

Explore Knowledge Academy's

Kindergarten & 2023 Senior Class Presents...

Live to Give

Book & Crayon Drive

November 8th until December 16th.



Kindergarten and our Senior classes will focus on teaching the beauty of giving. We will be collecting new & gently used books as well as crayons.

Reading is a gift and giving students a book that peaks their interest is beautiful. Children love to draw, and a new box of crayons will help them explore their artistic creations!

All proceeds benefit the Las Vegas Teacher Exchange.



VIRTUAL

FUNDRAISER

Benefiting

EXPLORE KNOWLEDGE FOUNDATION

- WHEN: JANUARY 17, 2023
- WHERE: ANY PANDA EXPRESS LOCATION NATIONWIDE
- HOW: ONLINE ORDERS APPLY CODE 911824 IN THE FUNDRAISER CODE BOX DURING ONLINE CHECKOUT OR ON APP OR USE THE LINK BELOW.

FUNDRAISER
LANDING
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<https://community.pandaexpress.com/virtual-fundraiser/events/promotions/b90f939a-9cb2-a6c0-ff6f-8aa2cf997176/en/landing>

2023 EKA HOODIES & SWEATSHIRTS



YOUTH & ADULT SIZES AVAILABLE

\$25.99-\$38.99

REGULAR HOODIES, MIDWEIGHT HOODIES & LONG SLEEVE TEES AVAILABLE

[HTTPS://WWW.BONFIRE.COM/EKA-FUNDRAISER/](https://www.bonfire.com/eka-fundraiser/)

3 SIMPLE STEPS FOR EKA SCHOOL ZONE

OBEY ALL TRAFFIC LAWS & LIGHTS



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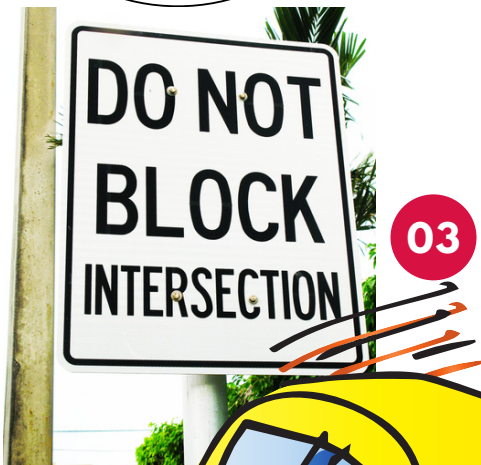
SLOW DOWN and obey all speed limits including the 5 mph speed limit posted on school property.



02

NO U-TURNS IN THE SCHOOL ZONE IF LIGHTS ARE FLASHING!

If lights are flashing you **MUST** go to Russell and make your u-turn.



03

DON'T BLOCK INTERSECTIONS OR THE ENTRANCE TO CAROL CIRCLE

This does **NOT** make things quicker. It actually slows down our valet process.



DRESS UP DAYS 2022 - 2023

December

Disney Day



12/6 (TUESDAY)



12/7 (WEDNESDAY)
WEAR WORDS DAY



12/8 (THURSDAY)
MITTENS/HATS/SCARVES DAY



12/13 (TUESDAY)
SUPERHERO DAY

Ugly Holiday Sweater Day!



12/14 (WEDNESDAY)



12/15 (THURSDAY)

DRESS UP DAYS 2022 - 2023

January



Crazy Socks Day

1/12 (THURSDAY)



