 10

First Day of School

Hours of Operation

Eisenhower Middle School regular school hours are 8:30 A.M. – 3:15 P.M. Please do not drop your child off before 8:00 A.M. and make sure they are picked up by 3:45 P.M. Supervision is not provided before 8:00 A.M. or after 3:45 P.M. Your child's safety is important to us. Students utilizing 8th hour will stay from 3:15 – 3:45 P.M. Transportation is not provided after 8th hour.



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Class Supply Lists Available Online

Copies of each team and grade-level requested class supplies have been posted to the EMS website. Please visit us online at

www.lawtonps.org/schools/EJHS, to find a brief listing of the items your

child will need. Please note that the lists are not comprehensive, and additional requests may be added during enrollment or during the first days of school. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teachers directly, using the email links provided on the EMS website (click on "STAFF" from the main page), or contact the school office.

“We must use time wisely and forever realize that the time is always ripe to do right.”

- Nelson Mandela

Enrollment Information

Students must bring a copy of their updated shot record by the main office prior to enrollment or at enrollment. **ALL STUDENTS SHOULD BRING PROOF OF RESIDENCE** (Utility Bill/Lease).

8th Grade Wednesday, August 1

7th Grade Thursday, August 2

6th Grade Friday, August 3

Attendance



Please call the attendance office at 353-1040 by 8:30 A.M., if your child is going to be absent or tardy. Remember, tardies not due to a family emergency are unexcused. Parents are encouraged to phone the school to schedule an appointment when there is a need to visit with a counselor, teacher, or administrator. This will

ensure the most efficient use of time for parents and school personnel.

Locker Information



All EMS students will be assigned an individual locker. You will be issued a combination that is confidential at the time it is issued. To avoid problems such as theft, do not give your combination to other students. Each locker has a built in combination lock (locks are not needed nor allowed). Lockers are also issued by request in physical education classes, but students must provide their own

lock. Student lockers are the property of Lawton Public Schools, and the contents are subject to school inspection at any time. The school does not carry insurance to cover the loss of student property and will not reimburse you for any item lost or stolen. This includes textbooks and library books. Do not share lockers and do not reveal your locker combination. See a principal or counselor if you have any type of locker problems.

Lunch Accounts

Parents or students can pay on lunch accounts any morning before school begins. **Your student ID number is your cafeteria account number.** Students may pay cash each day. You may pay online at www.mypaymentsplus.com.

Get Involved – Join PTSA!

Welcome Vikings! It's time for a new year at Eisenhower Middle School. First, a BIG THANK YOU to all the awesome volunteers who helped last year with dances, concessions, test monitoring, hospitality and more!

Don't forget when you shop at Country Mart you can support EMS by using our **ID# 62147**. It's easy and helps our school. If you were previously signed up through another school, you will need to change to the EMS number. Support the future of your student by joining PTSA (\$5) and by volunteering. No matter how little time you have to commit, there is a way for you to help. Thank you for your involvement! It matters.

2018-19 PTSA Officers

President: Heather Strahan

Secretary: Jenny Mason

Treasurer: Kim Booker

Hospitality: Krista Gordon Eschler

Ways and Means: Raina Burt, Shelly Bilbrey, Kara Tipton

Membership: Stephanie El Kouri

Delegate: Christa Bear



Food Services

Breakfast is served from 8:00-8:20 A.M. each morning and is free for all students. With the exception of late buses, breakfast is over at 8:20. Walkers and drop off students who wish to eat breakfast must arrive by 8:10. Lunch is served from 11:10-11:40 A.M. and 12:05-12:35 P.M. Students assigned to IHS eat from 11:40 A.M.-12:05 P.M.

.Our cafeteria offers different lunch choices daily. The menu is printed in the Sunday edition of the Lawton Constitution during the school year. Our cafeteria employees work hard to provide foods that are both nutritious and popular with our students and staff. Parents, grandparents, or special guests are welcome to join a student for lunch and may purchase a meal or bring lunch. Please check in at the main office for a Visitor's Badge. Parents may apply for free or reduced lunches during enrollment or any time during the school year by completing an application form. You may apply online at www.school lunchapp.com. The applications are reviewed by the district food services department and all information is confidential.

APPLICATION MUST BE MADE EACH SCHOOL YEAR. Students who qualify for free or reduced lunches are considered full pay and must pay those rates until the application is turned in and approved. Parents are encouraged to turn in the application as soon as possible. **Our funding increases when you apply.** Please complete an application at enrollment even if do not think you will qualify or know you will not! Only one application per family is needed. **EVERY APPLICATION HELPS!!!**

Breakfast: Free to all students

Lunch: \$0.40 reduced/\$2.60 full pay

A la carte items (individual pizzas, large pizza slice, chicken poppers and strips, eggrolls, parfaits, muffins, cookies, pop tarts, breadsticks, smoothies) are full pay for all students. They are not included as a reduced or free lunch. **Charges are not allowed. This is LPS Board Policy.** Please notify your child's counselor if he/she has a peanut allergy or other food allergy or special dietary need.

