

EKAPS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

THIS WEEK AT EKAPS
9/24 – 9/27

IMPORTANT NEWS

DUE TO OUR FALL FESTIVAL
ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31ST.
BETTER LUNCH WILL NOT BE
AVAILABLE. ALL STUDENTS
MUST BRING A LUNCH.

FUN FOOD WEDNESDAYS

10/2/2024

JIMMY JOHNS

**LAST DAY TO
ORDER SEPT 27TH**

10/16/2024

CHICKEN SHACK

**LAST DAY TO
ORDER OCT 11TH**

SCAN ME



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 9/25 - McTeacher Night
- 9/27 - Secondary Dance
- 10/8 - College & Career Day
- 10/10 - Golden Knight Dress Up Day
- 10/11 - End of First Quarter
- 10/18 - Wizards & Witches Dress Up Day
- 10/21 - Parent Teacher Conferences
- 10/22 - PSAT Testing
- 10/24 - NBA Jersey Dress Up Day
- 10/25 - Nevada Day - School Offices Closed
- 10/31 - Costume Dress Up Day



BREAKING NEWS

NEW SCHOOL NAME, NEW SCHOOL YEAR! EKAPS IS EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THE LAUNCH OF OUR NEW SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS TO REFLECT THE REBRANDING OF OUR SCHOOL.

FAMILIES, PLEASE COMPLETE THIS MEDIA RELEASE FORM ATTACHED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO INDICATE YOUR STUDENT'S PERMISSION FOR PARTICIPATING IN SOCIAL MEDIA CONTENT FOR OUR PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

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STACK.COM/FORMS/MEDIA_RELEASE_FORM](https://exploreknowledgeacademy.formstack.com/forms/media_release_form)



Private Accounts

Please join our **private** accounts for school updates, important announcements, parent correspondence, and student activities.

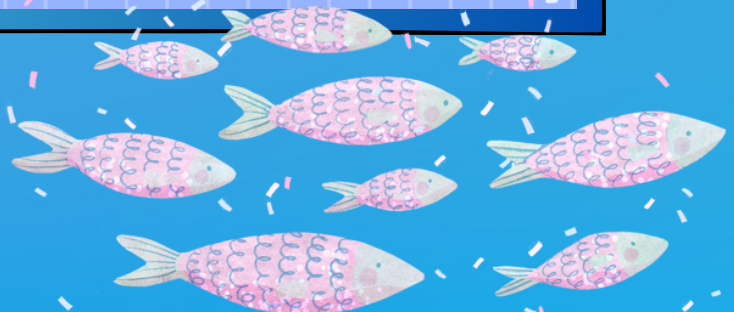


Facebook: EKA Official Parent, Teacher, and Staff Group
Instagram: @ekacademy

Public Accounts

Please follow our **public** accounts to see what's happening day-to-day on campus, to get to know our staff and campus better, and to keep informed about upcoming events.

Instagram & TikTok: @ekapscharter
Youtube: @EKAcademyCS



UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

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10/3/2024

**SMITH CENTER - PHILHARMONIC YOUTH CONCERT
SERIES
3RD GRADE**

DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 27TH

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10/8/2024

**SMITH CENTER - 123 ANDRÉS
KINDER**

DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 4TH

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10/11/2024

**RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL
HIGH SCHOOL**

DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 4TH

SCAN ME



11/15/2024

← DATE CHANGE

**DISCOVERY CHILDREN'S MUSEUM
1ST & 2ND GRADE**

DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 8TH

SCAN ME



11/22/2024

**MUSEUM OF TOLERANCE
8TH GRADE**

DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 15TH



A NOTE FROM MS. WINTERRINGER

We are currently fundraising for the entire 8th-grade class at Explore Knowledge Academy of Public Speaking so they may take a trip to visit the Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles, California this November.

This one-day trip is extremely important to me because I would like my students to hear the survivors' stories from the Holocaust and see the museum's collections from this time period as well as examine racism and prejudice throughout the world. I would like my students to understand the full impact that the Holocaust had on the Jewish community in Europe and abroad, and how important it is that this should never be allowed to happen again.