1/24 (TUESDAY)
SPORTS TEAMS DAY



1/17 (TUESDAY)
SUPERHERO DAY



1/25 (WEDNESDAY)
WESTERN DAY



Wacky wardrobe

1/26 (THURSDAY)
WACKY WARDROBE DAY

DRESS UP DAYS 2022 - 2023

February



2/2 (THURSDAY) TUTU DAY

**2/10 (FRIDAY)
FOOTBALL JERSEY DAY**



2/28 (TUESDAY) SUPERHERO DAY



DRESS UP DAYS 2022 – 2023

March

**3/14 (TUESDAY)
PI DAY**



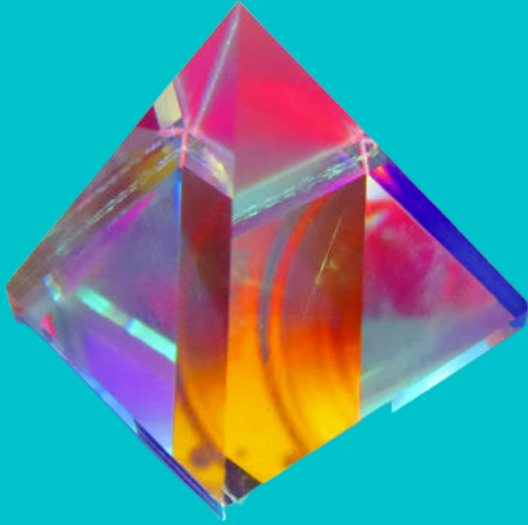
**3/22 (WEDNESDAY)
MUSTACHE DAY**

**3/28 (TUESDAY)
SUPERHERO DAY**



DRESS UP DAYS 2022 – 2023

April



**4/20 (THURSDAY)
PRISM COLOR DAY**



**4/25 (TUESDAY)
SUPERHERO DAY**



**4/27 (THURSDAY)
CARTOON CHARACTER DAY**

DRESS UP DAYS 2022 - 2023

May



5/4 (THURSDAY)

STAR WARS DAY



5/11 (THURSDAY)

TIE-DYE DAY



5/16 (TUESDAY)

SUPERHERO DAY





Board Vacancy Announcement

We would appreciate your help in recruiting four remaining candidates for our Board of Trustees. It is acknowledged that membership on the board is voluntary and at no time will it be considered a paid position. Board members may be parents of EKA students; however, it is not a requirement.

Board members' terms are for two years and the terms are staggered so that four members are elected in one year and three the next year. NRS 386.549, the board must have the following make up:

- a) Licensed teacher or other person licensed pursuant to chapter 391 of NRS or who previously held such a license and is retired, as long as his or her license was held in good standing.
- b) Licensed teacher or a school administrator with a license issued by another state or who previously held such a license and is retired, as long as his or her license was held in good standing.
- c) Parent or legal guardian who is not a teacher or employee of the school.
- d) Two members who possess knowledge and expertise in one or more of the following areas:
(1) Accounting; (2) Financial services; (3) Law; or (4) Human resources.

There will be four openings on our Board this year. The four must have knowledge or expertise in at least one of the following areas: 1 MUST be a Licensed teacher or School Administrator, then we need three others with knowledge in Accounting, Financial Services, Law, Human Resources, or they can be an EKA parent. A board member cannot be an employee of the school, a member of an employee's immediate family, or a member of a current board member's immediate family.

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The responsibilities of board members are:

- to work collaboratively with the other board members and the administration to implement the vision, mission, and goals of EKA as specified in our strategic plan,
- to maintain compliance with our charter contract with CCSD
- to keep informed of charter school laws,
- to keep informed of EKA board business,
- to attend the meetings of the board, and
- to attend the annual retreat and other board training events as scheduled by the board and administration of EKA.

The guidelines for the election of new board members are as follows: *The prospective board members will be interviewed by the Governing Board of Directors. Applicants will be selected and appointed to the Governing Board at an open Board Meeting.*

Interested persons should submit the attached application and a brief resume to the Business Office by the 22nd of July, 2022 at noon using one of the following methods: Fax to 702 547-9069, email to amattson@ekacademy.org or deliver to 5871 Mountain Vista Street, Las Vegas, Nevada 89120.

Thank you for your help.

Ms. Michelle Alarie, Board President, on behalf of Explore Knowledge Academy Board of Trustees



APPLICATION FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Name _____

Address _____

Phone number(s) _____

Email address _____

1. ☐ Attached is a brief resume, evidence of two years of full-time teaching experience and a copy of my teaching license, if applicable.

2. Reason you are interested in serving on the EKA Board of Trustees:

3. If I am elected to the EKA Board, I will:
(please initial)

- _____ work collaboratively with the other board members and the administration to implement the vision, mission, and goals of EKA as specified in our strategic plan,
- _____ help maintain compliance with our charter contract with CCSD
- _____ keep informed of charter school laws,
- _____ keep informed of EKA board business and
- _____ attend the meetings of the board, (at least quarterly)
- _____ attend the annual retreat and other board training events as scheduled by the board and administration of EKA.