OPEN DOORS: Educational Talent Search

Open Doors serves low-income and/or first-generation students where neither parent has a four-year degree. Open Doors students must complete an application and show a need for the program. The goal of the Open Doors program is to find students who demonstrate the potential to pursue post-secondary education.

College visits are conducted throughout the school year and tutoring is available from 4-7:00 P.M. on the Cameron Campus. All Open Doors students must sign a contract agreeing to achieve and maintain a grade point average of at least 2.5. Students also have the opportunity to participate in community service projects, leadership conferences, and summer camps. All participate in personal growth, academic, career, and post-secondary workshops. Activities include decision-making, test taking and study skills workshops, Oklahoma's Promise, and College Planning Profiles to name a few. Information about prospective colleges is provided. All services are FREE to our students.

Interested students should contact, Beth Gregory, Open Doors Director. The Open Doors office is located at 408 North Shepler Center, Cameron University, and can be reached at (580) 581-5581. A representative will be at enrollment to assist you and provide information.

“If a man is called to be a street sweeper, he should sweep streets even as Michelangelo painted, or Beethoven composed music, or Shakespeare wrote poetry. He should sweep streets so well that all the hosts of heaven and earth will pause to say, here lived a great street sweeper who did his job well.”

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

Immunization Requirements Checklist for 6th-8th Grade Oklahoma Students

*All measles, mumps, and rubella must have been administered on or after the child's 1st birthday

Enrolling 6 th , 7 th and 8 th graders
5 DTP/DtaP/TD completed (if 4 th dose is on or after 4 th birthday, 5 th dose is not required) and 1 Tdap booster (new requirement) . Students will not be allowed to enroll without the Tdap booster!
4 Polio completed (if the 3 rd dose of Polio is on or after 4 th birthday, 4 th dose is not required)
2 MMR completed (All MMR must be administered on or after child's 1 st birthday)
3 Hepatitis B series started or completed
2 Hepatitis A series started or completed
Varicella (a parental history of a child having varicella (chicken pox) is acceptable in lieu of vaccine)

The Attorney General of Oklahoma has ruled that "it is the duty of school officials, i.e., principals, to refuse admission to any school in the State of Oklahoma any child who does not have the required certificate of immunization or exemption.* (Title 70 of Oklahoma Statutes, sections 1210-191-193: "Rules and Regulations or Immunization for School Children". Students will not be in compliance with state laws unless they have a certificate for immunization or valid exemption on file.



For your convenience, the Comanche County Health Department, located at 1010 S. Sheridan Road, offers free vaccinations every Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., except holidays.

Please make your enrollment easy by taking care of immunizations early. If you have completed any shots this summer, avoid standing in line at enrollment by bringing your immunization records to the school so that we can update your records. *The EMS office is open all summer, Monday–Friday, from 8 a.m.–3 p.m.*

NOTICE: 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students must bring a copy of their updated shot record by the main office prior to enrollment or at enrollment. You should all have previously started and completed your Hepatitis A and B immunization series. We need to add this to your school shot record. **You WILL NOT be able to pick up your class schedule without proof that the series has been completed.**

Sports' Physicals

All athletes must have an updated physical before participating or practicing in any sport. Physicals were given for the upcoming year last May. Athletes who did not get a physical at that time will need to make arrangements to get a physical before participation is allowed. Your family doctor or any of the urgent care clinics will provide physicals at a cost. Please don't allow your athlete to miss valuable practice time waiting on a physical. Complete physical packets are available in the school office.

"It is never too late to be what you might have become." - George Eliot

PLEASE REMEMBER YOU MUST HAVE A CURRENT PHYSICAL ON FILE WITH EMS TO PRACTICE OR PARTICIPATE IN ANY SPORT.

