

EKAPS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

THIS WEEK AT EKAPS

12/3 - 12/6



MONDAY DAYCARE AND ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS.

Elementary Families, please take this survey (link below) to let us know your thoughts on a Monday Daycare and Academic Enrichment program at EKAPS.

[LINK: Monday Daycare and Academic Enrichment](#)



12/19 - Student Half Day

Elementary Students will be dismissed at 11:00 a.m. (No lunch break)

Secondary Students will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m. (No lunch break)

**ALL students must be picked up on time, please plan accordingly.*

SECONDARY FINALS

Students in 6th - 12th grade will be taking finals from December 12th - December 18th. There will be opportunities to make up missed finals the morning of December 14th. *Students who do not take their finals before December 14th will receive a zero in the gradebook for this assessment.*

12/20 - NO School
Staff Development Day

12/24 - 1/3/25 - No
School - Winter Break

Classes Resume
Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2025



UP COMING EVENTS

12/3 - 12/6 - Snowman Grams

12/6 - Superhero Day

12/13 - Beanie Day

12/13 - Whimsical Tea Cup Tumble Dance

Secondary Students (only) 5:00 - 7:30 PM

12/17 - Ugly Sweater Day

12/19 - Pajama Day

Fun Food Wednesdays

12/11 - Olive Garden

Last day to order 12/06



EKAPS FOUNDATION SOCK FUNDRAISER

Are you looking for a unique gift for a loved one or just love new socks? Our school Foundation is running a SOCK FUNDRAISER between now and December 15th. Check out the attached flyer for more information or follow this link to our page:

<https://www.sockablefundraising.com/collections/socks?ref=EXPLOREKNOWLEDGE>



SNOWMAN GRAMS

EKAPS Student Council presents Snowman Grams! Students and families can send a special message to a student this holiday season. Snowman Grams include various items such as plushies, candy, and more! Families can purchase a snowman gram on the EKAPS Webstore or students can purchase them during lunch time (Cash Only) from December 3rd through 6th. All Grams will be delivered the week of the 10th.



**You buy cool
socks.
We raise funds!**



Click [here](#) to purchase

December 3-6

SNOWMAN GRAMS FOR SALE K-12



Send a special message to a special someone during this holiday season!



Plushy - \$3

Goody Bag - \$3

Combo - \$5



Buy now during lunch or on the EKAPS
webstore from December 3rd-6th

HELPFUL LINKS

[EKAPS School Calendar](#)

[Family Handbook of EKAPS Policies](#)

[EKAPS ATTENDANCE POLICY](#)

[Pre-Arranged Absence](#)

[Absence Note](#)

[EKAPS Traffic & Valet Policy](#)

[Better Lunch](#)

[Wednesday fun food calendar](#)

[EKAPS Swag](#)

[EKAPS Events Calendar](#)

[Smiths Inspiring Donations](#)

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THE DRAMATIC DRAGONS PRESENT



**BILLIE AND TEDDY'S
EXCELLENT
ADVENTURE!**



**DECEMBER 11,
2024
4:30 PM**



Tickets: \$5

**Children 5 and under are free.
Order online, no sales at door.**

ekacademy.org/shop_eka/

UPCOMING FIELDTRIP

PLEASE NOTE: FIELD TRIPS MAY FILL PRIOR TO THE SUBMISSION DEADLINE AS SEATS ARE LIMITED.

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3/06/2025

STEP AFRIKA!

GRADES 6TH, 7TH & SECONDARY
DANCE TEAM

DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 28TH

PLEASE NOTE: FIELD TRIP PAYMENT AND PERMISSION SLIP MUST BE COMPLETED IN ORDER FOR STUDENT(S) TO ATTEND THE FIELD TRIP.



STEP AFRiKA!

Smith Center Field Trip
Thursday, March 6, 2025

9:30 am to 11:30 am

Grades 6 & 7 &

Secondary Dance Team are invited
to attend

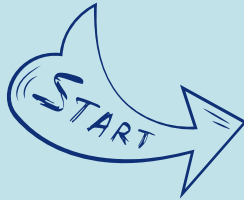
**\$25
PER
STUDENT**

[CLICK HERE TO FILL OUT FORM](#)

PERMISSION SLIPS AND PAYMENT DUE BY NOON ON FEB 28, 2025

BREAKING NEWS

OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR IS
NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE THROUGH OUR WEBSITE.



