



#### **Embassy Creek Elementary**

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A Bi-Monthly Newsletter for Parents and Students



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#### EMBASSY CREEK ELEMENTARY MISSION STATEMENT

To empower, nurture and facilitate our students to become global thinkers, lifelong learners and the problem solvers of tomorrow.



Jan 30<sup>th</sup> Report Cards Issued

Jan 31<sup>st</sup> Movie Night – Relay For Life @ 5:30 p.m.

Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day
 Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Hatchlings Meeting @ 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

• Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Spring Pictures

• Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> PTA General Meeting @ 7 p.m.

#### Literacy Week is January 28th-February 1st

**Monday, January 28th**- Crazy for Reading Day All students and staff will be encouraged to wear bright, colorful or silly/crazy socks to school in support of literacy

Tuesday, January 29th- Read My Shirt Day

All students and staff are encouraged to wear a shirt with positive writing (logos, quotes, and phrases).

Wednesday, January 30th- Book Buddy Day (100th Day of School)

Primary and intermediate classes will pair up to read together for 30 minutes.

Thursday, January 31st- ECE Loves to Read!

Students in grades K-5- will bring their favorite book to school and have an outdoor class 'book-nic'.

**Friday, February 1st**- Star Readers (Take your Child to Work Day)

Students (K-5) will listen to books read by celebrities on the Storyline Online website.

#### **TEACHERS OUT OF FIELD**

Our professional teachers are continuously working on professional development to develop their teaching skills and to increase their levels of content expertise.

We are recognizing teachers at Embassy Creek who are expanding their expertise beyond their current certifications by pursing college coursework, and/or training sessions to become certified or endorsed in another/other subject(s).

In order to remain in these assignments, the teachers will successfully complete required training within 12 months of the assignment or, if teaching the primary English or Reading class to identified limited English proficient students, in accordance with the Multicultural Education Training Advocacy (META) timeline.

These teachers are: Mrs. Kelly Kern, Mrs. Caitriona Poitras, and Mrs. Helen Stephansson.



#### Morning drop off procedures:

As per School Board policy, please know that for safety and security, students are permitted to be on campus 30 minutes prior to the start of school. However, due to the high number of clubs and activities we offer in the mornings, we do open the East car line at 7:20 a.m. This allows students that are part of a club/activity to arrive on time. Please work with us to ensure that students are not dropped off before 7:20 a.m. Please also remember that students are not permitted to be dropped off in the front of the school. Parking in the front is reserved only for registered car pool parents with 5 or more ECE students, parents who have a conference or parents that need to visit the office. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

#### **Cell Phones in Car Line:**

Parents, we need your help! Broward County School's Policy states that parents are NOT to use cellular devices in the car drop off or pick up areas. Please help keep our kids safe by NOT using these devices in the car lines. The staff and students say, "Thank you".

#### February is Safety Month!

During the month of February, we will be practicing school wide safety drills. During these drills it may become necessary to temporarily close the office for a few minutes and staff will be unable to answer the phone. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Please know these drills are brief in nature and the office will reopen as quickly as possible. As a result of these drills all staff and students will know what to do in the event of a real emergency. We hope that you will remember to review your at home safety plans as well.

#### \*\*\*REPORTING AN ABSENCE\*\*\*

We are asking parents to please use our attendance line to report your child's absence. The number is **754-323-5552**. Please speak clearly and slowly as we have to listen to the recording to gather the information. State your child's name, teacher, the reason, and the date they are absent. All absences should be reported to this number no later than 10 a.m. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the school.

#### **ESE Corner**

#### **ESE Advisory Meeting**

Wednesday, February 20th (6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.) Piper High School 8000 NW 44th St., Sunrise

#### **Autism Committee (ACE) General Meeting**

Wednesday, February 13th (9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.) Baudhuin Preschool 7600 SW 36th St., Davie

### PTA & OTHER MISC. NEWS...

Student Council's **SOLD OUT** Annual Relay For Life Movie Night!

Featuring: Incredibles 2!



When: Thursday January 31, 2019 @ 5:30 p.m. (gates open at 5:30 p.m., movie begins at 6:00 p.m.)