The funds will be used to transport the students from Las Vegas, Nevada to Los Angeles, California on a bus..

The logo for gofundme, featuring the word "gofundme" in a stylized font with a sun icon above the "d".

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TO HELP

A NOTE FROM MR. QUAN

Since working with our math department, we have realized we need to replace some of our math manipulatives. Even though I am a High School math teacher, I am looking for help with items to help our elementary students. Math manipulatives allow students to work with hands-on strategies that will increase their math learning and understanding.

Again, I truly appreciate everyone who helps and assists these students.

I am grateful that you all understand that it takes a lot of us to teach students fully, especially in math. Even though these items will not be directly used by my High School students, I am grateful you all are willing to help with the other age groups at my school. Thank you.



**DONORS
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TO HELP



A FRIENDLY ELEMENTARY

REMINDER



NO TOYS AT SCHOOL

Please support your children by reminding them that toys including (sport balls, Pokémon, baseball cards, and plushies) are not allowed at school. This will help eliminate distractions during learning times.



**1ST OFFENSE: CONFISCATION AND
RETURNED AT THE END OF THE DAY.**

**2ND OFFENSE: PARENT CONTACTED AND
REQUIRED PARENT PICK-UP.**

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

ATTENDANCE

If your student is absent from school, please email parentportal@ekacademy.org with the student's name, date of absence, and reason for the absence. Absence notes are located in the attachment section of this newsletter and on our website, and for convenience printed copies are available in our offices. Absence notes must be received within 3 days of your student's return to school. All notes received after 3 days of the student(s) return to school will remain unexcused. Please Note: Any student being picked up early without a valid reason for the absence will be considered UNEXCUSED.



STUDENT EARLY RELEASE

Students must be signed out by a Parent/Guardian and valid identification is required for pick up. NO identification - NO release! In case of an emergency and a parent is unavailable to pick up an email must be sent to parentportal@ekacademy.org before picking up. The following information must include the name of the person picking up, the time, date, and reason. Please make sure to plan accordingly if your students has a mid-day medical appointment, we now require students to be picked up 10 minutes before or after EKAPS scheduled lunch times to prevent longer wait times. EKAPS lunch times are as follows: SECONDARY: 11:20 AM - 11:50 AM and ELEMENTARY: 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM. Medical documentation must be provided within 3 days of students' return to school.

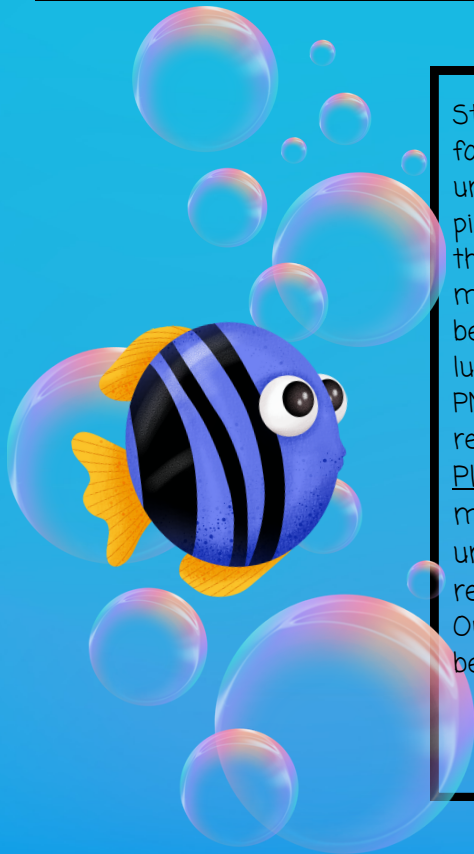
Please note: If ill students are not evaluated and released by the health office, medical documentation is required to excuse the absence. The absence will remain unexcused if no medical documentation is received within 3 days of the student's return to school.

Only in cases where the student is being sent home by the health office will a student be released within the last half hour of the school day. NO EXCEPTIONS!