EKAPS_2025-
2026_ENROLLMENT_APPLICATION

*All current EKAPS students must complete the application (re-enroll) to secure their space for the upcoming school year.

Once the charter school reaches capacity, students seeking admission will be placed on a waiting list with vacancies filled through a lottery.

New incoming siblings may be enrolled at the same time by choosing First-Time Enrollment. Once the online enrollment form is complete for new students, our Registrar will contact you with the required documents you will need to submit to complete the enrollment process.

A once-a-year school fee of \$120 per student, is expected to be paid per student at the time of enrollment acceptance. The fee for each additional student in the same family is \$100. All fees are Non-Refundable. *No additional fee for use of Credit/Debit Card for payments. You can pay the 2025-2026 school fee online by visiting our website. [School_Fees_2025-2026_SY](#)

In order to assist our families, we are offering a Financial Payment Plan. If you wish to set up a financial agreement please visit the link provided and make your first payment (a minimum of \$25).

https://exploreknowledgeacademy.formstack.com/forms/school_fee_payment_plan

For questions about enrollment or if your student does not plan on returning to EKAPS in the fall (August) of 2025, please contact our Registrar at rwalls@ekacademy.org.

*Please note: CCSD Online Registration must also be completed in April of 2025. EKAPS will let you know once this process is available to complete. In an effort to receive the most updated information, additional enrollment paperwork will be required to be completed in the summer months of 2025.

Thank you for your cooperation. We look forward to a great 2025-2026 school year!



DECEMBER 2024



TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 Testing Schedule - NWEA Winter Grams for Sale 	4 Testing Schedule - NWEA NWEA Testing Winter Grams for Sale 	5 Winter Grams for Sale 	6 Superhero Day Winter Grams for Sale  
10 Pre-ACT Testing (11th Grade)	11 Olive Garden Lunch Assembly Schedule - Theater Performance @2 Theater Performance @ 4:30 	12 Final Period 1 (8-10) Extended Lunch (11-11:50) Final Period 2 (12:30-2:20)	13 Beanie Day Secondary Dance @5 Final Period 4 (8-10) Extended Lunch (11-11:50) Final Period 5 (12:30-2:30) 
17 Ugly Sweater Day Final Period 6 (8-10) Extended Lunch (11-11:50) Final Period 7 (12:30-2:20) 	18 Final Period 8 (8-10) Extended Lunch (11-11:50) Make Up Finals Basketball Tournament @12:30 	19 Pajama Day Half Day Elementary Dismissal - 11:00 Secondary Dismissal - 11:30 	20 NO SCHOOL 12/20-1/6 



Want to advertise to families at the school ?



***For a small donation, your business can be displayed
on the fence between Building B and C each semester***

**Contact:
foundation@ekacademy.org
for details**



*The banners displayed are in no way an
endorsement by Explore Knowledge Academy of
Public Speaking or Explore Knowledge Foundation of
any services, activities and/or products.*





VALET REMINDERS!!

TO KEEP OUR STUDENTS SAFE DURING THE HECTIC DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP TIMES, WE ASK FOR YOUR COOPERATION. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT YOU AND ANYONE DESIGNATED TO DRIVE YOUR STUDENT(S) AGREE TO OUR TRAFFIC POLICIES AND PROCEDURES. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR SUPPORTING OUR EFFORTS TO PROTECT ALL OF OUR STUDENTS.



