

EKAPS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

THIS WEEK AT EKAPS

1/14 - 1/17/25

UPCOMING EVENTS

1/15 - Disney Dress Up Day

1/15 - 100th Day of School

1/14 - 1/24 - Paper & Dry Erase

Marker Drive

1/29 - Tropical/Hawaii Day

1/31 - Onesie Day

1/31 - last day to order a
personalized yearbook cover



Fun Food Wednesdays

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1/29/25 - Jimmy Johns

Last day to order 1/24/25

2/12/25 - Chicken Shack

Last day to order 2/7/25

EKAPS is now offering ... **Explore More Mondays**

Our Explore More Mondays Program provides a safe environment with academic enrichment, social Skills, and FUN for K-5 students! **Now at a reduced rate.** The first Monday you sign up for will be **FREE**. Sign up today, space is limited!



Explore More Mondays

at EKAPS

LIMITED SPOTS ENROLL TODAY

Beginning January 13, 2025

7:30 AM - 6:00 PM

Explore More Mondays Program provides a safe environment with academic enrichment, social skills and **FUN** to K-5 students!

FEES PER STUDENT / PER MONDAY

THE 1ST MONDAY ATTENDANCE WILL BE FREE OF CHARGE

AFTER 1ST ATTENDANCE - \$40 - PER STUDENT

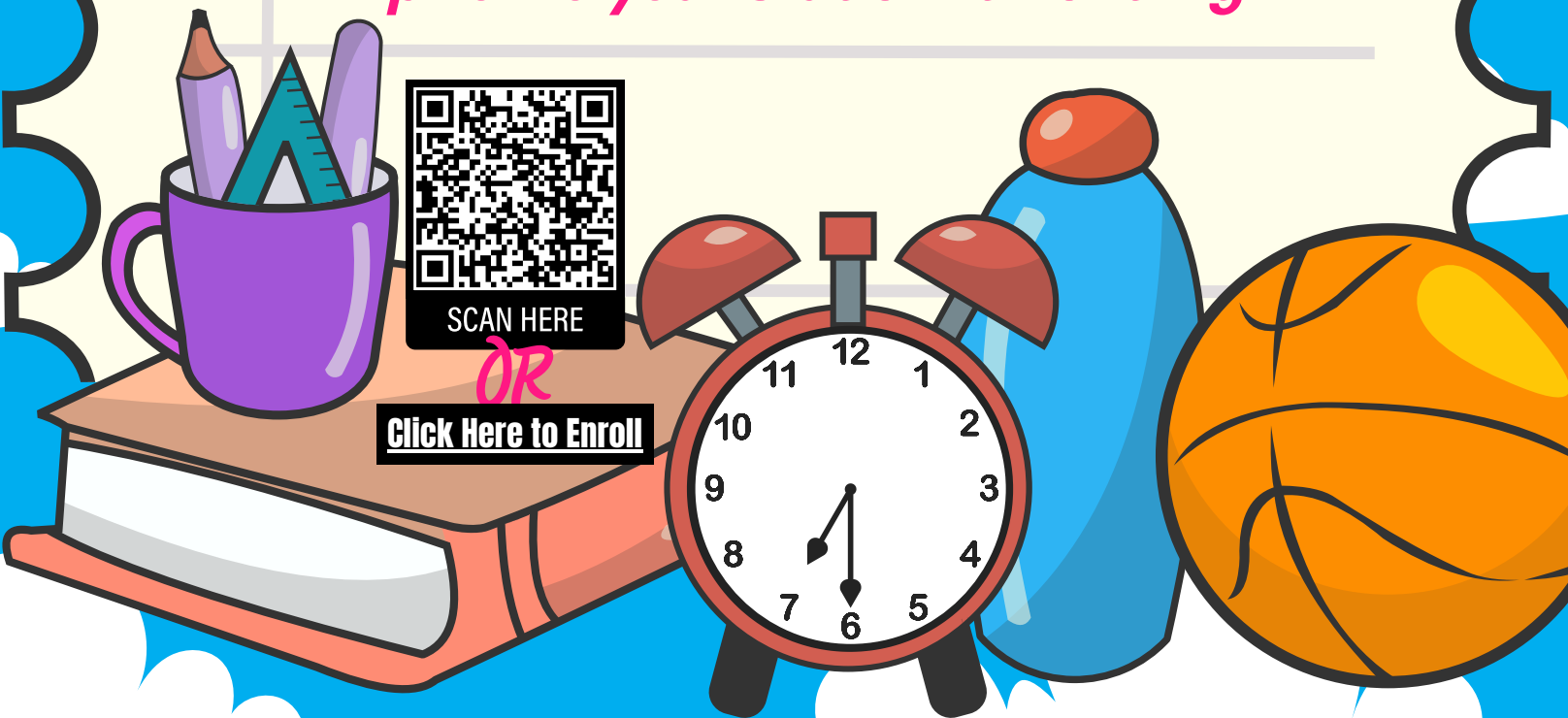
***ALL Fees MUST be paid the Friday
prior to your student attending***



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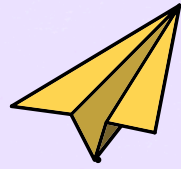
OR

Click Here to Enroll





EKAPS ANNUAL PAPER DRIVE



We are asking for donations of reams of white copy paper.

