

Hello Red Hawk Families,

Hope you all are doing well.

Following are updates and important information for the week of October 12 - 16:

- **Traditional School Reopening:** The start date for in-person instruction for those in traditional/remote school is October 26. As we learn more about the reopening, including how the instructional day will look, we will share that information with you. Please note that we currently are not doing transfers from virtual to traditional/remote and vice versa. At the semester, we will reevaluate and if space is available, we may be able to do transfers. For more information about school reopening please, visit [CNUSD Reopening Update](#).
- **School Safety:** As we get closer to the October 26 reopening, you can expect to hear information about the ECMS safety plan. For information about how safety will be addressed across CNUSD when we physically return to school, please access the [2020-2021 School Opening and Safety Plan](#).
- **Virtual School Information:** Parents please check your email for a message that went out last week with information regarding Parent Access to Edgenuity. Please feel free to contact Ms. Philips, Dean, if you have additional questions or need help. sphilips@cnusd.k12.ca.us
- **Counseling Corner:** Please be sure to check out the Counseling Connection's Newsletter for October. [CounselingInterNewsletter_October.pdf](#) This month's theme is Respect and October is Anti-Bullying Awareness Month. You can also find it at our new [Parent's Corner](#) Website, under [Monthly Newsletters](#). Our newsletter is also provided in Spanish! [Counseling Newsletter Oct Spanish.pdf](#)
- **GoToTutors Offers Free Tutoring To Students By Students: GoToTutors was established by three Santiago High School students. The free online service provides peer-to-peer tutoring in a wide range of subjects for students in grades K-12. You can find more information in the CNUSD Connection community newsletter or by visiting the GoToTutors website: www.gototutors.org**
- **Combat Cancer Virtual Walk:** El Cerrito Middle School has a team participating in the Combat Cancer Virtual Walk on October 17. If you would like to join us, you can sign up using this link: [Combat Cancer 2020](#). Look for team name El Cerrito Team Alwardt when you register. All proceeds go to the Support Sisterz, who support women in the Corona-Norco area who are battling breast and other cancers. A great group of people and a great cause.
- **PTSA Reflections:** We invite all students to use the arts to share their personal reflections on this year's theme, *I matter because*. . . . Students can show their creativity in one or more of the following categories: dance, choreography, film production, literature, music composition, photography, and visual arts. This year, VIRTUAL entries are accepted. Submissions are due before October 16.

- **ECMS PTSA Membership:** Please join the Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) and help support our students as they navigate this ever-changing learning environment. The PTSA provides resources to administrators, teachers, and students so they can focus on what they need to do to succeed. This year's membership drive is entirely online. Please follow the link and sign yourself and your student(s) up today (**list your child's fifth period teacher when asked**)! Each membership is \$7 (plus a small processing fee that we don't control). Thank you for your continued support! <https://jointotem.com/ca/corona/el-cerrito-middle-school-ptsa>.
- **Child Nutrition Services Meal Program:** CNUSD Grab & Go meals are FREE for all students through December 31, 2020. Meals will continue to be distributed curbside at most CNUSD school sites on the first day of each week. Students will receive breakfast and lunch for each school day. Students need not be present, but parents and/or students are asked to provide valid CNUSD pin numbers for all meals, just as we do during the typical school year. A student may receive only one bag of food per week. [Click here for times and locations.](#)
- **ECMS Office Soft Opening:** Our front office is open to the public by appointment only and restricted to those that cannot do business virtually. Appointments are available from 9 am-11am and 1pm-3pm.

Guidelines:

- Limit 2 visitors per family
- Limit 4 visitors in the lobby at a time
- Mandatory Temperature screening
- Mandatory Facemasks
- Mandatory Sign In
- Please call 951.736.3216 to make an appointment

Again, we ask that you only come to campus if you cannot do business virtually, and that you have an appointment before coming to campus. You can reach us by phone during our regular office hours – 7 am to 3:30 pm.

- **Digital Library:** ECMS subscribes to Overdrive/Sora, which gives our students access to ebooks and audiobooks through the [CNUSD Digital Library](#). Students can access the digital library through MyCNUSD or by using the [direct link](#). Students also can download the Sora app and sign in to El Cerrito Middle School.
- **General Reminders:** To make sure you have the latest information from CNUSD regarding the current school year, please visit [2020-2021 School Year](#). Also visit the [El Cerrito Middle School website](#). To stay up to date, visit both sites regularly. If you are not receiving notifications from CNUSD or El Cerrito Middle School, you can visit our [website](#), and click on the Parent tab for directions on getting started. You also can use the [SchoolMessenger](#) app or website to receive texts and emails with the latest district updates. For specific classroom or learning questions, email your child's teachers. You can access teacher emails on our website. For general questions not answered through any of the suggested resources, please contact ECMSAdmin@cnusd.k12.ca.us.

Have a great week.

Sincerely,

The El Cerrito Middle School Admin Team

- Dr. Shelly Yarbrough, Principal
- Mr. Scott Brenneman, Assistant Principal
- Ms. Shawna Philips, Dean