

PAPER DRIVE

**JAN. 17
TO
JAN. 31**



**WE ARE ASKING FOR REAMS OF
WHITE COPY PAPER**

DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF IN A OR B OFFICES.



**THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY
CLASSES THAT RECEIVE THE MOST
DONATIONS, EARN AN ICE CREAM SOCIAL
PARTY.**





JANUARY 31ST

4-5:30PM BUILDING C

SECONDARY ONLY SNACKS FOR SALE

COMPLETE THE FORM IN
YOUR EMAIL BEFORE
1/25 TO REGISTER

SING BY YOURSELF OR WITH A PARTNER!

CUPID CONGA

Secondary Dance



February 10th 5-7:30 PM

\$5 Admission

Food and drink sold separately

**Permission slips for
outside guests due 2/8**

[Purchase tickets here!](#)

**Explore Knowledge Academy Charter School
Cupid Congo**

February 10, 2023

5:00 - 7:30 pm

Guest Permission Slip

MUST be returned by February 8, 2023

EKA School Student Name _____ Home Phone _____

Parent(s)/Guardian's Name _____ Emergency Phone: _____

Name of Guest _____ Guest's Phone: _____

Guest's School Name _____ Grade or age (must be 18 or under) _____

Guest's Parent or Guardian name _____

Phone Number for parent/guardian contact during the dance: _____

Guest's Home Address: _____

1. Guests must be accompanied by an EKA student in good standing. (Passing all classes C or better and no disciplinary action)
2. All EKA rules apply for the student and the guest. Failure to follow/comply with the rules will result in the student and guest being removed from the premises.
3. All guests must sign into the dance including name and time. Participants leaving the dance early must sign out and they will not be allowed to return.
4. Guests must arrive with the 6-12th grade EKA student that invited them.
5. **All guest students will be required to show picture ID upon entering the dance.**
6. Dancing that is deemed inappropriate and/or lewd will result in removal of the guest and host EKA student from the dance.
7. This form must be turned in to the office or emailed to amattson@ekacademy.org by the date indicated before the dance.

By signing below, I indicate that I understand and accept all of the above.

EKA Student Signature

Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian of EKA

Date

Guest Signature

Date

Parent of Guest Signature

Date

Principal/Counselor Signature from Guest's School

Date



**EXPLORE
KNOWLEDGE
ACADEMY'S K-5**

BREAKFAST WITH BOOKS



**YELLOW ZONE MARCH 1
PINK ZONE MARCH 2
BLUE ZONE MARCH 3**

**MP ROOM
BUILDING C
8AM-9AM**

**JOIN US FOR A FUN TIME OF EATING SNACKS AND
READING BOOKS! THIS IS A FREE EVENT FOR ALL K-5.
ALL K-5 PARENTS/GUARDIANS ARE WELCOME. MP ROOM
DOORS WILL NOT OPEN TO PARENTS UNTIL 7:55 AM.
CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU DO NOT KNOW YOUR
COLOR DISMISSAL ZONE.**





WE ARE EXCITED TO HOLD BREAKFAST WITH BOOKS WITH OUR FAMILIES AT THE END OF FEBRUARY. TO HELP THIS EVENT BE A SUCCESS WE ARE LOOKING FOR DONATIONS OF INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED SNACKS AND JUICE BOXES. TREATS MUST BE NUT FREE. PLEASE BRING DONATIONS TO THE FRONT OFFICE OF BUILDING A OR B. DONATIONS ARE NEEDED BY FEBRUARY 28TH.



3 SIMPLE STEPS FOR EKA SCHOOL ZONE

OBEY ALL TRAFFIC LAWS & LIGHTS



01

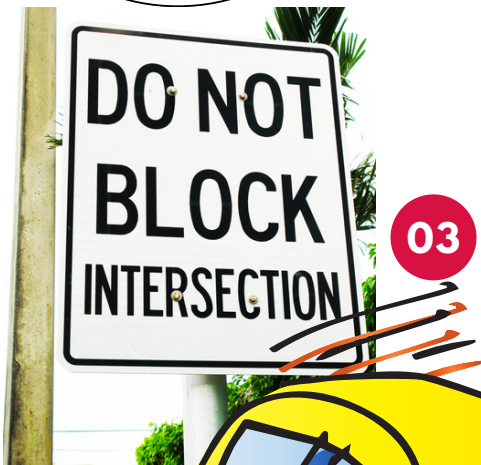
SLOW DOWN and obey all speed limits including the 5 mph speed limit posted on school property.