Please refer to the early release cut-off times listed below:

Elementary - 2:40 PM

Secondary - 3:10 PM



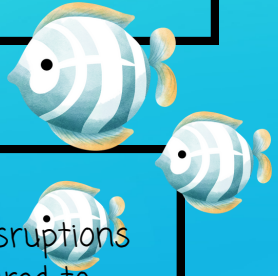
ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

PRE-ARRANGED ABSENCES



Absences can be requested by using the fillable pre-arranged absence form located in the link section of this newsletter, forms must be received 1 week before the scheduled date(s) requested. Pre-arranged absences will not be approved immediately preceding or following any scheduled EKAPS break. EKAPS allows up to 4 prearranged absences for the year. Pre-arranged exceeding the limitation on total absences will not be approved. 1 EKAPS School Day = 1.3 Days

TARDIES



School starts at 7:55 AM and tardies begin promptly at 8:00 a.m. ALL Students are REQUIRED to be signed in by a parent/guardian starting at 8:10 a.m. To eliminate disruptions to classes and instruction, students arriving after the start of the day may be required to wait until an appropriate opportunity arises to get their Chromebook.

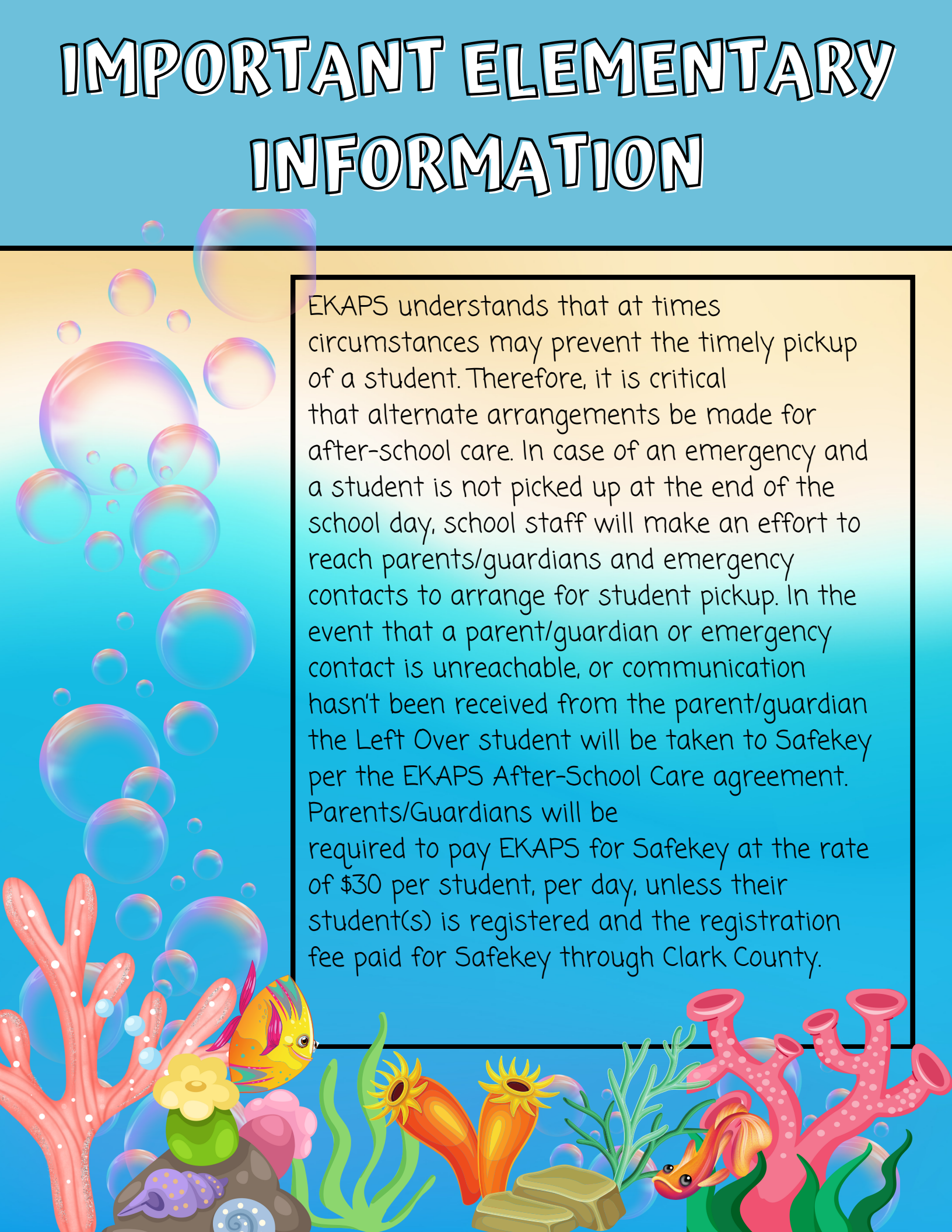
CHRONIC TARDINESS

Students are considered chronically tardy when they have arrived tardy to school or class at least 10% or more of the days they have been enrolled in the current school year. School staff will contact parents when there are concerns that the students will be considered chronically tardy. A conference with the administration will be scheduled when the student has been tardy for 10% of enrolled school days.