4. _____ I have never been convicted of a felony, or any offense of moral turpitude and there are not any such charges pending to the best of my knowledge.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Whitney Library



December 2022



5175 E Tropicana
(Tropicana & Nellis)
702-507-4015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Programs for Kids, Teens, & Families <i>Turn me over for ages and descriptions of all our programs!</i>				1 10:30 a.m. Music & Movement Storytime 11 a.m. Stay and Play 3 p.m.—5 p.m. After School Fun	2 3 p.m.—5 p.m. After School Fun	3 3 p.m. LEGO League
					Ask us about our homework laptops and after school snacks!	
4 2 p.m. Let it Snow Puppet Show 	5 3 p.m.—5 p.m. After School Fun	6 10:30 a.m. Preschool Storytime 3 p.m.—5 p.m. After School Fun 3 p.m.—5 p.m. Teen Tattoosday	7 Staff Training Day: Limited Programs <i>Please see staff for more information</i>	8 10:30 a.m. Music & Movement Storytime 11 a.m. Stay and Play 3 p.m.—5 p.m. After School Fun: Snowperson Gift Bag	9 3 p.m.—5 p.m. After School Fun	10 3 p.m. Robot Lab 
11 11 a.m. Storytime at the Clark County Wetlands Park	12 3 p.m.—5 p.m. After School Fun 3 p.m.—5 p.m. Hooks & Needles Teen Craft Club	13 10:30 a.m. Preschool Storytime 3 p.m.—5 p.m. After School Fun 	14 10:30 a.m. 5 & Under Storytime 12 p.m. Baby Time 3 p.m.—5 p.m. After School Fun: DIY Wrapping Paper	15 10:30 a.m. Music & Movement Storytime 11 a.m. Stay and Play 3 p.m.—5 p.m. After School Fun	16 3 p.m.—5 p.m. After School Fun	17 3 p.m. Science Saturday: Snowy Science
					Free Homework Tutoring* Monday—Thursday from 4 p.m.—6 p.m. for K—12 <i>*There will be no tutoring 12/7/22 & 12/19/22—1/8/23</i>	
 Hey Teens! The Teen Zone is open Mon – Fri 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.		18 10:30 a.m. Preschool Storytime	19 10:30 a.m. 5 & Under Storytime 12 p.m. Baby Time	20 10:30 a.m. Music & Movement Storytime 11 a.m. Stay and Play	21 10:30 a.m. 5 & Under Storytime 12 p.m. Baby Time	22 10:30 a.m. Music & Movement Storytime 11 a.m. Stay and Play
23 CLOSED for Christmas Day!	24 CLOSED for Christmas Eve!	25 10:30 a.m. Preschool Storytime 	26 10:30 a.m. 5 & Under Storytime 12 p.m. Baby Time	27 10:30 a.m. Music & Movement Storytime 11 a.m. Stay and Play	28 10:30 a.m. Music & Movement Storytime 11 a.m. Stay and Play	29 10:30 a.m. Music & Movement Storytime 11 a.m. Stay and Play
30 CLOSED for Christmas Day!	31 11:30 a.m. New Year's at Noon! Library closes at 5 pm!					





Program Descriptions and Ages

For questions about any of our free programs, please call us at **702-507-4015**



Weekly Events



Mondays—Fridays on regular school days: After School Fun—The fun doesn't stop after school! Join us in the Youth Services Department for a variety of activities for families including board games, STEM activities, and crafts. *From 3 p.m.—5 p.m. for all ages*

Mondays—Fridays: Kids Café-Free Meals for Kids and Teens—Free after school snacks provided by Three Square are available in the Youth Services Department every week day! *From 2 p.m.—4 p.m. for children up to age 18*

Mondays—Fridays: Teen Zone Open Hours—Teens ages 13—17 (18 with school ID) are invited to hang out in the Teen Zone. Play video games, make crafts, or just relax with friends. Dates and times may change based on staff availability. Proof of age may be requested. *From 3 p.m.—5 p.m. for ages 13—17*



Tuesdays: Preschool Storytime—This storytime for children ages 3-5 and their caregivers includes stories, songs, and much more to build literacy skills and help children develop a love for books. *At 10:30 a.m.*

Story Time

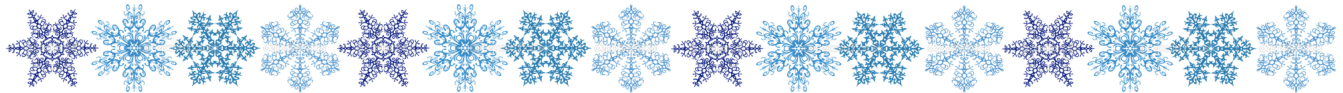


Wednesdays: Five and Under Storytime—Join us for an interactive storytime featuring music, books, and more for children ages 0-5 and caregivers! *At 10:30 a.m.*

Wednesdays: Baby Time—Babies from birth to 18 months and their caregivers will enjoy songs, nursery rhymes, and fingerplays together. *At 12 p.m.*