Also requesting Dry Erase Markers!

January 14th - January 24th



Donations can be dropped off in building A or B offices.



Did you know that you can have your donation shipped directly to EKAPS? Scan the QR code and send the donation as a gift. Include your student's name and teacher in the gift receipt option.



EKAPS DRONE CLUB

Is your student interested in coding? Learn how to fly drones with Ms. Stowes, Mr. Wil, and Mr. Fuller! Our goal is to compete in The Aerial Drone Competition next school year.

INFORMATION:

- ✓ Wednesdays 3:30–5 P.M.
- ✓ Free to join!
- ✓ 4th and 5th grade only
- ✓ Starting January 29th
- ✓ In Ms. Stowe's room in building B
- ✓ Parents pick up at the playground gate



Scan here to donate to the club.



BREAKING NEWS

**OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR
IS 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!

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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UPCOMING FIELDTRIP

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



2/27/25

Hoover Dam

5th Grade students

DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 21ST

3/06/2025

STEP AFRIKA!

**GRADES 6TH, 7TH & SECONDARY
DANCE TEAM**

DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 28TH

PLEASE NOTE: 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

HOOVER DAM 5TH GRADE FIELD TRIP

FEBRUARY 27, 2025

8:30 AM - 1:00 PM

\$35 PER STUDENT

SPACES ARE LIMITED!

DEADLINE IS NOON ON FEB. 21, 2025
NO EXCEPTIONS

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WELCOME
BACK

JANUARY

2025

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7 • Yearbooks For Sale \$25	8	9	10
14	15 • Disney Dress Up Day • Chicken Shack Lunch • 100th Day of School   	16	17
21	22	23	24
28	29 • Tropical Hawaii Dress Up Day • Jimmy Johns Lunch  	30	31 • Onesie Dress Up Day • Yearbook Prices go up to \$30 tomorrow • Last day to personalize a yearbook 



**CALLING ALL
EKAPS
FAMILIES!**

WHAT IS WATCH D.O.G.S.?

WatchDOGS are fathers, mothers, grandfathers, uncles, aunts and other parental-figures who volunteer for at least one day each year at an official WATCH D.O.G.S. ® school. During the day, WatchDOGS may read and work on flash cards with students, play at recess, eat lunch with students, watch the school entrances and hallways, assist with traffic flow and any other assigned activities where they actively engage with not only their own students, but other students as well. Many school principals have reported that the mere presence of a WatchDOG dramatically reduces reports of bullying.

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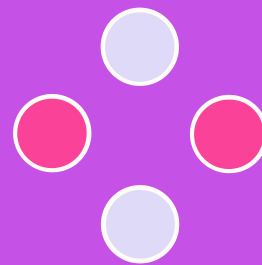
PURCHASE YOUR WATCHDOG UNIFORM



Explore Knowledge Academy of Public Speaking

2024-2025 YEARBOOK

Order Early for Lower Prices!



Order on or before	Price	Purchase from
January 31st	\$25	Buytheyearbook.com
February 28th	\$30	Buytheyearbook.com
March 31st	\$40	Buytheyearbook.com
Once delivered in May	\$45	ekacademy.org/shop_eka/
Add a personalization on the cover before January 31st	Additional \$10	Buytheyearbook.com
Add PROM supplement pages before March 31st	Additional \$5	Buytheyearbook.com



School Code: 722359



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)**

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.**

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.



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**



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Whitney Library Youth Services Calendar

