



BULLDOG BRIEFS



Edgar Middle School Newsletter
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Masks

- Please make sure students have masks when they come to school.
- If it is possible, please give them an extra one to keep in their bag. During lunch, some students have thrown them out by mistake or dropped them.
- Here's an article from the CDC regarding masks: "[How to Select, Wear, and Clean Your Mask](#)"

Material drop off

Beginning October 1st, if you need to bring something to school your child has forgotten, please drop it off in the box that will be outside of the front door of the building. There will be a post-it and pen so you can label the item with your child's name and grade. Your child can then go to the main office to get the item.

EMS Daily Wellness Update Form

- Please remember to complete the form everyday your child is coming in. It can be found in Genesis in the Forms section.
- Two copies of paper forms have been given to some of this week's Roomers and will be given to next week's Roomers in case you cannot get into Genesis. You can also print one out from [here](#). You should try Genesis first. IF for some reason it doesn't work, complete the paper form. Your child should hand it in at the door.

Athletics

- The Boy's and Girl's Cross Country Team will be having their first race on Wednesday (10/14) afternoon at 4:00 at Roosevelt Park. If you are in the area, stop by to cheer on the Teams!"
- To view the boys' and girls' soccer game schedule can be found here:
https://www.greatermiddlesexconference.org/g5-bin/client.cgi?cwellOnly=1&G5statusflag=view&schoolname=&school_id=11&G5button=13&G5genie=343&vw_schoolyear=1&vw_agl=24-1-145,27-2-145,27-3-145,&manual_access=1

Mental Health Moments

Beginning next week, Ms. Paiva, our Rutgers clinician will be posting a weekly video of coping strategies in the morning announcements. To view the video that will be shared follow this link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hKu8tLklzZM>

This [document](#) will also accompany the video.

You can always view the videos and see the documents by visiting our website. They can be found in the Counseling Dept. section under the "Our Students" tab.

Clubs

- We are very excited to begin our clubs. For a description of our EMS Clubs click [here](#).
- To see when clubs are meeting, click [here](#)
- You can always view the descriptions and the calendars by going to our school website. They can be found under the "Our Students" tab.

Week of Respect

Next week, October 5th - 9th, marks our annual "Week of Respect" at Edgar Middle School and schools across New Jersey. In accordance with state law and the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act, Edgar Middle School will be providing instruction and activities that focus on the prevention of aggressive acts and bullying. This week is but one of the many weeks throughout the year we foster and promote an environment of respect for all students in order to create a positive school climate for growth and learning. For more information, please read this [letter](#).

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				
<p>Wear Blue! Wear a blue shirt to join millions around the world in solidarity to stop bullying and cyberbullying.</p>	<p>Chalk It Up To Respect! Bring chalk with you to write a positive message in chalk outside or make a poster and display it in your window.</p>	<p>Keep the Peace! Wear tie-dye or something peace inspired!</p>	<p>Being a Friend is No Sweat! Wear your favorite sweat shirt and/or sweatpants.</p>	<p>Put Bullying to Bed! Wear your favoring pajama pants.</p>

Attendance

Please make sure your child attends every class every day. If your child is too ill to participate, please call the school at 732-321-8770 and press 1 to report your student's absence. Even though students are home, they are expected to attend all classes. Teachers will be taking attendance for every class. If your child will be missing a class for technological reasons, please notify the teacher. If they are missing a class for any other reason, please contact the office at 732-321-8770. They will be marked absent for that class. Missing a class similar to a parent coming to the school and picking up a student for a doctor's appointment.

Hispanic Heritage Month

Dancing is a big part of any culture. Dances in the Latin culture range from competitive dancing like cha-cha, rumba, samba, salsa, and paso doble. If you attend any latin party, you will also see some great dancing that includes merengue, salsa, and bachata.

Want to learn how to dance some of the most popular dances? Check out these videos:

[How to Latin Dance: Bachata](#)

[How to Latin Dance: Merengue](#)

[Salsa Dancing for Beginners](#)

Reminders!

- Students who are roomers must charge their Chromebooks every night.
- Please remind students there should not be any chatting with friends during class via Zoom or Google Meets.
- Students should also be reminded not to share their Google Classroom codes and/or Zoom/Google Meets links.
- Students should be using the district issued Chromebooks while participating in classes.
- To diminish the possibility of zoom bombing, cameras must be on when students are joining their classes. Students will not be admitted into Zoom or Google Meets sessions unless their cameras are on.
- If your child picked up textbooks but you have not completed the Textbook Numbers Form, please do so by following this link: <https://forms.gle/CeqZxEzfef8PbE8a7>
- When teachers are absent, there will not be live instruction. The teacher will post their lesson in Google Classroom and let students know they are absent on Google Classroom. If your child goes to their Zoom/Meet and is waiting longer than usual, please have them go into Google Classroom to check for a message.

The Zone

After school program @ Edgar Middle School

We are looking forward to seeing our old friends and making new ones!

Online scheduling and payment is now available with [PaySchoolsCentral](#)

Here is a quick overview of our program this Fall 2020:

- **Who we are:** The Zone is a district-run, teacher-led after school program that focuses on creating a safe, fun, and educationally productive environment for your student from our last bell of the day until 6 o'clock in the evening.
- **Starting, October 1st, 2020,** The Zone will be open for after-school care every regular school day from 2:31 to 6 pm for EMS students physically attending Edgar during the day.
- **EMS Teachers** will lead three sessions every afternoon with activity choices like sports, crafts, cooking, gaming, and more. There will be a one-hour homework session Monday - Thursday.
- **Reasonable and flexible pricing** - \$24.00 per day. No registration fee. No multi-day, week, or monthly commitment. Registration must be completed about 48 hours before attending.
- **Pick-up anytime before our 6:00 pm closing.** The Metuchen Board of Education will not be offering busing this school year.
- **Register and Pay On-line** - Parents/Guardians will pre-register and pay for The Zone via PaySchoolsCentral. PaySchoolsCentral is the online system used for school lunch. We will not be accepting checks or cash directly. PaySchoolsCentral is the only payment process. Go to payschoolscentral.com to register and pay today. If you DO NOT have a PaySchoolsCentral account, [click here for details](#).

For more information, visit our website at <http://emsthezone.blogspot.com>. If you have a specific question or concern regarding The Zone program, please contact Roseanna Misuraca at rmisuraca@metboe.k12.nj.us or call our office at 732-321-5085.