Thursdays: Music & Movement Storytime—Children ages 0-5 and their caregivers will enjoy an action-packed, movement-focused interactive storytime featuring music, books, and more every Thursday! *At 10:30 a.m.*

Thursdays: Stay and Play—Enjoy this play-based program for ages 0-5 and caregivers. Drop in, play with a variety of toys, and meet other families with young children in a relaxed environment. *At 11 a.m.*



Special Events

Saturday, December 3: LEGO League—Kids ages 6-12 are invited to get inspired by a story and create their own LEGO masterpiece to be displayed all month long in the library! *At 3 p.m.*

Sunday, December 4: Let it Snow Puppet Show—Get in the spirit of the season with our annual winter puppet show! After the show, we will make it snow in our Story Room. *At 2 p.m. for all ages*



Tuesday, December 6: Teen Tattoosday—Come make your own temporary tattoos in the Teen Zone! We'll have glitter tattoos and tattoo markers available. Email an image to whys@lvccld.org by 12/5, and we'll print it on temporary tattoo paper for you! Some ingredients may cause reactions to sensitive skin. Please use caution. All products will wash off within 1-2 days. *From 3 p.m.—5 p.m. for ages 13-17*



Thursday, December 8: After School Fun: Snowperson Gift Bag—Come on over and create a snowperson gift bag for someone special! *From 3 p.m.—5 p.m. for all ages*

Saturday, December 10: Robot Lab—Drop in and learn some coding basics by tinkering with a variety of technology and creating and coding robots! Featured tech may include littleBits, Ozobots, Code and Go Mouse, LEGO WeDo, Dash, and more. *From 3 p.m.—4 p.m. for ages 6-12*

Sunday, December 11: Storytime at the Clark County Wetlands Park—Discover the beautiful Clark County Wetlands Park right in our neighborhood! Join us in the Lizard Lounge next to the Nature Center located at 7050 Wetlands Park Ln. for stories and crafts for the whole family. *At 11 a.m. for ages 0-11*

Monday, December 12: Hooks and Needles Teen Craft Club—Want to learn to knit or crochet? Already know how and looking for some inspiration and good company? Join us for a teen version of our Hooks and Needles craft club. Supplies will be provided. *From 3 p.m.—5 p.m. for ages 13-17*



Wednesday, December 14: After School Fun: DIY Wrapping Paper—Put on your artist cap and decorate a sheet of wrapping paper! *From 3 p.m.—5 p.m. for all ages*

Saturday, December 17: Science Saturday: Snowy Science—Kids ages 6-12 are invited to enjoy some snowy science! Test out a couple different recipes for fake snow, and see which one is the snowiest. *From 3 p.m.—5 p.m.*



Friday, December 31: New Year's at Noon!—For the little ones who may not make it to the New Year's Eve ball drop, celebrate the "Noon Year" with fun & games as we count down to 12 p.m.! *At 11:30 a.m. for families*

THE LAS VEGAS-CLARK COUNTY
LIBRARY DISTRICT FOUNDATION
PRESENTS:

FREE TUTORING

MONDAY - THURSDAY
4PM - 6PM

Homework Help is provided to
grades K-12 in small group settings.
No reservations are required.
Please bring schoolwork with you.

**FALL SEMESTER TUTORING
BEGINS 9/6**

ands on

Las Vegas-Clark County

**LIBRARY
DISTRICT**

www.lvccld.org



WHITNEY LIBRARY
5175 E Tropicana Ave.
702-507-4015

Explore Knowledge Academy

Student Attendance Calendar

August 2022 - May 2023

2022

August 11	Classes Begin
September 5	Labor Day - Business Office Closed
October 14	End of 1st Quarter
October 28	Nevada Day - No School Business Office Closed
November 11	Veteran's Day - No School Business Office Closed
November 22 - 25	Thanksgiving Break - No School Business Office Closed
November 29	Classes Resume
December 15	Student Early Release
December 16	Staff Development Day - No School Business Office Closed End of 2nd Quarter - End of 1st Semester
December 20 - Jan 2	Winter Break - No School Business Office Closed

2023

January 3 - 4	Staff Development Days - No School Business Office Closed
January 5	Classes Resume (Thursday)
January 16	Martin Luther King Jr. Day Business Office Closed
February 21 - 24	President's Day - February Break No School - Business Office Closed
February 28	Classes Resume
March 17	End of 3rd Quarter
April 4-7	Spring Break - No School Business Office Closed
April 11	Classes Resume
May 19	Student Early Release End of 4th Quarter - End of 2nd Semester End of the 2022-2023 School Year
May 23	Graduation 2023

EXPLORE KNOWLEDGE ACADEMY PRE-ARRANGED ABSENCE REQUEST

THIS APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE FRONT OFFICE AT LEAST 1 WEEK PRIOR TO THE REQUESTED ABSENCE

NOTE: Prearranged absences WILL NOT be approved immediately preceding or following any scheduled EKA break. Prearranged exceeding the limitation on total absences WILL NOT be approved.