Chronically tardy students may become ineligible to participate in school activities, field trips, or rewards given by teachers.

Please note all tardies are considered unexcused. The state does not consider excused versus unexcused tardies; therefore, a student who is tardy 10% of their attended time is considered chronically tardy.

IMPORTANT ELEMENTARY INFORMATION

The background of the page is a vibrant blue gradient. On the left side, there are several large, colorful bubbles in shades of purple, pink, and blue. At the bottom of the page, there is a decorative border featuring stylized coral in red and pink, green seaweed, and two small fish, one yellow and one orange. The text is contained within a white rectangular box with a black border on the right side.

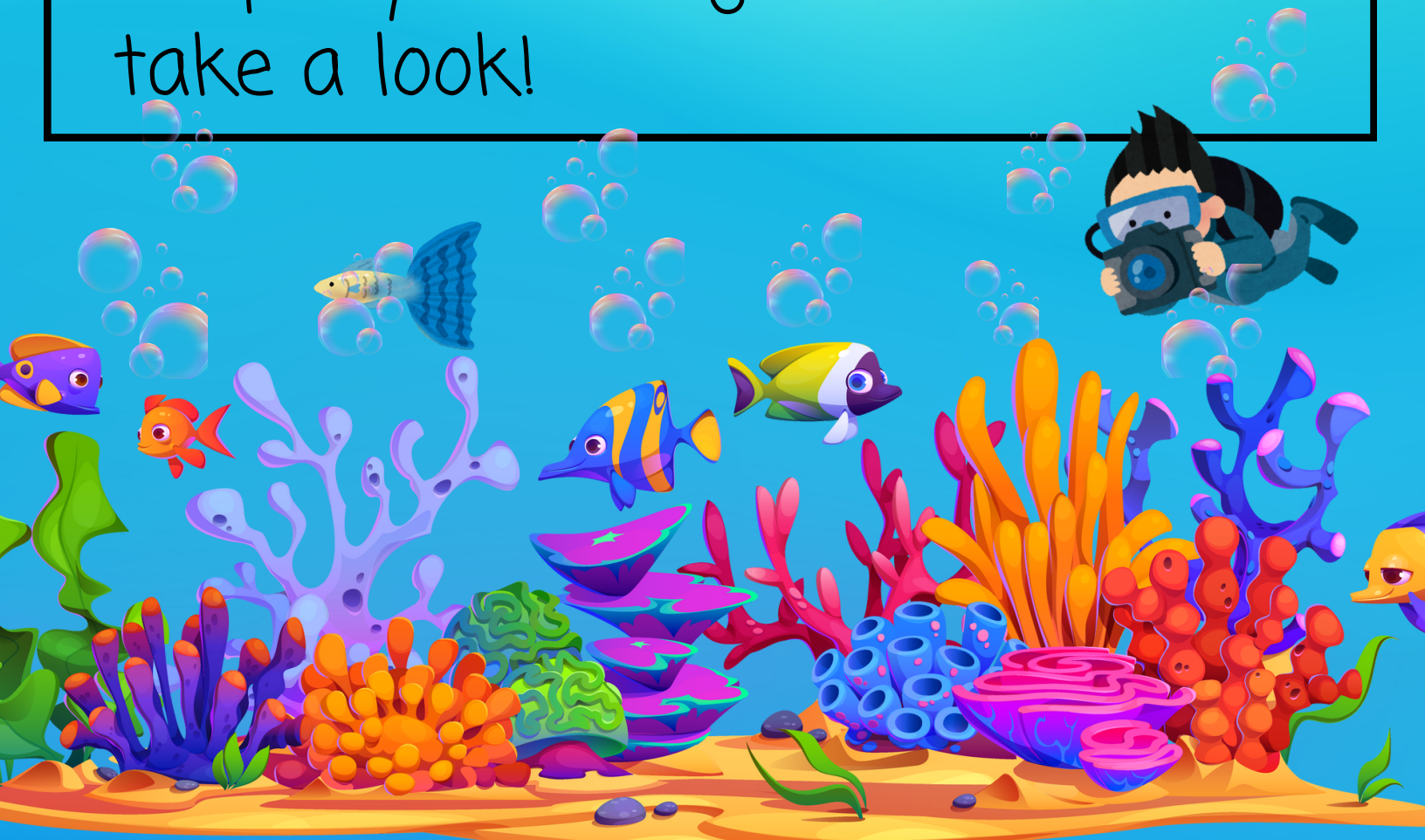
EKAPS understands that at times circumstances may prevent the timely pickup of a student. Therefore, it is critical that alternate arrangements be made for after-school care. In case of an emergency and a student is not picked up at the end of the school day, school staff will make an effort to reach parents/guardians and emergency contacts to arrange for student pickup. In the event that a parent/guardian or emergency contact is unreachable, or communication hasn't been received from the parent/guardian the Left Over student will be taken to Safekey per the EKAPS After-School Care agreement. Parents/Guardians will be required to pay EKAPS for Safekey at the rate of \$30 per student, per day, unless their student(s) is registered and the registration fee paid for Safekey through Clark County.

