



# E. E. Knight News

September 2020

Greetings E. E. Knight Families,

Although we have had a very different start to the 2020-2021 school year, our students have been adapting very well to the new procedures and protocols. It is so great to see students back both virtually and face to face after our closure in March. It is exciting to be learning together again!

Our teachers and staff have been working countless hours to ensure information is provided digitally for all of our students. E. E. Knight is using Google Classroom for our Learning Management System. All student assignments are posted there, regardless of the mode of instruction you may have chosen for your child. If you have any questions regarding how to manage Google Classroom, please reach out to your child's teacher, the front office, or myself. It is essential that your student is logging into this system on a regular basis.

I thank you for your continued support as we navigate through this school year. The past six months have come with countless unknowns. Please understand that regardless of what this year may bring, we are here for your child and your family. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions you may have. Our entire staff is here for you!

Sincerely,

Alicia Ormsbee, principal

## Elementary Handbooks

View the Elementary Handbook for the 2020-2021 School Year [here](#), and the O-E Technology Handbook [here](#).

## Important Reminders

- Do a self screen before school each morning.
- Please have your child stay home from school if they are sick.
- Please do not drop students off prior to 8:00 am. This will help in our effort to keep students from congregating together.
- Charge chromebooks each night to ensure students are prepared for school.
- Students should wash with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, and cough or sneeze into their elbows or use a tissue at school.

## Breakfast and Lunch

As a reminder, breakfast and lunch is free this year for E. E. Knight students.

MVP students may pick up a lunch between 12:30-1:00pm and E. E. Knight or Leonard Elementaries.

#MaskUp, #MarauderUp

## Important Dates

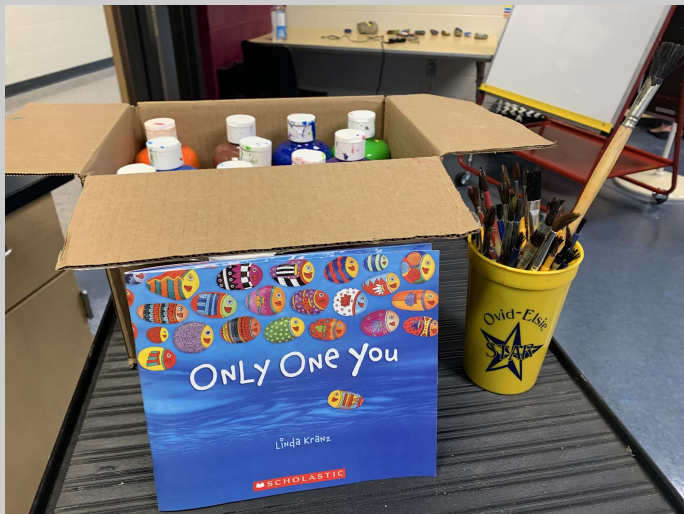
Early Release Day: October 2, 2020

Picture Days:

October 6, 2020 (Face to Face Students)  
October 7, 2020 (MVP Students)

## “Only One You” Project

During the first week of school, E. E. Knight students participated in a rock painting project. The purpose of the project is to have students leave a "footprint" at the school. The positive message in the book Only One You by Linda Kranz is "There is only one you in this great big world...make it a better place." All students read the book and took part in a discussion of the messages and wisdom shared. Each student then painted their own "fish" rock and put their name underneath. All of the completed rocks will be put together in a path in front of EEK and each year the path will grow. This lesson was loaded into Google Classroom for our virtual students to participate as well. MVP students, please bring your rocks to the front office to be displayed.



Thank you Mrs. Travis for writing the grant and organizing this project!

## Change of Instruction

Forms to change mode of instruction are due no later than Friday, September 25, 2020. Changes will be in effect beginning Monday, October 5, 2020.

## Counselor Corner

Mrs. Johnson

Hello families,

My name is Amber Johnson and I am the school counselor for Leonard and EEK Elementary. This is my second year in the position and I'm so excited to be working with students again, both face to face and virtually. If you have not already done so, please have your student add my Google Classroom using the code olagbgs. From there your student will be able to view/review lessons and fill out a self-referral form if they would like to meet with me individually. In addition to individual sessions, this year I will also be presenting weekly class lessons from an evidence-based Social-Emotional Learning curriculum. Topics will include empathy, skills for learning, emotion management, and problem solving. These lessons will include a "home link" practice sheet so that students can practice the skills they are learning at home as well as in school. Social-Emotional Learning has always been important and has improved student outcomes in many ways, but it has become especially important since the onset of the pandemic. If you would like to learn more about how Social-Emotional Learning can benefit your child please visit <https://www.edutopia.org/sel-research-learning-outcomes>. If you have any questions or concerns about lessons or your student please feel free to email me at [amber.johnson@ovidelsie.org](mailto:amber.johnson@ovidelsie.org). I look forward to working with you and your children this year.