



BULLDOG BRIEFS



Edgar Middle School Newsletter
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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 and notify the teacher. 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.

Clubs

- **Student Council News:** Any 5/6 or 7/8 grade students interested in joining student council, please join us for our first meeting Tuesday, October 13th. Please check the student calendar on clubs for the google meet or zoom code.
- Club meetings held in the building can be physically attended by students who are attending school that week. All other students must attend virtually.
- We are very excited to begin our clubs. For a description of our EMS Clubs click [here](#).
- Students can access the Club Meeting Schedule by going to the Morning Announcements link in Clever. There they can see the Club Schedule as well as listen read announcements posted by the advisors. The Club Schedule also includes Google Classroom Codes and the Zoom and/or Google Meet links the advisors are using.

Mental Health Moments

Next week's mental health moment will be about Brain Breaks. Students will watch this video during homeroom. The link to the video is <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tCJGlebNmNU>

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.

Indigenous Peoples' Day

Indigenous Peoples' Day is celebrated the second Monday of October. It began in 1989 in South Dakota and then celebrated throughout the country.

This day celebrates and honors Native American people and their histories and cultures.

Social Justice Books, a project of Teaching for Change has created a list of books written by or about indigenous people. To see the list for children of all ages click this [link](#).

The Zone

We are here to help your student make the most of their *in-school hybrid learning days*.

Special activities this week at The ZONE, your after-school program at Edgar:

Monday, October 12 - Photography Project

Tuesday, October 13 - Meet Edison, Introduction to Robotics with Ms. Misuraca

Wednesday, October 14 - Cooking Class with Mrs. Petrakakos, Pumpkin Pancakes

Thursday, October 15 - Fall Crafts with Mrs. Tzetzos

Friday, October 16 - EMS Scavenger Hunt

Join us for one day or everyday! We offer flexible scheduling to meet your needs and the interest of your students. The cost is \$24 per day. We will provide all the supplies. There are no hidden costs or registration fees.

Each special activity starts at 2:31 and will end around 4 pm. Students are welcome to stay until 6 pm. From 4 pm to 6 pm we provide a snack, homework help, basic tutoring, outdoor activities, and more for no extra cost. You are welcomed to pick up your student any time before 6 pm.

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

Reminders!

- When dropping off or picking up children, please follow the route we designed. To review the re-entry plan, click [here](#).
- Please remind your children that are biking to school to wear helmets.
- Lunch will be held outside as long as it is not raining or snowing. Please be sure your child comes to school with appropriate attire to sit outside.
- Material drop off is outside in the front of the building. Please use the pen and post-it to label the item you are dropping off. Your child should come to the office to get the item.
- Students who are roomers must charge their Chromebooks every night.
- Students should be using the district issued Chromebooks while participating in classes.
- 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.
- 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.