LOST & FOUND

Did your child come home without their sweater, jacket or maybe even their lunch bag?

It may be in our lost and found?

Stop by building A or C and take a look!



HELPFUL LINKS

CLICK HERE

[EKAPS SCHOOL CALENDAR](#)

[EKAPS EVENTS CALENDAR](#)

[FAMILY HANDBOOK OF EKAPS POLICIES](#)

[EKAPS ATTENDANCE POLICY](#)

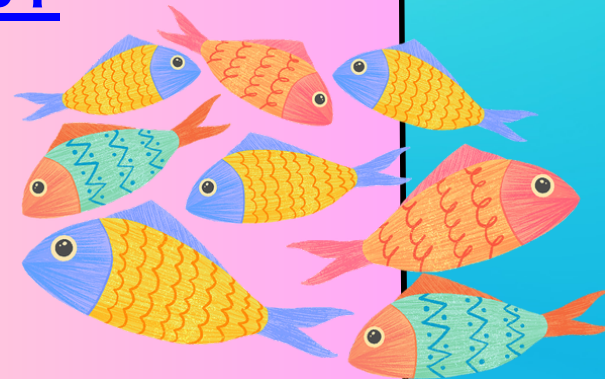
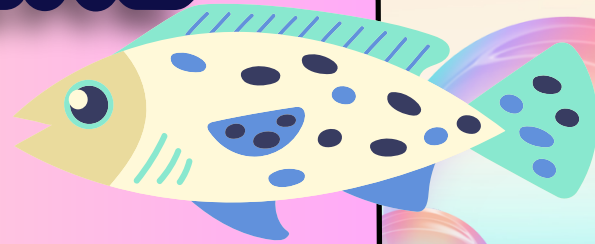
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[& STAFF EMAILS](#)



EXPLORE KNOWLEDGE ACADEMY
OF PUBLIC SPEAKING PRESENTS...

