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News from The Cove

Emerald Cove Middle School

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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We thank all our students for their hard work and focus through testing and this entire school-year.

This summer please be sure to sign your children up for enrichment activities in the community that will enhance their education.

Fourth quarter report cards will be mailed home in June. Please be sure we have your correct address on file.

I want to thank you for your support this year. It has been a successful year. Have a safe and happy summer break.

Sincerely,
Dr. Feaman
Principal

Summer Reading Assignment

Summer reading is an effective way to maintain reading and thinking skills and studies show reading skills are directly related to your success in school! Our students will be required to read select ONE book from the SSYRA 2019-2020 List for Grades 6-8. Books are available at Barnes and Noble, Amazon, or a free ebook of SOME titles are available through MackinVIA on the SDPBC Student Portal. Students MAY NOT select a book that they've already read. Language Arts teachers will collect this assignment on August 12, 2019 and a Reading Counts test will be given during the first week of school. You can find the assignment on our webpage and it was sent home with students as well. 8th grade students going into high school should check with the high school regarding any summer assignments.

Updates from the School Counseling Department

As we go into the summer break it's a great time for us to remind you about cell phone, tablet, game console, and Internet use. If your child has a cell phone, chances are they may have access to many social media and texting apps that are not being monitored by an adult. Many conflicts begin and escalate on social media, so it is important to make sure you are a tech savvy parent and know what your child is doing online and on the phone. All Emerald Cove students were taught 5 safety Rules that apply to all situations online and off, please review these with your students. They were also provided with important handouts for each of the three lessons that you can access on the school counseling website after June 6th. You have access to the following websites for more information on how to keep your child safe:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1_ihX7oLUy7-26-mohxUDRy2i1BqJnJDn/view?usp=sharing

<https://www.common sense media.org/privacy-and-internet-safety>

<https://www.dhs.gov/publication/stophinkconnect-parent-and-educator-resources>

Your child had the opportunity to use My Career Shines, an online system combining research-based assessment, portfolio development, education and occupation exploration and planning, and workforce preparation. As a parent, you can play an important role in your child's career development. The system offers opportunities for your involvement, including a parent account and other resources. As part of child's assignment they are sending you an activation code to have your own parent account. As a first step, please encourage your child to show you his or her online assessment results and review the related options together. As you discuss future plans, help your child set goals for their future.

Don't forget!

- Return any textbooks or library books.
- Like us on Facebook and check our website often.
- Incoming 7th gr. students must have updated shots and physicals on record. No Shots, No School!
- **June 4-13- Course recovery for students failing a course 8am-3:30pm**
- **July 29-31- Pirate Prep Camp for incoming 6th graders 9am-1pm**

Get Involved Next Year

There are several opportunities to get involved at The Cove. Please consider being a member of the School Advisory Council or join PTSA. New next year is our Watch D.O.G program. WATCH D.O.G.S. are fathers, grandfathers, uncles, and other father figures who volunteer for at least one day each year at an official WATCH D.O.G.S. school. WATCH D.O.G.S. dads and volunteers perform a variety of tasks during their volunteer day including monitoring the school entrance, assisting with unloading and loading of buses and cars, monitoring the lunchroom, or monitoring the hallways. To sign up, text @ecmswd to 81010.

To be active with PTSA you can email emeraldcoveptsa@gmail.com. Volunteers are an invaluable resource to our teachers and students. To sign up as a volunteer, please text @volun3371 to 81010. Volunteer opportunities will be communicated to you after you sign up.