PLEASE FOLLOW THESE PROCEDURES AT ALL TIMES:

- VALET PLACARDS MUST BE VISABLE UPON ARRIVAL TO OUR CAMPUS FOR AFTER SCHOOL PICK UP.
 - SPEED LIMIT IS 5 MPH IS REQUIRED FOR STAFF TO INPUT VALET NUMBERS INTO VALET SYSTEM.
 - ALWAYS WATCH FOR STUDENTS CROSSING OR WALKING THROUGH TRAVEL LANES ON CAMPUS.
 - TO PREVENT UNNECESSARY TRAFFIC BACK-UPS OR DELAYS, STUDENTS SHOULD DISEMBARK OR EMBARK IN AN EXPEDITIOUS AND SAFE MANNER.
 - DRIVERS MUST REMAIN IN THEIR CARS UNLESS PARKED IN A MARKED PARKING SPOT.
 - TRAFFIC FLOWS COUNTERCLOCKWISE AROUND THE SCHOOL DURING PEAK PICK UP AND DROP OFF TIMES. (7:30 – 8:15 AND 2:40 – 4:00)
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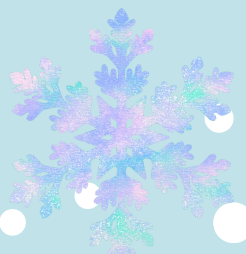
THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED:

- DROPPING OFF STUDENTS ON CAMPUS PRIOR TO 7:30 AM.
 - EXITING A VEHICLE ON MOUNTAIN VISTA ON THE NON-CURBSIDE LANE.
 - DROPPING STUDENTS OFF IN THE TRAFFIC LANES ON MOUNTAIN VISTA.
 - DOUBLE-PARKING ON MOUNTAIN VISTA.
 - STOPPING TRAFFIC ON MOUNTAIN VISTA TO "WAIT" FOR A PARKING SPOT.
 - PARKING/STOPPING/STANDING IN THE CONED OFF AREA ON MOUNTAIN VISTA.
 - PARKING/STOPPING/STANDING IN EKAPS' DRIVEWAY.
 - PARKING/STOPPING/STANDING ON MOUNTAIN VISTA BETWEEN EKAPS' DRIVEWAY AND CAROL CIRCLE.
 - LEAVING VEHICLES UNATTENDED IN THE NO PARKING ZONE ON MOUNTAIN VISTA.
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IMPORTANT AFTER SCHOOL INFORMATION

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.

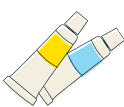
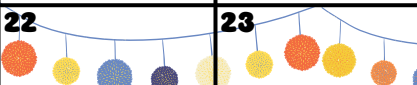
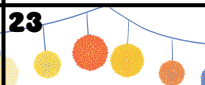
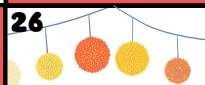


Whitney Library Youth Services Calendar

5175 E. Tropicana Ave.

December 2024

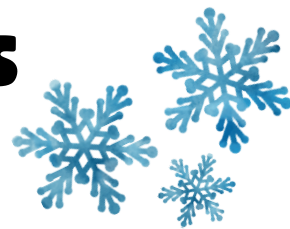
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Fiber Arts Club Embroidered Felt Badges 12 p.m. 	2	3 Crayon Mosaic 3 p.m. 	4 	5 Holiday Bookmarks 3:30 p.m. 	6 Cultivate Education: Teen Program 3:30 p.m.	7 LEGO League 3 p.m. 
8 Fiber Arts Club Snowflake Crochet 12 p.m. 	9	10 Printmaking Fun: Monotypes 3 p.m. 	11	12	13 DIY Holiday Frames 3:30 p.m. 	14 STEAM Pre-K Storytime: Winter Weather 10:30 a.m. 
15 Pinecone Winter Owl 1:30 p.m. 	16	17 Snowy Tree Finger Painting 3 p.m. 	18 	19 Holiday Craftstravaganza 3 p.m. 	20 Teen Gingerbread House Design Contest 3 p.m. 	21 Holiday Storytime & 3D Foam Gingerbread Houses 10:30 a.m. Ticketed Event  Family Game Day 3 p.m.
22  Slumber Storytime 4:30 p.m. 	23 	24 CLOSED Christmas Eve	25 CLOSED Christmas Day	26  	27 	28 2024 Memory Book 3:30 p.m. 
29 Storytime Pause December 1-31  Regular Storytimes will resume in 2025	30	31 No-Sleep Sleepover! 12 p.m.  Closing at 5pm	Free Homework Help Monday - Thursday 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. Grades K-12 No Tutoring: December 4, 23 - 31 Tutoring returns: Tuesday, January 7, 2025		Free After School Snacks Monday-Friday 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. Kids and Teens Ages: 6-18	



Program Descriptions

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.