SEPTEMBER 27TH, 5-7:30 PM

MIDNIGHT MASQUERADE

EKAPS SECONDARY STUDENTS ONLY



TICKETS



FOOD FOR
SALE
CASH ONLY

Wear a mask

NO FULL FACE MASKS
PERMITTED

\$5 ADMISSION
BUY WITH CASH AT
THE DOOR OR
ONLINE

Smith Center Field Trip

Performance From

Las Vegas Philharmonic's

Youth Concert Series

3rd Grade

Thursday, October 3, 2024

9:30 am to noon

*\$25
PER STUDENT*



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PERMISSION SLIPS AND PAYMENT DUE BY NOON ON SEPT 27, 2024

Smith Center Field Trip

Tuesday, October 8, 2024

9:30 am to noon

Grade – Kinder

1

2

3

ANDRÉS



SCAN

\$25
PER STUDENT



PERMISSION SLIPS AND PAYMENT DUE BY NOON ON OCT 4, 2024

DISCOVERY

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM
FIELD TRIP

1ST

&

2ND GRADE

NOV. 15, 2024

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\$25

Per Student

PERMISSION SLIP AND PAYMENT MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE STUDENT CAN BE
CONFIRMED FOR FIELD TRIP.

DEADLINE IS NOV. 8, 2024 BY NOON... NO EXCEPTIONS

2024 - 2025

Dress up Days



10/10 (Thursday)
Golden Knights Day



10/18 (Friday)
Wizards & Witches Day



10/24 (Thursday)
NBA Jersey Day



10/31 (Thursday)
Costume Day

October



Raise money while grocery shopping



Link your Smith's Card to Explore Knowledge Foundation and we will get a percentage of your purchase each time you shop.

Selecting the organization that you wish to support is as simple as updating the Smith's Inspiring Donations selection on your digital account.

- *Sign in to your digital account.*
- *Click on Inspiring Donations on the bottom of left menu*
- *Search for Explore Knowledge Foundation - FF743*
- *Select the appropriate organization from the list and click "Save".*

THANKS FOR HELPING US
RAISE FUNDS FOR THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR





Reading at Home

Parents and families play an important role in helping students become successful readers.

The Benefits of Reading at Home With My Child

There are many benefits to reading **regularly** and **consistently** at home with your child including boosting academic performance, enhancing brain development, building stronger bonds, and developing a lifelong love of reading.

Boosting Academic Performance

Reading at home regularly and consistently with your child will increase your child's vocabulary, comprehension, and fluency to provide a strong foundation in reading for academic success in all subjects.

Enhancing Brain Development

Reading at home regularly and consistently with your child will help to promote critical thinking and language skills. Reading enhances oral language development which is critical for reading comprehension.

Building Stronger Bonds

Reading at home regularly and consistently with your child fosters emotional connections and strengthens relationships through shared experiences and discussions.

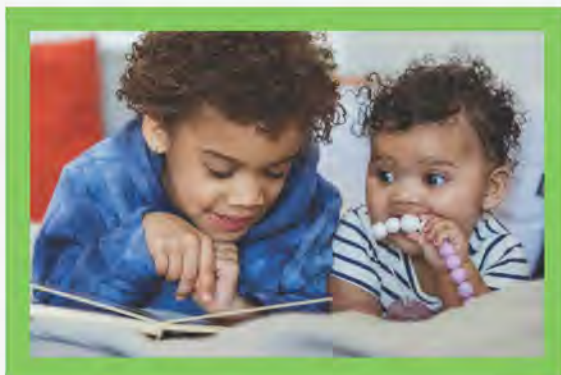
Developing a Lifelong Love of Reading

Reading at home regularly and consistently with your child opens a world of imagination and curiosity. Reading books together and understanding stories will give your child a sense of accomplishment.

Children who are read to at home have a significant advantage in learning how to read.



Reading for **20 minutes a night** can expose your child to approximately **1.8 million words** per year.