Viking Football

Welcome to 2018 Viking Football. Our parent meeting is July 31, 7 pm, in the main gym. You can pick up a flyer at EMS if you cannot attend. You will need a mouth guard (cannot be clear; we have them for \$3), black, grey or purple gym shorts, purple, black, or grey shirt, cleats (please no exotic colors unless they are only on the soles or eyelets), and knee pads are recommended (volleyball or wrestling styles work best). Equipment will be passed out Aug. 2 (7th and 8th grade 7-8:30 pm), Aug. 3 (7th and 8th grade makeup 10 am-12pm), and Aug. 10 (6th grade 3:15pm). Practice begins for 7th and 8th grade Aug. 6, 4-6 pm. Sixth grade will not begin practice until Aug. 13. If you have any questions please e-mail Coach Eric Shows at eshows@lawtonps.org (cell 580-484-0464) or call the school 580-353-1040. It's going to be another great season of Viking Football! We are defending the title of 2018 CITY CHAMPIONS for the second year! Our summer weight program will continue through August 3. It's never too late to start to get stronger (M, W, F 4-6pm)



Lady Viking Softball



A new school year is upon us and this means softball season is here! The Lady Vikings are gearing up for a fast and exciting year. An informative parent meeting will be held at 6:00 PM on July 23 at the EMS field (located in the Grand View field complex just south of the high school baseball field). Expectations, fundraising, and practice schedule will be discussed. Practice starts on July 24 (6-8 PM) with subsequent practices to be announced. Players need to bring a glove and plenty of water. To prepare for the season, it would be a good idea for players to start drinking lots of water now and get acclimated to the heat by getting some daily physical exercise outside. If you are interested in playing softball or have any questions, please contact Coach Anthony Cox at Anthony_cox@goodyear.com or call/text 580-704-6673. It's going to be a great season for the Lady Vikings!

Lady Viking Volleyball

Greetings Lady Vikings! I hope the summer proved to be relaxing and fun for you all. Now that school is about to begin, we must turn our thoughts to school work and activities. The coaching staff for the upcoming season is Phoebe Dunn and James Clemons. We encourage any girls who are not in another sport at this time to come and be a part of our program. Knee pads, court shoes (street shoes do not grip the gym floor well and can be very slick), shoes that can be worn outside for conditioning, and a positive attitude are all you need to participate. You may want to bring your own water or sports drink. Our main goal is to have fun and teach the basic fundamentals of volleyball. The preseason schedule is as follows:

July 16	Team meeting and first practice	9:30-11:30 A.M.
July 17-August 7	Practice Monday-Friday	10:00-11:30 A.M.
August 8-9	Professional day for teachers—practice time to be arranged	
August 10	First Day of School—practice time	3:20-5:00 P.M.



Be at practice ready to begin at the times stated with knee pads and shoes on. When school starts, the practice schedule may change. You will be notified of any changes to the practice schedule.

You must have a current physical before you can participate in practice or games. Physical forms may be picked up at the main office at EMS. If you have questions, please email Coach Dunn at pdunn@lawtonps.org or call the school at 580-353-1040. Let's have a great season!

***All EMS athletic schedules will be posted online at www.lawtonps.org/schools/EJHS**

ALL ATHLETES MUST COMPLETE NUMEROUS FORMS ON RANK ONE: www.rankonesports.com

Call your coach or the school if you need assistance with Rank One

**“Do not let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do.” -
John Wooden**

Oklahoma's Promise

Oklahoma's Promise is a state scholarship program that allows students from families whose annual income is \$50,000 or less to earn free college tuition. “It's never too early for Oklahoma families to start thinking about the future,” said Chancellor Glen D. Johnson. “Oklahoma's Promise provides an invaluable opportunity for many students to get a college degree. Students must enroll in Oklahoma's Promise during 8th, 9th, or 10th grade. See your child's counselor for forms or information to enroll online. You are welcome to use an EMS computer to enroll online at www.okpromise.org .

Eisenhower Middle School Dress Code 2018-19

The Lawton Public Schools Board of Education encourages students as career bound citizens to dress conservatively and appropriately during school hours and activities. All clothing, visible images, and text must be appropriate for the school setting, free of vulgarity and cannot promote anything illegal or age-inappropriate. Body piercing jewelry or adornment is not allowed except in the ears. Clothing must be free of holes which expose undergarments or skin above fingertip length when standing. Clothing must fit appropriately. General dress or appearance must not disrupt the educational process. Exceptions may be made for Spirit Week on a school-wide basis.

Allowable Dress

- Jeans, slacks, wind pants, capris, and overalls which rest at the waist and cover all undergarments above fingertip length when standing. Dresses, shorts, and skirts which extend to fingertip length when standing
- T-shirts, shirts, blouses, sweaters, and pullovers with fitted armhole which cover cleavage, undergarments, underarms, and midriff when sitting or standing
- Shoes designed to be worn outdoors and which do not pose possible damage to flooring
- Head gear for religious or medical purposes
- Holes in clothing must be below fingertip length when standing.

We hope that the above information will be beneficial as you do your back-to-school shopping.
If you have any questions, call the school at (580) 353-1040.

**WELCOME TO EISENHOWER
EVERY DAY IS A GREAT
DAY TO BE A VIKING!**