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WHERE GREAT MINDS GROW!

A Note from the Principal

Dear Eastbrook Families,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving break and was able to find time to enjoy family and relax. The weeks between Thanksgiving and Winter Break always pass quickly due to the amount of curriculum being covered and the various events occurring at school.

I would like to begin by thanking all those parents who have already attended parent/teacher conferences this year. Conferences are important as they allow teaching staff to discuss with parents the academic progress of their child and ways that we can build the connection between learning at school and home. Please remember that our staff is available to speak with parents throughout the year.

Our staff at Eastbrook Elementary continues to be committed to high levels of learning for each and every student. It is important that we work together as a team to provide the best learning environment possible and maintain high expectations at all times. Please remember that I always have an open door for parents to answer questions or assist in addressing concerns.

Skyward Family Access is a web-based component of Skyward, our student information system. There is also a SKYWARD FAMILY ACCESS app for Android and Apple devices that makes checking on your child's progress very easy. If you do not have access, please ask your child's teacher to send home

Mr. Ricky Carver
Principal

S.A.C. News

The School Advisory Council (SAC) assists the school in preparing, implementing, and evaluating the School Improvement Plan. The group is comprised of Eastbrook parents, teachers, and staff members. This year's members are:

Jill Aller, Rick Carver, Sue Crowther, Robyn Edwards, Rafaela Figueroa, LeeAnn Hinken, Scott Kunkle, Lisa Langston, Cristina Parson, Melanie Shank, Kayla Smith, Robin Swift, and Dorcas Wilson

Our S.A.C. dates for this year are as listed below:

September 4th	October 2nd	November 6th
December 4th	January 8th	February 5th
March 5th	April 2nd	May 1st

If you are interested in learning about the School Advisory Council, please contact Mr. Carver for more information.

He can be reached at 407-746-7900 or via email at ricky_carver@scps.k12.fl.us.

Current Student Enrollment: 781

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

December 4th—PTA at 6pm and SAC at 7:15
December 6th—Texas Roadhouse Spirit Night from 4 to 10
December 10-14—PTA Holiday House
December 14th—Key Kids at 9am/Country Western Day
December 17th—Winter Holiday Chorus Concert at 6:30 PM
December 18th, 19th, and 20th—Early Release at 1:05
December 20th—Eagle Pride Cookout
December 21st—No School/Teacher Workday
December 24th-January 4—Winter Break
January 7th—School Resumes
January 8th—PTA at 6pm and SAC at 7:15

Carolina Hedstrom	Eva Minaya	Anthony Hopkins
Harley Booth	Desiree Lockard	Imani Gonzalez
Johnny Bach	Andres Tolosa	Sanchez
Delilah Orrison	Owen Velazquez	Natalia Rivera
Dylan Edwards	Ankita Chaddah	Rachel Handlon
Ryan Jackson Rivera	Zachary Langer	Aubree McDaniel
Dawson Hager	Haylie Hoback	Ethan Logan
Lylah Perez	Chace O'Sickey	Fabricio Gallardo
Ella Blair	Feona Kyeyune	Merrick Averill-Scherer
Erin Gallagher	Rhys Bailey	
Brandon Finklea	Channing O'Sickey	
Mia Ferrer	Emily Weeks	
Tyrell Tillman	Jeremiah Boyle	
Mia Stuart	Daytona Garrett	
Santiago Perez	Jayda Sakelariou	

GRATITUDE



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We hope you and your family enjoyed your Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends. The children have been sharing stories of family gatherings and our sumptuous feasts. Before we went on holiday break we discussed what we might be eating during our Thanksgiving feast. Many children shared that they loved apple pie and stuffing but were not so fond of the turkey. Perhaps they may have felt some sympathy for our poor turkey friend?

Through the month of December we will continue to work on fine motor skills, i.e., puzzles, playdough, manipulative counting and stringing beads, etc. For those students who will be transitioning to kindergarten next year we will be concentrating on handwriting activities especially on writing their names correctly by using only one initial cap followed by smaller case letters, for example: John (not JOHN). Please practice writing your child's name correctly at home.

Since December continues with all the magical holiday joy, we hope to capture that joyfulness towards new learning. Mr. "J" plans on arriving right on time with his "jingle-jingle jacket" from Letter People Land. He is bringing his jingle bells for our own jingle bell parade. Mr. R will follow with many Reindeer tales especially the most famous of all - Rudolph! Mr. R has a fondness for rainbows and will be bringing his many colored scarves for his own Rainbow Parade!