The Parent/Legal Guardian or student is responsible for checking Google Classroom for make-up work from all teachers and submitting the work as specified.

PLEASE NOTE: Nevada State Law allows a parent or legal guardian to arrange absences in advance. EKA allows up to **4** pre-arranged absences during a school year. All absences whether approved or unapproved count towards the total of absences for the year. Any arranged absence, for which the makeup work is not completed and submitted as required, is considered unapproved.

1 EKA School Day = 1.3 Days

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Date(s) Requested: _____

Reason for pre-arranged absence(s): _____

Parent/Guardian Print: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

OFFICE PERSONNEL ONLY

Name of Student: _____

Administrative Signature: _____ Date Received: _____

Dates Approved: _____

Parent Notified Date: _____

Office Personnel Initials: _____

Teacher(s) Notified Date: _____

Office Personnel Initials: _____

Absence Note

5871 Mountain Vista Street

Las Vegas NV 89120

Phone: (702) 870-5032

Fax: (702) 871-5032

www.ekacademy.org



*** Three (3) or more consecutive absences will require a note from a medical provider.

1 EKA School Day = 1.3 Days

Please use this form when your child misses school. Additional forms may be downloaded from the website and are available at the office.

Date(s) of Absence	
Period(s) Missed	
Student Name	
Student's Advisor	Grade

Reason for Absence(s)	
Parent/Guardian Signature	Date
Home Phone	Work/Cell Phone
Parent Email	

Students who have been absent must provide written notice from the parent/guardian to the school explaining the reason for the absence within 3 school days after their return from the absence AND turn in **any missing work**.

Failure to provide an excused absence note within 3 days AND turn in missed school work will result in an

unexcused absence. In accordance with NRS, an unexcused absence is deemed truant.

It is the parent/guardian responsibility to request homework from the advisor.

Please Note: EKA must report habitual truancy to Child Protective Services for educational neglect.

For Office Use Only: ☐ Excused ☐ Unexcused ☐ Unexcused Due To Incomplete Work

EKA Administration and Office Staff Email Addresses

Position	Name	Email
Superintendent	Abbe Mattson	amattson@ekacademy.org
Principal	Dawn Gustafson	dgustafson@ekacademy.org
Assistant Principal	Donna Childers	dstewardchilders@ekacademy.org
Dean of Students	Butch Heiss	bheiss@ekacademy.org
Special Ed Facilitator	Maureen Turnbull	mturnbull@ekacademy.org
Operations Manager	Hope Vivas	hvivas@ekacademy.org
Finance Manager	Lori Rogers	lrogers@ekacademy.org
Technology Manager	Wil Jones	wjones@ekacademy.org
School Nurse	Vanessa Phillips	vphillips@ekacademy.org
Counselor	Imelda Keyer	ikeyer@ekacademy.org
Social Worker	Emily Stolworthy	estolworthy@ekacademy.org
Literacy Specialist	Stephanie Estores	sestores@ekacademy.org
Registrar	Rita Walls	rwalls@ekacademy.org
Office Specialist	Darlene Acosta	dacosta@ekacademy.org
Office Specialist	Bobbie Gonzalez	bgonzalez@ekacademy.org
FASA (First Aid Safety Assistant)	Michelle Hay	mhay@ekacademy.org
FASA (First Aid Safety Assistant)	Jazmen Locquiao	jlocquiao@ekacademy.org
General Communication / Attendance	Office Staff	parentportal@ekacademy.org

EKA Teacher Email Addresses

Grade Level	Teacher Name	Email
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Elementary/Secondary	Jen Cook	jcook@ekacademy.org
Elementary	Sandon Edmonds	sedmonds@ekacademy.org
Elementary	Meggan Fowler	mfowler@ekacademy.org
Elementary	Mary Harper	mharper@ekacademy.org
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Elementary	Kelly Perea	kperea@ekacademy.org
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Elementary	Samantha Steel	ssteel@ekacademy.org
Elementary/Secondary	Mary-Lynn Strahan	mstrahan@ekacademy.org
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