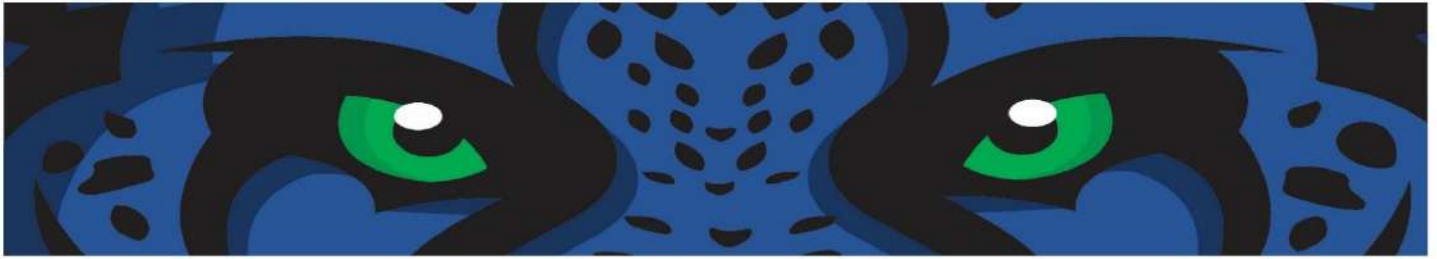


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Leader in Me News

The following students and teachers have been recognized for practicing Stephen Covey's *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*. They are:

✓ **Habit 4: Think Win Win**

Ms. Perkins saw great potential with some 7th grade students who needed academic assistance in math and created a math elective class she conducts on A-Days to support these students. Way to think Win Win!

✓ **Habit 1: Be Proactive**

J'Zoei Beam overheard Ms. Zambrano with a new student and offered to walk him to class since they had the same homeroom teacher.



For more information about the Leader in Me and the 7 Habits please visit: leaderinme.org



Spring Is Here!

Upcoming Eastway Events:

April 8 – 12 – Book Fair

April 10-11 – MAP testing

April 12 – Carowinds trip/report cards

April 15 - 19 – Spring break!

April 22 – Earth Day/CIS Resource Fair

April 25 – School Leadership Team meets

April 26 – 3rd Quarter Awards Ceremony

Spring Concert/International Night-- May 8

End of Year testing begins May 28th

Moving Up ceremony and 8th grade social -- June 5th



What We're Studying:

Math: 6th, 7th and 8th graders are gearing up for End-of-Grade testing with an EOG blitz that includes mini-lessons, small group work and targeted assistance based on need for the most impactful math standards.

ELA: 6th grade is exploring nonviolent protest with the graphic novel *March*. 7th grade is studying human rights with the novel *I Am Malala*. 8th grade is studying Civil Rights as they read the memoir *A Mighty Long Way*.

Science: 7th grade is studying how our cells and body systems work. 8th grade is finishing evolution and genetics and moving into ecosystems.

Social Studies: 6th grade is exploring Greece and the Hellenistic period. 8th grade is delving into World War II.

Eastway Happenings



Congratulations to our April House All-Stars!



Global: 6th grade – Ashley Hernandez; 7th grade – Vivien Villarmea; 8th grade – Xavier Carthan

STEM: 6th grade – Kevin Campos; 7th grade – Leslie Garcia-Hernandez; 8th grade – Zanjah Henry

Earth/Environmental: 6th grade – Samuel Guerra Hernandez; 7th grade – Jaden Bailey and Marelin Balderrama Argueta; 8th grade – Delan York

Teacher All-Stars: Ms. Richardson-GIS, Ms. Sanders-STEM, Ms. Wilson-EES

Counselor's Corner



April is **National Child Abuse Prevention Month**, which recognizes the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse and neglect. This is also a time to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families. Together, along with the community at-large, we can continue to work to create a safe and healthy school environment for all scholars. Let's be united and stand up for our young people, especially if they need to talk to someone.

Parents of 8th grade students: Please fill out the form your child will be bringing home about the Summer 9th Grade Transition Math and Literacy Youth Development Camp. This is a free camp for those who are at risk of being below grade level on the 8th grade math and/or reading EOG. See counselor Neisha MacDonald for more information.

School Leadership Team News: School Leadership Team meetings take place in the media center from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. on the last Thursday of each month. Next meeting: 4/25/19. Let your voice be heard!

Cell Phone Safety



Tips for Parents

Social media and cell phones have changed the nature of adolescence and parenting in the past decade. Students who once had a break at home from social relationships and school are connected 24 hours a day to peers by social media and cell phone usage.

Statistics show that 77% of students aged 12-17 own cell phones. 56% of tweens or ages 8-12 own cell phones. 28% of tweens and teens admit to sending inappropriate pictures via text.

Remember that parents ultimately decide how and if and when a student may have their own phone. Safe Search Kids, a google search engine, suggests creating a contract with your tween or teen before providing them with a personal phone.

Some contract suggestions include:

- ✓ 1. I do not own this phone. My parents are awesome, and they are giving me the privilege of using this phone.
- ✓ 2. Nothing is free. This phone, and the ability to use it, costs money. I will work hard to earn this privilege.
- ✓ 3. (Prepaid phones / limited texts are a good idea for teenagers.) I will not exceed my limit for monthly calls or texts.
- ✓ 4. I will take care of my phone. If I break it, I have to replace it. If I lose it, I have to replace it.
- ✓ 5. I will never use this phone in an inappropriate way such as sending a mean or hurtful text. If I have a disagreement with somebody, we will talk face to face.

Internet filtering software is available to limit what your child can download onto his or her phone. Website Blocker, Block Site, StayFocusd, Nanny, K9 Web Protection, Aobo Website Blocker, InterGuard are several of the blocking devices available to parents. Open communication and periodically checking texts, Instagram, Facebook and Snapchat will further ensure the safety of your child.

For questions or information, please contact school counselors Neisha MacDonald or Ellen Kinser.

"Each day of our lives we make deposits in the memory banks of our children."

■ **Charles R. Swindoll**



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Students Recognized for Essay Excellence

Yuliza Cabrera Benitez and **G'Nyla Hairston** were Do the Right Thing Challenge finalists for Eastway in March! These two students made it to the finalist round of the Do the Right Thing Essay Contest offered by Mecklenburg County Community Support Services – a program to prevent youth violence. They received an award and have their essay published in Mecklenburg County's annual publication of finalists. Eastway is so proud of their accomplishment and has high hopes for their future endeavors. Congratulations, Jaguars!

Helpful Websites for EOG-readiness

www.edgenuity.com
www.khanacademy.com
www.ixlmath.com
www.freckle.com
www.newsela.com
www.commonlit.org
www.quizlet.com

Parents: We are in need of proctors for EOG testing! Please call to volunteer (980) 343-6410. We so appreciate you!

Please join us for the Resource Fair!

Come receive information regarding resources in the community. Eastway will be hosting various organizations, companies and agencies that will showcase their services. Food will be provided. Gently used clothing will also be given out to families.

Date: Monday, April 22, 2019

Time: 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Place: Eastway Middle Auditorium