We hope you enjoy sharing with your child all the joy and happiness this season brings as much as we do! We wish you and your family the warmest holiday wishes and ill see you again when school resumes on January 7, 2019.

K December is an exciting time in Kindergarten. Our reading and language framework continue with rigor and differentiated instruction. We will focus on fiction/nonfiction, compare and contrast, story plot/setting, and problem solution. During this timeframe, students should recognize all upper and lower case letters and their sounds. Students should be able to use these letter sounds in their beginning reading and writing activities. As you review your child's classwork and journal entries, please praise your child for their reading and writing progress. Simple c-v-c (consonant-vowel-consonant) words are a great place to start.

In math, we will continue to learn about 2D (flat) and 3D (solid) shapes. You can help your child practice these skills by identifying shapes around the house or the store. Discuss how they can move (roll, stack, slide), how many sides and vertices they have, and how you can use the shapes to create other objects.

Our social studies unit will focus on Holidays Around the World. The kindergarten students will travel to other classrooms for this unit to learn about the diverse customs celebrated at this time of year. Our month will conclude with a Holiday Party. More information to come and volunteers will be needed. You will need to be an approved Dividend to help out at the party as well. The kindergarten team would like to wish everyone a wonderful Winter Break and a Happy New Year!

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Happy December, First Grade Families! We hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving with your family and friends, and we are sure the holiday excitement is starting to build! We find that it is best to stick to your normal routines as much as possible in the weeks leading up to the holidays. Young children need predictability and consistency! We will continue to work hard in December. In Reading, we will learn to identify the author's reasons for including information in a text. We will also learn to connect information both within a text and across several texts. In Writing, we will finish up our informational writing and learn to write explanatory texts. In Math, we will learn about place value in two digit numbers. This is a crucial topic in first grade, so we will be sure to do lots of hands-on activities to help develop our understanding. In Science, we will learn all about stars. Most children are excited to learn about space, so we are really looking forward to this unit. In Social Studies, we will learn about various holidays and festivals around the world. We will also learn about maps and many of the landforms that make up our Earth.

As you are making your December plans, please don't forget that December 18th, 19th, and 20th are Early Release days, and dismissal will be at 1:00, and December 21st is a teacher planning day, so no school for students. We hope that you and your family have an enjoyable, restful holiday break and Happy New Year! As always, we thank you for your support!



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Thank you so much to the parents who chaperoned our fieldtrip to Wonder Works. The students had an amazing time! We will have a short month in December due to our holiday break. We plan on having a Winter Celebration before we leave for break and will be looking for volunteers as well as donations to make the celebration a success. We will still have homework and encourage you to continue to support your child as they read, practice the spelling pattern from the homework and work on math flashcards. We are comparing similar texts and continuing to look for evidence to answer the questions about what we have read. We are encouraging your student to look at the details. We will be working on adverbs in grammar, since we have already covered nouns, verbs and adjectives.

In Math we are moving from 2-digit subtraction to bigger and better things as we start representing and interpreting data that is found on graphs and charts. In Science we continue with Energy. We have enjoyed learning about the United States of America, our government, it's symbols, and the Constitution.

Good readers get that way through practice. Set aside some time each day to read with your child, ask them questions and share a good book. You could also take this opportunity to practice good old-fashioned flash cards for math, or work on the site math-drills so that your child is fluent in that area as well. You will enjoy the time spent with each other. Thank you for your continued support. If we work together, we can help your child become all that they can be. Enjoy the holidays with your family.

3 December is here and 3rd graders have been working really hard!



In reading, we've been reading several informational articles and reviewing text structure, main idea and details, and author's point of view. We will be diving into informational writing this month and focusing on analyzing writing prompts.

As we wrap up our multiplication and division unit in math, please make sure your child continues to practice their math facts at home throughout the school year, as knowing their facts fluently is the goal by the end of third grade. Understanding fractions is our next unit of focus. Students will be learn how to identify and represent, and compare fractions using various strategies.

In science we have been learning about types of energy and will be focusing on light energy! Students have also been learning about the purpose of government and how it gets its power. We are so excited for our upcoming field trip to see The Nutcracker on December 13th. Please make sure all permission slips have been turned in. Your child's teacher will be in contact about chaperones.

