



East Elementary September News

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The Benavides Buzz



Hello East Elementary Families,

We have had a great start to the school year! In August, our focus was learning classroom routines, building procedures, and creating relationships with peers and teachers. This month we will be diving deeper into academics, beginning with benchmark assessments for reading and math. Our library, makerspace, and motorlab rotations are also starting!

On Friday, Sept. 16th, we will have our first, student lead Rise and Shine hosted by Ms. Lynam and Mrs. Warren's third grade class! Rise and Shine is a whole school assembly that occurs monthly, where the students lead the school in morning ceremonies. All students will report to the gym where their classroom teacher will greet and seat them in their rows. We do have staff stationed throughout the building to help direct or escort students to their teacher. Parents of showcase classes are invited to join us in our ceremonies. We will have parents able to enter, by the 2nd & 3rd carline, with a car rider tag or check in through the office with the safe school ID system and a license. On the last Monday of each month, our site participates in a virtual Rise and Shine where Character Award students will be recognized on the screen! That afternoon, award recipients will be invited to join me for lunch!

Towards the end of the month, we kick off our fall fundraiser selling cookie dough! PTO will also host the first Unit Meeting in the science lab on Wednesday, Sept. 28th at 8:15. We look forward to meeting in person and connecting with our families! Mrs. Benavides

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Great Expectations Focus for September

Character Trait:

Creativity

Definition: Involving the imagination or original ideas

Quote:

"Creativity can solve almost any problem." -George Lois

Expectation :

Expectation #2 We will not laugh at or make fun of a person's mistakes nor use sarcasm or putdowns.



Upcoming Dates

Mark your Calendar!



Important Dates for September:

09/05: Labor Day / No School

09/06: Picture Day

09/06- 09/28: Fall Benchmark Window

09/09: Early Release/ Teacher PLC

09/15: IAK: Bully Buster's K-3

09/16: All School Rise and Shine (Lynam & Warren)

09/16: Early Release/ Teacher PLC

09/26: Virtual Rise & Shine

09/26: Character Lunch for Award Recipients

09/28: PTO Unit Meeting (Science Lab)

09/28: Cookie Dough Fundraiser Kick Off!

Counselor's Corner

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Click [here](#) to access the Counselor's Newsletter.

This month's edition provides talking points with simple questions to ask students about their day at school.

Mrs. Nichols is shared by the East and North Elementary Campuses. We are excited to have her partner with Mrs. Fotenopulos to serve our students!

INSTRUCTIONAL COACH'S CORNER

READING AT HOME WITH YOUR CHILD

Whether you're reading a classic novel or fairy tales before bed, reading aloud to children can significantly benefit your child's life. Some benefits reading to children include:

- Supported cognitive development
- Improved language skills
- Preparation for academic success
- Developing a special bond with your child
- Increased concentration and discipline
- Improved imagination and creativity
- Cultivating a lifelong love of reading



With the weather warming up I wanted to share some ways to keep learning...outside. A little sunshine while learning, a Win-Win!

- ★ Write spelling words with Chalk
- ★ Hopscotch with Sight Words
- ★ Scavenger hunt/Nature Walk
- ★ Observing Weather, plants or animals and journaling