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

February



2/2 (THURSDAY) TUTU DAY

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



2/14 (TUESDAY) FRIENDSHIP DAY

2/28 (TUESDAY) SUPERHERO DAY



DRESS UP DAYS 2022 – 2023

March

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



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

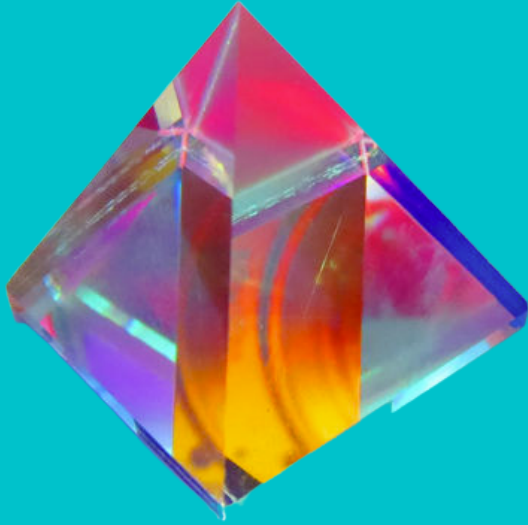
**3/28 (TUESDAY)
SUPERHERO DAY**



**3/31 (FRIDAY)
AVIATOR 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.

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.

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.

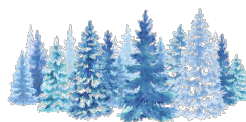
SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

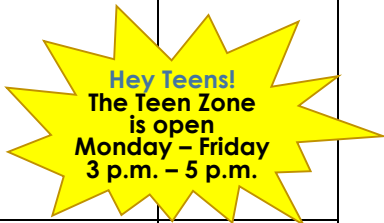
Whitney Library

January 2023



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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 CLOSED for New Year's Day	2	3 10:30 a.m. Preschool Storytime 3 p.m.—5 p.m. After School Fun 3 p.m.—5 p.m. Teen Tattoosday 	4 10:30 a.m. 5 & Under Storytime 12 p.m. Baby Time 3 p.m.—5 p.m. After School Fun	5 10:30 a.m. Music & Movement Storytime 11 a.m. Stay and Play 3 p.m.—5 p.m. After School Fun: Penguin Craft	6 3 p.m.—5 p.m. After School Fun 	7 3 pm LEGO League
8 11 a.m. Storytime at the Clark County Wetlands Park	9 3 p.m.—5 p.m. After School Fun 	10 10:30 a.m. Preschool Storytime 3 p.m.—5 p.m. After School Fun	11 10:30 a.m. 5 & Under Storytime 12 p.m. Baby Time 3 p.m.—5 p.m. After School Fun	12 10:30 a.m. Music & Movement Storytime 11 a.m. Stay and Play 3 p.m.—5 p.m. After School Fun	13 3 p.m.—5 p.m. After School Fun	14 3 p.m. Robot Lab 
15	16 CLOSED for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	17 10:30 a.m. Preschool Storytime 3 p.m.—5 p.m. After School Fun	18 10:30 a.m. 5 & Under Storytime 12 p.m. Baby Time 3 p.m.—5 p.m. After School Fun: Snow Much Fun! 	19 10:30 a.m. Music & Movement Storytime 11 a.m. Stay and Play 3 p.m.—5 p.m. After School Fun	20 3 p.m.—5 p.m. After School Fun	21 3 p.m. Science Saturday
22 11 a.m. Storytime at the Clark County Wetlands Park 	23 3 p.m.—5 p.m. Hooks & Needles Teen Craft Club	24 10:30 a.m. Preschool Storytime 3 p.m.—5 p.m. After School Fun	25 10:30 a.m. 5 & Under Storytime 12 p.m. Baby Time 3 p.m.—5 p.m. After School Fun 3 p.m.—5 p.m. Teen Garden Club	26 10:30 a.m. Music & Movement Storytime 11 a.m. Stay and Play 3 p.m.—5 p.m. After School Fun	27 3 p.m.—5 p.m. After School Fun	28 3 p.m. Switch Saturday 
29	30 3 p.m.—5 p.m. After School Fun: Paper Mosaic Fun 	31 10:30 a.m. Preschool Storytime 3 p.m.—5 p.m. After School Fun	Free Homework Tutoring* resumes January 9! Monday—Thursday from 4 p.m.—6 p.m. for grades K—12 <i>*Please call 702-507-4015 or stop by the Youth Services Desk for more information</i> 			

Programs for Kids, Teens, & Families

Please turn this page over for ages and descriptions of all our events!

Program Descriptions and Ages

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

Weekly Events

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

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



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 caregivers includes stories, songs, and much more to build literacy skills and help children develop a love for books. *At 10:30 a.m.*

Wednesdays: Five and Under Storytime—Children ages 0-5 and their caregivers will enjoy an interactive storytime featuring music, books, and more! *At 10:30 a.m.*

Wednesdays: Baby Time—Babies from birth to 18 months and their caregivers will enjoy songs, nursery rhymes, and fingerplays in this brain-building program. *At 12 p.m.*



Thursdays: Music & Movement Storytime—Join us for this action-packed, movement-focused interactive storytime featuring music, books, & more that children ages 0-5 and their caregivers will enjoy! *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