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Winter is here and we have been working really hard in 4th grade! Reading students are working on non-fiction texts, discovering main idea and understanding the difference between firsthand and secondhand accounts. We've also been learning a lot about text-based writing in preparation for the FSA writing test. In Social Studies, students completed a big project that answered the question "Why Did Spain Settle St. Augustine?" Ask your student for the answer!

In math classes, fourth graders have been learning about equivalent fractions including simplest form and common denominators. They will now use that skill to add and subtract, rename them into a mixed number, and multiply a fraction by a whole number. Fluent multiplication helps with these concepts so continue to practice basic math facts using XtraMath.org or flashcards!

Our St. Augustine trip is rapidly approaching and we have a bit of money left to raise before we will be able to go on this amazing adventure! Please make sure you get your permission slips and payments in to your student's teacher before the December 20th due date. Also, there will be lots of information coming home regarding celebrations, half-days and more over the next few weeks so please be sure to check your child's binder regularly for upcoming events.

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Fifth Grade has been working hard! In Reading students have been working on Main Idea and Supporting Details. Not only have we been working on find the Main Idea of the articles but also in chunks throughout the story. They have been finding quotes from the story to support the main idea. In Writing they have been using strategies to do informational and opinion writing. They are preparing for the Writing portion of the FSA in the Spring.

In Math students have been working on multiplying decimals and using a variety of strategies when doing so. Please help us to be sure that students are getting their 46 minutes of I Ready in Reading and Math each week. Students have time in class. However, if they are absent or if they do not have their 46 minutes by Thursday we suggest to work on it at home.

Thank you for your support!

Request for High School Dividend Volunteers



Do you know a high school student who needs community service hours for Bright Futures?

We have two afterschool opportunities available:

Mondays from 3 to 5 and Tuesdays from 3 to 5

Duration: December through the End of March

Teens will have an opportunity to work directly with students who need academic support. For more information, please have potential volunteers reach out via email to Janice Zeiger.

janice_zeiger@scps.k12.fl.us

Music

The Eastbrook Chorus is excited about their upcoming performances here at Eastbrook and for the Allegro Senior Living residences. The concert for the Eastbrook students will be Monday, December 17th during the morning and then an evening performance for the parents at 6:30 p.m. The performance at Allegro will happen on December 18th.

Music classes will be working on some special dances for our annual Country Western Day. We hope to see everyone out to bust-a-move and cut-a-rug on Friday, December 14th.

In STEM we have been working through the Engineering Design Process to construct various Native American homes. Each grade level worked on a different style of home. As the winter break is approaching each grade level will be working on a new challenge which may include working within a budget to construct a train or packaging a fragile item and calculating postage to mail it to North Pole, AK.

I am so grateful for the extra supplies that have been sent in for my class. With the holiday gift-giving season upon us, if you could save the thin (1/2"), flat sheets of Styrofoam from packaging for class projects that would be much appreciated. I do not need any more paper towel rolls at this time.



Media Center

A HUGE thank you to our staff, school and community for a absolutely amazing book fair. This year we again hit record sales at around \$12,000.00.

The book fair committee did a super job with all of our decorations and fun ideas. The AR store will be open to cash in your points the week of December 10th.

The Sunshine state Sr. and Jr. program are still running very successful. Be sure and check out our web page for our Sunshine state programs details.

Have a safe and fun filled holiday season.

Debra Skipper
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Art Corner

I hope you all had a wonderful fall break! We finished up our fall-themed art projects and are moving on to winter art. Kindergarten is focusing on landscapes and learning about fore, middle, and backgrounds. We are also going to practice mixing tints and shades. First graders are working on mixing primary colors to make secondary colors in order to create a colorful background for some polar bears. Second graders are making self-portraits in the snow, and third graders are using patterns to make hot cocoa mug paintings. Fourth graders are also learning about landscapes and new techniques with tissue paper and chalk to make the northern lights. Fifth grade students are practicing shading techniques with chalk to make polar bears that have form. I hope to have many of these works of art hung up in the activity center this month. Happy holidays!

Jordan Senarens

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Parents:

Please make sure that your bikers and walkers know that they must walk to the crossing guard in order to cross Tangerine Avenue when walking to school.



BUSINESS PARTNERS

Listed below are our current business partners that aide in the success of our students through a variety of ways from incentive coupons to providing volunteers.