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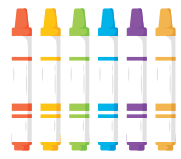


Whitney Library Youth Services Calendar

5175 E. Tropicana Ave.

September 2024

702-507-4015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 	2 Closed for Labor Day	3 Baby Time 10:30 a.m. After School Fun 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.	4 5 and Under Storytime 10:30 a.m. After School Fun 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.	5 Music & Movement Storytime 10:30 a.m. Stay & Play 11 a.m. Sunflower Headbands 3 p.m.	6 After School Fun 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.	7 LEGO League 3 p.m. 
8 Fiber Arts Club 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. 	9 After School Fun 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. Tutoring begins	10 Baby Time 10:30 a.m. Hispanic & Latine Heritage Month Storytime 12 p.m.  After School Fun 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.	11 5 and Under Storytime 10:30 a.m. After School Fun 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.	12 Music & Movement Storytime 10:30 a.m. Stay & Play 11 a.m. After School Fun 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.	13 After School Fun 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. 	14 Robot Lab 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. 
15 Fiber Arts Club 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. 	16 	17 Baby Time 10:30 a.m. Journal Crafternoon 3 p.m. 	18 5 and Under Storytime 10:30 a.m. After School Fun 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.	19 Music & Movement Storytime 10:30 a.m. Stay & Play 11 a.m. Talent Show! 3:30p.m.	20 Computer Programming Lab 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. 	21 Family Game Party 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. 
22 Fiber Arts Club 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. 	23 After School Fun 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.	24 Baby Time 10:30 a.m. Crafty Autumn: Stained Glass Leaves 3 p.m. 	25 5 and Under Storytime 10:30 a.m. After School Fun 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.	26 Music & Movement Storytime 10:30 a.m. Stay & Play 11 a.m. After School Fun 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.	27 STEAM Marble Maze 3 p.m. 	28 Dauber and Fabric Art Day 3 p.m. 
29 Fiber Arts Club 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. 	30 After School Fun 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.	Teen Zone Update: The Teen Zone will remain closed due to renovations.				
		Free After School Meals Monday - Friday 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Kids and Teens Ages 6 - 18		Homework Help <u>Begins Monday, September 9</u> Monday - Thursday 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. Grades K-12		



Program Descriptions

Storytimes & Playgroups



Baby Time | Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. | Ages 0 - 18 months

Babies from birth to 18 months and their caregivers will enjoy songs, nursery rhymes, and fingerplays together. This brain-building program includes book sharing time and language enrichment activities followed by play time!

5 & Under Storytime | Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. | Ages 0 - 5

This story program is for all children ages five and under and their caregivers. Families will enjoy books, songs, rhymes, and a craft while building language and literacy skills!

Music & Movement Storytime | Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. | Ages 0 - 5

Children ages 0-5 and their caregivers will enjoy an action-packed, movement-focused interactive story time featuring music, books, and more!

Stay & Play | Thursdays, 11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. | Ages 0 - 5

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.

Hispanic & Latine Heritage Month Storytime | 12 p.m. - 12:30 p.m. | Ages 0 - 5

Join us for a special storytime to celebrate Hispanic & Latine Heritage Month! Children 0-5 and their caregivers will enjoy books, rhymes and traditional folk songs in English and Spanish.

Regular Programs

Free Meals | Monday - Friday, 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. | Ages 6 - 18

Free meals are provided in the Youth Services Department for kids and teens ages 6 - 18 every weekday while supplies last. Meals at this location are shelf stable and must be eaten in the library. Children must be present to receive meals. Food is provided by Three Square.

After School Fun | Monday - Friday (Except 9/16 & 9/19) | 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. | All Ages

The fun doesn't have to end after school! Join us after school between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. for a variety of fun and engaging activities

Homework Help and Tutoring | Monday - Thursday, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. for grades K - 12

Students in grades K-12 are welcome to drop in any time Monday through Thursday between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. for tutoring and homework help from CCSD teachers and teacher aides through Andson. Students must bring work with them, and tutoring is provided in small group settings.

Special Programs

Thursday, 9/5 | Sunflower Headbands | 3 p.m. | All Ages

In this special after school fun event, you can create a headband with sunflowers and butterflies! Kids and teens welcome.