Tuesday, January 3: 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 January 2nd 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, January 5: After School Fun: Penguin Craft—Today, stop by to make a fun winter penguin craft! *From 3 p.m.—5 p.m. for all ages*

Saturday, January 7: 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, January 8 and 22: Storytime at the Clark County Wetlands Park—Discover the beautiful Clark County Wetlands Park right in our neighborhood! Join us in the Lizard Lounge located at 7050 Wetlands Park Ln. for stories and crafts for the whole family. *At 11 a.m. for ages 0-11*

Saturday, January 14: 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. *At 3 p.m. for ages 6-12*



Wednesday, January 18: After School Fun: Snow Much Fun!—Celebrate the beautiful winter season with snow inspired crafts! *From 3 p.m.—5 p.m. for all ages*



Saturday, January 21: Science Saturday—Kids ages 6-12 are invited to test their science, technology, engineering, art, and math skills by taking part in a fun STEAM challenge! *At 3 p.m.*

Monday, January 23: 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 in the Teen Zone. Supplies will be provided. *From 3 p.m.—5 p.m. for ages 13-17*

Wednesday, January 25: Teen Garden Club—Come help us set up our hydroponic garden in the Teen Zone and learn how to grow herbs, vegetables, and fruits with water! *From 3 p.m.—5 p.m. for ages 13-17*

Saturday, January 28: Kids Club: Switch Saturday—Get your game on! Kids ages 6-12 are invited to play games on our Nintendo Switch! Board games will also be available. *At 3 p.m.*



Monday, January 30: After School Fun: Paper Mosaic Fun—Today, join us to make an arctic fox paper mosaic! *From 3 p.m.—5 p.m. for all ages*



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LIBRARY DISTRICT FOUNDATION
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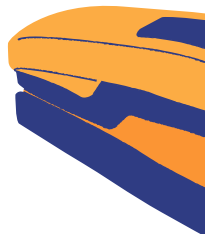
MONDAY - THURSDAY
4PM - 6PM

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



SPRING 2023 TUTORING
JANUARY 9 - MAY 4

(SOME DATES EXCLUDED - SEE BRANCH FOR MORE DETAILS)



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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.

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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	Kaitlyn Nichols	knichols@ekacademy.org
Counselor	Imelda Keyer	ikeyer@ekacademy.org
Social Worker	Addison Bohn	abohn@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
Elementary	Ryan Arguelles	rarguelles@ekacademy.org
Elementary/Secondary	Jen Cook	jcook@ekacademy.org
Elementary	Sandon Edmonds	sedmonds@ekacademy.org
Elementary	Meggan Fowler	mfowler@ekacademy.org
Elementary	Sonia Guevara Zarate	sguevarazarate@ekacademy.org
Elementary	Mary Harper	mharper@ekacademy.org
Elementary	Annie Jacobites	ajacobites@ekacademy.org
Elementary	Kailene Krukowski	kkrukowski@ekacademy.org
Elementary	Dawn Maahs	dmaahs@ekacademy.org
Elementary	Samantha Malcolm	smalcolm@ekacademy.org
Elementary	Brenda McNulty	bmcnulty@ekacademy.org
Elementary	Heather Mills-Jaramillo	hmills-jaramillo@ekacademy.org
Elementary	Tania Ordinola	tordinola@ekacademy.org
Elementary	Kelly Perea	kperea@ekacademy.org
Elementary	Jamie Rivas-Solorzano	jrivas-solorzano@ekacademy.org
Elementary	Judith Rodriguez	jrodriguez@ekacademy.org
Elementary	Vanessa Sanchez	vsanchez@ekacademy.org
Elementary/Secondary	Joanne Sanders	jsanders@ekacademy.org
Elementary	Amanda Snyder	asnyder@ekacademy.org
Elementary	Randy Sodders	rsodders@ekacademy.org
Elementary	Samantha Steel	ssteel@ekacademy.org
Elementary	Landon Tillema	ltillema@ekacademy.org
Elementary	Tiffany Tillema	ttillema@ekacademy.org
Elementary	Jason Wright	jwright@ekacademy.org
Secondary	Samantha Barnett	sbarnett@ekacademy.org
Secondary	Renee Berto	rberto@ekacademy.org
Secondary	Lake Curry	lcurry@ekacademy.org
Secondary	Kyle Dammeir	kdammeir@ekacademy.org
Secondary	Jason Kelly	jkelly@ekacademy.org
Secondary	Tamara Kinoshita	tkinoshita@ekacademy.org
Secondary	Deni LaBree	dlabree@ekacademy.org
Secondary	David Lujan	dlujan@ekacademy.org
Secondary	Brittany Mattson	bmattson@ekacademy.org
Secondary	Erin Mc Iver	emciver@ekacademy.org
Secondary	Ryan Nimmo	rnimmo@ekacademy.org
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Secondary	Kate Smith	ksmith@ekacademy.org
Secondary	Cynthia Winterringer	cwinterringer@ekacademy.org