7/11—3608 Aloma Ave.

Fun Spot America—5700 Fun Spot Way
Aloma United Methodist—3045 Aloma Ave.

Jeremiah's Italian Ice—6864 Aloma Ave
Orlando Tae Kwan Do—4100 Metric Dr.

Sonny's Bar-B-Q — 3390 University Blvd.

Tijuana Flats—3635 Aloma Ave.

Tuscany Pizza—3748 Howell Branch Rd.

Victory Martial Arts—2175 Aloma Avenue

Rock & Brews—7131 Red Bug Lake Rd

Broadway Pizzeria—4030 N Goldenrod Rd

Summit Church—735 Herndon Avenue

Aim High Martial Arts—6840 Aloma Ave.

New Addition:

Bagel King—1455 Semoran Boulevard

PE We just wrapped up our Kids Heart Challenge and our school raised \$3030.00 this year. Our goal was \$2000.00 so I think we did pretty well. We want to give a special thanks to all of the families who participated in this wonderful charity. We want to give special recognition to our top earner Julianna Morales who raised \$460.00. Great Job Julianna!

We would also like to thank GROW for donating playground balls, Orlando City soccer balls, Frisbees, scoops and jump ropes to our school to be used by our students during recess. GROW is a local charity that helps sponsor cross-country meets, health fairs and other events that promote healthy lifestyle choices for children and our families. If you can, please like them on Facebook. This added support would help them become even more effective and it would keep you updated on all the great things that they are doing in our community.

Country Western Day is going to happen on December 14th. Be sure to come out and cut a rug with your favorite cowboy or cow-girl. You do not need any dance experience to enjoy this special day. We will teach you the dances or you might be lucky enough to learn from the expert that resides at your own abode. Be on the lookout for more information that will coming home in the next week or so.

In addition, we have two cross-country meets that will be taking place this month. December 1st will be our first meet, which is being held at Winter Springs High School. The second meet will be on December 15th and it is going to held at Lake Howell High School. We wish you a healthy and happy holiday season.

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Hello Eastbrook Families!

Happy Holidays! I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and enjoyed the break from school. I don't know about you, but I am definitely looking forward to some downtime during our winter break.



The Holiday House gift shop will be open during school hours from December 10th-14th. During this time, your child will be able to shop for gifts for friends and family. We will send more information home soon that will include an envelope on which you can write the names of those who your child should purchase a gift for. We will have PTA volunteers in the shop the entire week to assist the children with shopping. This is such a fun event for the kids, and they love picking out gifts for their loved ones!



Our next PTA General Meeting will take place on Monday, December 17th at 6:15 PM. We would love for all PTA members to attend! This will be a brief meeting to go over our current financial position and upcoming events. The Winter Holiday Chorus Concert will immediately follow at 6:30 PM. We hope to see you all there!



Save the date! Our annual School Carnival will be held on Saturday, January 19th at 2:00 PM. We will have carnival games (with prizes!), bounce houses, face painting, food and fun for the whole family! Community service officers will also be onsite with fun demonstrations.

We have many events coming up over the next few months, and we will need volunteers! We especially need volunteers for the Holiday House in order for it to be successful. Keep an eye out for emails regarding these opportunities. If you are a PTA member and you are not receiving our emails, please let me know.

If you have not yet joined PTA, please consider doing so. A membership is only \$5. To join, you can email any board member for a membership form or ask your child's teacher to send one home.

I wish you all the happiest of holidays, and I hope everyone has a great winter break!

~ LeeAnn

IMPORTANT DATES!

- Week of Dec 10th-14th - Holiday House (during school hours)
- Mon, Dec 17th - 6:15 PM - PTA General Meeting / Chorus Concert
- Sat, Jan 19th - 2:00-5:00 PM - School Carnival

LeeAnn Hinken - President - leeannhinkenpta@gmail.com

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Scott Kunkle - VP Membership - scottkunklepta@gmail.com

Laura Paquette - Secretary - laura.m.paquette@gmail.com

Make sure you "like" the Eastbrook Elementary Facebook page to stay up to date! <https://www.facebook.com/EastbrookES>

DECEMBER 2018 ELEMENTARY MENU

BREAKFAST

ALL MEALS INCLUDE AN ENTREE, FRUIT, 100% FRUIT JUICE AND/OR MILK.