Homework Help and Tutoring | Monday - Thursday (Except December 4, 23 - 31) | 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. | 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



Sunday, 12/1 | Fiber Arts Club: Embroidered Felt Badges | 12 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. | Ages 13 - 17

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! This week teens can design their own felt badges to wear or give as gifts.

Tuesday, 12/3 | Crayon Mosaic | 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. | Ages 10-17

Come let your creativity shine and use recycled crayon shavings to create your own one-of-a-kind mosaic masterpiece!

Thursday, 12/5 | Holiday Bookmarks | 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. | Ages 5 +

Mark it in the books! In preparation for our Winter Reading Challenge, join us in making winter themed bookmarks!

Friday, 12/6 | Cultivate Education: Teen Program | 3:30 p.m. | Ages 13 - 17 |

Maximize Your College Funding: Understanding the Financial Aid Process. In this session Parents and teens will learn about the FAFSA process.

Saturday, 12/7 | 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.

Sunday, 12/8 | Fiber Arts Club: Snowflake Crochet | 12 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. | Ages 13 - 17

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! This week teens make a crochet snowflake.

Tuesday, 12/10 | Printmaking Fun: Monotypes | 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. | Ages 10 - 17

Curious about printmaking? Join the fun and learn about monotypes! Create your own design and make a masterpiece in Youth Services.

Friday, 12/13 | DIY Holiday Frame | 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. | Ages 5+

Want to make a special gift for someone? Join us on Thursday, Dec 13th to make your own Holiday Frame.

Saturday, 12/14 | STEAM Pre-K Storytime: Winter Weather! | 10:30 a.m. | Ages 3-5

Join us for a fun and interactive storytime all about SNOW and make your own to bring home!

Sunday, 12/15 | Pinecone Winter Owl | 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. | All Ages

Join us for a relaxing crafternoon as you turn a simple pinecone into an adorable snowy owl. Your new friend will keep you company all winter long!

Tuesday, 12/17 | Snowy Tree Finger Painting | 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. | All Ages

Your little one will be able to make a truly one-of-a-kind piece of art using their little hands and fingers to fingerpaint a snowy tree! This craft could get messy so please dress accordingly!

Thursday, 12/19 | Holiday Craft-stravaganza | 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. | Ages 5 - 17

Craft the afternoon away with fun holiday crafts! Give them away to family and friends or keep them to decorate your home.

Friday, 12/20 | Teen Gingerbread House Design Contest | 3 p.m. | Ages 13 - 17

Calling all teens aged 13-17! Join us for our Teen Gingerbread House Design Contest! In two teams, you'll work together to design and build a gingerbread house. Then, the Whitney community will vote on which gingerbread house is their favorite. Get ready for an afternoon of creativity and teamwork to celebrate the start of winter break. Space is limited. Gingerbread will not be edible.

Saturday, 12/21 | 3D Foam Gingerbread Houses | 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 am | Ages 3-6

Kids aged 3-6 and their families are invited to join us for a festive holiday storytime and create 3D foam gingerbread houses to take home. Supplies are limited and available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Tickets will be distributed 30-minutes before the start of the program. One ticket per child aged 3-6.

Saturday, 12/21 | Family Game Day | 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. | Ages 3 +

Enjoy a variety of video games, board games, and other fun activities for you and your family!

Sunday, 12/22 | Slumber Storytime | 4:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. | Ages 0-11

Wind down and relax at Slumber Storytime, where we will share bedtime rhymes, sing lullabies, and read some calming stories perfect for winding down your little one.

Saturday, 12/28 | 2024 Memory Book | 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. | Ages 4 - 17

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Join us in capturing your 2024 memories in a fun Memory Book! Feel free to bring pictures from home or leave space to add them later!

Tuesday, 12/31 | No-Sleep Sleepover | 12 p.m. - 2 p.m. | Ages 13 - 17

Bring your besties or make new friends while you enjoy music, arts & crafts, and more!