Saturday, 9/7 | LEGO League | 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. | Ages 6 - 12

Kids ages 6-12 are invited to create their own LEGO masterpiece to be displayed all month long in the library.

Sundays in September (Except 9/1) | Fiber Arts Club | 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. | Grades 6 - 12

Join us for an afternoon of crochet, knitting, and other fiber arts! In this easygoing environment, you will be able to learn or work on your current project. All skill levels are welcome! New project ideas will be available every week!

Saturday, 9/14 | Robot Lab | 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. | Ages 6 - 12

Drop in and learn some coding basics by tinkering with a variety of technology and creating and coding robots! Featured tech may include Ozobots, Code and Go Mouse, LEGO WeDo, Dash, and more.

Tuesday, 9/17 | Journal Crafternoon | 3 p.m. | Ages 10 +

Come decorate your new favorite journal at the library! Use a variety of stickers and old graphic novels to create your very own custom, scrapbook style journal! Supplies are limited and we will operate on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Thursday, 9/19 | Talent Show! | 3:30 p.m. | Ages 3 - 17

Ready to share your talent? Last day to sign-up is September 5th. Register at our Youth Services Desk. Free and open to the public. Seating is on a first-come, first-serve basis and may be limited.

Friday, 9/20 | Computer Programming Lab | 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. | Ages 6 - 12

Spend a fun afternoon getting to know computer programming and coding by creating stories, games, and animations on Scratch!

Saturday, 9/21 | Family Game Party | 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. | All Ages

Get your game on! Kids and families are invited to play a variety of card games, board games, and video games.

Tuesday, 9/24 | Crafty Autumn: Stained Glass Leaves | 3 p.m. | Ages 6+

It's the first day of fall! Celebrate the start of the season by making your very own stained-glass leaves using melted crayon shavings! Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

Friday, 9/27 | STEAM: Marble Maze | 3 p.m. | Ages 7 - 13

Don't lose your marbles! On September 27th at 3PM come to Whitney Library to design your own marble maze using a box and straws! Can you navigate your marble through your maze? After trying yours, switch with a friend! *Marbles and mazes can go home with you at the end of the program.

Saturday, 9/28 | Dauber and Fabric Art Day | 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. | All Ages

Join us to make unique art using bingo daubers, fabric markers, and fabric paint. Together, we will create one-of-a-kind designs on paper and on various fabrics (while supplies last!). Supplies are limited and on a first-come, first-serve basis. Come ready to unleash your creativity and imagination!



"Personalizing Education – Challenging Minds."
HOME OF THE SEA DRAGONS

September 20, 2024

Dear Parent or Guardian,

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that the Nevada Department of Education (NDE) has completed our school ratings. EKAPS is broken into three different categories for ratings: elementary, middle and high school. The Nevada School Performance Framework (NSPF) is a critical part of the Education Performance System and utilizes a five-star classification approach.

Below are the ratings assigned:

School	Index Score	# of Stars	Points from next star level
<i>Elementary School</i>	48.5	2	1.5 points from 3 stars
<i>Middle School</i>	97.0	5	3 points from 100%
<i>High School</i>	78.8	4	4 points from 5 stars

It is EKAPS' intention to continue to focus on improving our math scores through strengthening mathematical basics and operations for all students and improving math vocabulary to better assist our students in successfully completing standardized testing. We would appreciate your assistance in practicing math facts and math vocabulary with your child. The more often they practice, the more comfortable they become.

Specific information regarding the plan for continuous improvement can be located on the school's website under the heading of Explore Knowledge Academy Roadmap SPP K-5 and 6-12 Plans.

https://ekacademy.org/More_Information/#Handbook

For more information, please go to:

Nevada Report Card

https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=http%3a%2f%2fnevadareportcard.nv.gov%2fdi%2f&c=E.1.1si0xOJV7fepKu8NFSJo7CXbV6JDE_CvKRsOY8NqHmVfNIFW33Dy5xUpczXo2k-fl6Uv6xcujHdiQZDQU0BtgxjvpNUudPF6DnkjEpwEIIKB64Ni&typo=1

Sincerely,

EKA Administration