MONDAY

Sausage Biscuit™
or Assorted Cereal
and Cheese Stick
or Cinnamon Cream
Cheese Bagel-ful

TUESDAY

French Toast Sticks
or Assorted Cereal
and Cheese Stick
or Fresh Baked Scone
with Yogurt

WEDNESDAY

Chicken Biscuit
or Assorted Cereal
and Cheese Stick
or Cinnamon Cream
Cheese Bagel-ful

THURSDAY

Maple Waffles and Sausage™
or Assorted Cereal
and Cheese Stick
or Fresh Baked Scone
with Yogurt

FRIDAY

Chicken Biscuit
or Assorted Cereal
and Cheese Stick
or Cinnamon Cream
Cheese Bagel-ful

LUNCH

ALL MEALS INCLUDE AN ENTREE, FRUIT, VEGGIES AND/OR MILK.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes & Dinner Roll Pizza Lunchedible Smuckers Uncrustable Cheese Stick & Goldfish Crackers Cheese or Turkey-Ham Chef Salad Goldfish Crackers	4 Mac and Cheese with Turkey-Ham Baked Beans & Dinner Roll Chicken Sandwich Baked Beans Smuckers Uncrustable Cheese Stick & Goldfish Crackers Egg or Turkey Chef Salad Goldfish Crackers	5 Gianni's Pizza (Cheese, Pepperoni or Sausage™) Green Beans Smuckers Uncrustable Cheese Stick & Goldfish Crackers Cheese or Turkey-Ham Chef Salad Goldfish Crackers	6 Baked Pasta Broccoli & Breadstick Chicken Nuggets Broccoli & Breadstick Smuckers Uncrustable Cheese Stick & Goldfish Crackers Egg or Turkey Chef Salad Goldfish Crackers	7 Maple Waffles Warm Apple Topping, Sausage™ & Home Fries Pizza Lunchedible Smuckers Uncrustable Cheese Stick & Goldfish Crackers Cheese or Turkey-Ham Chef Salad Goldfish Crackers
10 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes & Dinner Roll Pizza Lunchedible Smuckers Uncrustable Cheese Stick & Cheez-its Cheese or Turkey-Ham Chef Salad Cheez-its	11 Orange Chicken Rice & California Veggies Cheese Quesadilla Rice & California Veggies Smuckers Uncrustable Cheese Stick & Cheez-its Egg or Turkey Chef Salad Cheez-its <div>Special Treat: Apple & Eve Juice</div>	12 Gianni's Pizza (Cheese, Pepperoni or Chicken Alfredo) Carrots Smuckers Uncrustable Cheese Stick & Cheez-its Cheese or Turkey-Ham Chef Salad Cheez-its	13 Taco Black Beans & Tortilla Chips Chicken Nuggets Black Beans & Tortilla Chips Smuckers Uncrustable Cheese Stick & Cheez-its Egg or Turkey Chef Salad Cheez-its	14 Spaghetti and Meatballs™ Broccoli & Breadstick Grilled Cheese Sandwich Broccoli Smuckers Uncrustable Cheese Stick & Cheez-its Cheese or Turkey-Ham Chef Salad Cheez-its
17 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes & Dinner Roll Pizza Lunchedible Smuckers Uncrustable Cheese Stick & Fun Shaped Crackers Cheese or Turkey-Ham Chef Salad Fun Shaped Crackers	18 EARLY RELEASE All American Burger Fruit, Vegetables, Juice & Sugar Cookie Lunchedible Smuckers Uncrustable Cheese Stick & Fun Shaped Crackers Chef Salad Fun Shaped Crackers	19 EARLY RELEASE 100% All Beef Hot Dog Fruit, Vegetables, Juice & Elf Grahams Lunchedible Smuckers Uncrustable Cheese Stick & Fun Shaped Crackers Chef Salad Fun Shaped Crackers	20 EARLY RELEASE Chicken Sandwich Fruit, Vegetables, Juice & Mini Rice Krispie Lunchedible Smuckers Uncrustable Cheese Stick & Fun Shaped Crackers Chef Salad Fun Shaped Crackers	21 NO SCHOOL
24	25	26	27	28
Happy Holidays				

**Blueberry
LEMON**

NEW to breakfast
for a limited time!

SCONE



Menus including Ala Carte Menu available online at dining-services.scps.us. Menu is subject to change.