5175 E. Tropicana Ave.

JANUARY 2025

702-507-4015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
FREE AFTER SCHOOL SNACKS Provided by Three Square Monday - Friday 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Kids and Teens Ages 6 - 18	HOMEWORK HELP & SKILL BUILDING Tutoring Starts: January 7 Monday - Thursday 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. Grades K - 12 <i>Except January 20 & 27</i>		1 CLOSED New Year's Day	2 	3	4 LEGO League 3 p.m. 
5 5 & Under Storytime 10:30 a.m. Fiber Arts Club: Cross-Stitch Bookmark 12 p.m. 	6 Charm Bracelet Making Teen Hangout 3 p.m. 	7 Baby Time 10:30 a.m.  Tutoring Starts	8 Storytime with LV Raiders 10:30 a.m. 	9 Music & Movement 10:30 a.m.  Stay & Play 11 a.m.	10	11 Pre-K STEAM Storytime: Sink or Float 10:30 a.m. 
12 5 & Under Storytime 10:30 a.m. Teen Lit Book Club 1 p.m. 	13	14 Baby Time 10:30 a.m. 	15 5 & Under Storytime 10:30 a.m. After School Crafternoon: Zen Doodling 4 p.m.	16 Music & Movement 10:30 a.m. Stay & Play 11 a.m. DIY Suncatcher Keychains 3 p.m.	17 	18 Water Marbling Artwork 3 p.m. 
19 5 & Under Storytime 10:30 a.m.  Fiber Arts Club 12 p.m.	20 CLOSED Martin Luther King Day		21 Baby Time 10:30 a.m. Sprinkle, Paint, and Create: Salt Painting 3 p.m. 	22 5 & Under Storytime 10:30 a.m. 	23 Music & Movement 10:30 a.m. Stay & Play 11 a.m. 	24 STEAM Snow! 3:30 p.m. 
26 5 & Under Storytime 10:30 a.m. Slumber Storytime 4:30 p.m. 	27 Snowy Slime 3 p.m. Ticketed Event 	28 Baby Time 10:30 a.m. 	29 5 & Under Storytime 10:30 a.m. 	30 Music & Movement 10:30 a.m. Stay & Play 11 a.m. Mini Snow Globes 3:30 p.m. 	31	 FREE TO BE

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 and Under Storytime | Sundays & 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!

Storytime with LV Raiders | Wednesday, 1/8 | 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. | Ages 0-5

Join us for a special storytime to kick off the Winter Reading Challenge!

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.

Saturday, 1/11 | Pre-K STEAM Storytime: Sink or Float | 10:30 a.m. | Ages 3 - 5

Enjoy this hands on storytime that mixes science with stories. This month is Sink or Float and it will introduce your toddlers and preschoolers to density and buoyancy.

Sunday, 1/26 | 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.



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 Skill Building | Monday - Thursday (Except January 20 & 27) | 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



Saturday, 1/4 | 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, 1/5 | Fiber Arts Club: Cross-Stitch Bookmark | 12 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. | Ages 13 - 17

Teens are invited to learn cross-stitch basics and make a bookmark. Make a special bookmark that you can use at home, school, or even at your favorite book club!

Monday, 1/6 | Charm Bracelet Making Teen Hangout | 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. | Ages 13 - 17

Teens are invited to hang out with their friends and make their own personalized charm bracelets to take home! Use these as friendship bracelets, gifts, or as a fun way to add to your personal style!

Sunday, 1/12 | Teen Lit Book Club | 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. | Ages 13 - 17

Is your New Year's resolution to read more? Join our new monthly YA book club to start your year off strong and have the opportunity to discuss your thoughts on the month's pick with your peers! This month, we are reading "The Reappearance of Rachel Price" by Holly Jackson, a true crime fueled mystery thriller about a girl determined to uncover the shocking truth about her missing mother while filming a documentary on the unsolved case.

Wednesday, 1/15 | After School Crafternoon: Zen Doodling | 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. | Ages 6 - 17

Take time to decompress during this month's After School Crafternoon. Using various utensils and colored pens, we will create patterns out of chaos and learn to experience the moment. Supplies are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Thursday, 1/16 | DIY Suncatcher Keychains | 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. | Ages 3 - 17

Join us for an afternoon of fun and creativity! Together, we'll paint and decorate suncatcher keychains that you can take home and enjoy! Supplies are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Come prepared to use paint materials.

Saturday, 1/18 | Water Marbling Artwork | 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. | Ages 6 +

Join us for an afternoon of fun and creativity! Together, we'll learn about water marbling - the art of transferring patterns on water to surfaces like paper. Then, you'll create your own unique water marbling artwork. Supplies are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Come prepared to use paint materials.

Sunday, 1/19 | Fiber Arts Club | 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!

Tuesday, 1/21 | Sprinkle, Paint, and Create: Salt Painting | 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. | All Ages

Come experiment with the art of salt painting and watch your art come to life! You will learn how to create a beautiful one-of-a-kind textured painting using glue, salt, and watercolor. This activity could get messy so please dress accordingly.

Friday, 1/24 | STEAM Snow! | 3:30 p.m. - 4 p.m. | Ages 5+

Let it snow, Let it snow, Let it snow! We may not see any snow on the ground, but if you join us on the 24th you can make your own snow to bring home with you!

Saturday, 1/25 | Lunar New Year Crafternoon | 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. | All Ages

Come celebrate the Year of the Snake with an afternoon of Lunar New Year themed crafts!

Monday, 1/27 | Snowy Slime | 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. | Ages 10 - 17 | Ticketed Event

Learn to make slime dedicated to winter weather! Supplies are limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Tickets will be distributed 30 minutes prior to the start of the program.

Thursday, 1/30 | Mini Snow Globes | 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. | Ages 6 +

Join us as we make our own snow globes! While we may not see much snow, with your own snow globe it can snow anytime! *Supplies are limited and are on a first-come, first-served basis.