Where: Embassy Creek Cafeteria

What: Incredibles 2 (Rated PG - Parents must accompany their

child)

Why: To support Relay For Life!

Popcorn, cotton candy, snow cones, games, drinks, and more will be available for purchase!

Thank you so much in advance for your support.

Student Council and our Relay For Life Team thank you!



#### Yearbook News!

All ads are **SOLD OUT!** If you purchased an ad, you will be contacted by Feb 8<sup>th</sup> to embellish your ad. Please look for this email.

#### **How to Buy a Yearbook:**

Books are \$40 (Very limited books are left to purchase)

Step 1: Go to www.ybpay.lifetouch.com

Step 2: Use code: 13273219

Step 3: Click on "Purchase a Yearbook"

Step 4: Fill in First and Last Name and Grade

Step 5: Verify payment details

YEARBOOK is always looking for pictures to be added to the yearbook. All entries must be submitted via:

www.community.lifetouch.com Use Code: EBMNAF



PTA Membership was excellent in the first half of the year. Thank you to all who joined! We have over 650 members! Our goal this year is 700. Please remember that there is no obligation to volunteer or attend meetings when you join. Ask your friends and relatives to join and help support our school. For only \$10 you get a spirit stick, a discount card for local businesses that practically pays for itself, and if you child's entire class joins, they get a special class treat! It is so easy to join by using this link: <a href="https://my.cheddarup.com/c/pta-membership-2018-2019-school-year">https://my.cheddarup.com/c/pta-membership-2018-2019-school-year</a>





#### **HATCHLING PROGRAM**

The Hatchling Program is for incoming kindergarten students with siblings currently enrolled at Embassy Creek. The future students are invited to participate in the Hatchling Program in order to familiarize them with their new school. The 4 and 5 year old's who have brothers or sisters attending Embassy Creek will have the opportunity to tour the campus, meet the kindergarten teachers, participate in an activity, such as PE, music, etc. and eat a school meal in the cafeteria.

The program will be from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on February 5<sup>th</sup>, March 5<sup>th</sup> and April 9<sup>th</sup>. Each meeting will offer different activities, so children are encouraged to attend each month. **Parents must accompany their children**.

If you are interested in registering your future kindergartener, please send me an e-mail to <a href="mailto:ericalamourtpta@gmail.com">ericalamourtpta@gmail.com</a> with the following information:

- -Child's name attending the program
- -Sibling's name that is currently enrolled at the school, grade and teacher
- -Parents' names
- -Phone Number
- -And if you are planning on attending all 3 meetings

# Please Join Us for the February PTA Meeting!

Join us for our annual evening PTA meeting. This meeting will be on Wednesday, February 13th at 7 p.m. in the ECE cafeteria. Looking forward to seeing many of you there.

#### **Great News Embassy Creek Elementary Parents**

Our 5<sup>th</sup> grade students are going to be selling Hoffman's Chocolates and Smencils over the next couple of weeks. Please support our local 5<sup>th</sup> graders as all the money goes to the end of the year 5<sup>th</sup> grade events. All Chocolates/Smencils will be delivered to your child's class. Thank you for supporting the Embassy Creek 5<sup>th</sup> grade!

## Healthy Happy Life

#### **HEALTHY LIFESTYLES TIPS:**

Three tips to help you make your gym habit stick.

- Schedule your workouts in your calendar. Treat them like any other appointment. This makes it a no-excuses commitment.
- Prepare your clothes/bag ahead of time. If you work out in the morning, lay out one complete gym outfit visible and ready to wear. If you work out after work, prepare your bag the night before and leave it by the front door and bring it with you.
- Create accountability. Tell others about your goals or get a buddy to work out with. You'll be less likely to back out of your fitness plan. Check out this link for the entire article.

#### Volunteers are needed in the Art room

Mrs. Morrison needs your help! If you're available any time on Friday, 01/25/19 and/or Monday, 02/04/19, please contact Katrin Csvany at <a href="mailto:ecespanishfair@gmail.com">ecespanishfair@gmail.com</a>. All volunteers must be registered and approved. Thank you!