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We have been very busy at ELMS. We're the 1st middle school in Pinellas County to receive the distinction of being an AVID Demonstration School. Just to give you a little information, in the past 33 years of AVID we were the 217th school in the nation to receive this recognition.

Next week our ELMS PTA is being recognized for our Walk/Bike/Roll To School program that they host at Calvary every month, by Judge Grube. I hope that everyone can come to this event.

Parents, please make sure to check Focus with your student weekly. We're getting close to the half way of Quarter 4.

8th Grade Dates to Remember:

- **May 5th– 8th Grade Dance, Cinco de Mayo theme.**
-\$25 (use the QR code below, use the student's name when buying the ticket)
-Dinner will be served! **Taco/Quesadilla Bar**
-DJ & Photobooth

- **May 24th- 8th Grade Moving Up Ceremony, 6pm.** ELHS Theater. 8th grade students need to report to the cafeteria by 5:40 to line up. Also, it's important for students to remain in school the entire day, since we'll be doing a run through of the ceremony during the day. Students

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8TH GRADE DANCE

COME CELEBRATE A NIGHT YOU'LL WANT TO TACO 'BOUT FOR YEARS!

:DINNER WILL BE SERVED
:SEMI FORMAL ATTIRE REQUESTED

FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2023
6:30PM - 9:30PM
CRESCENT OAKS COUNTRY CLUB
3300 CRESCENT OAKS BLVD
TARPON SPRINGS, FL

Scan QR code to purchase tickets electronically. PIC•COLLAGE

April 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7 No School	8
9	10	11 SAC 8:15AM	12  <u>Listen & Learn Community Connection 5:30 ELHS</u>	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 Engineering Advisory Board Meeting 7:40 AM	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

TESTING SCHEDULE



ELMS TESTING SCHEDULE **May 2023**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 FAST READING PM 3	4	5	6
7	8	9 CIVICS EOC SCIENCE SSA	10	11 FAST MATH PM 3 - 6 th & 8 th	12	13
14	15 ALGEBRA & GEOMETRY EOC PM 3 MATH - 7 th	16	17	18 FINAL EXAMS	19 FINAL EXAMS	20
21 FINAL EXAMS	22 FINAL EXAMS	23 FINAL EXAMS	24 MAKE UP EXAMS	25 MAKE UP EXAMS	26	27
28	29	30	31			

EVENTS

FAST READING PM 3

This is for all grades

ALGEBRA & GEOMETRY EOC

This is for all Algebra & Geometry Students

CIVICS EOC and SCIENCE SSA

The civics EOC is for all 7th grade Students.

The Science SSA is for all 8th grade Students.

FAST MATH PM 3 - 6th and 8th

This is for all 6th Grade students and 8th grade students Taking Pre-Algebra.

PM 3 MATH - 7th

This for all 7th grade students not in Algebra

March 28, 2023

We Did It!



For seventh grader Eric Bull, taking the AVID elective at the East Lake Middle School Academy of Engineering has led to better organization and more class preparedness.

“My notebook is extremely organized,” Eric said. “And it’s not just the AVID class that has AVID materials, all classes incorporate AVID methods into our day.”

Bull was one of eight AVID student leaders who celebrated East Lake Middle becoming an AVID national demonstration school with his classmates, teachers and district staff in a pep rally on Tuesday. Prior to the announcement, Bull and his peers participated in a student panel discussion and gave classroom tours.



East Lake is the first AVID designated middle school in Pinellas County (Boca Ciega and Northeast are AVID high schools) and the first to use AVID to support an existing STEM program.

“They are now part of one percent of all schools in the nation,” said Dr. Christie McMullen, AVID’s associate area director for the southeast. “Anyone could come here and see what AVID is supposed to look like. Ultimately, the goal is for every student who walks through these doors to benefit from how to do school and how to do it well.”



For sixth grade student leader Emma Huzar, taking the AVID elective helped her transition from the elementary curriculum to a more demanding middle school course load. She said the binder organization requirements, note-taking guidance and the AVID planner have all helped her become a more efficient student.

Student of the Month

April

6th Grade

7th Grade

8th Grade



Evan Mota



Rocco Capozzoli



Tyler Bayer



Annabelle Oskandy



Sadie Shahamat



Sena Kayra Santiago

“It’s a big change from one or two classes,” Emma said. “I’ve never been great at organization, but I will admit, it makes it a lot easier to study.”

Following the panel discussion and classroom tours, East Lake celebrated with a school-wide pep rally in the gymnasium where they received words of congratulations from Dr. Dan Evans, PCS Associate Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, as well as Superintendent Kevin Hendrick. AVID Center staff then presented Principal Karen Huzar with a banner denoting the school an AVID National Demonstration School.

“Today means everything to me because we’ve been working on this since we opened,” Huzar said. “This just validates all the hard work and shows everyone that AVID is not just another thing, it’s the way to do it.”

**April 12, 2023
8AM**

WALK BIKE & ROLL TO SCHOOL

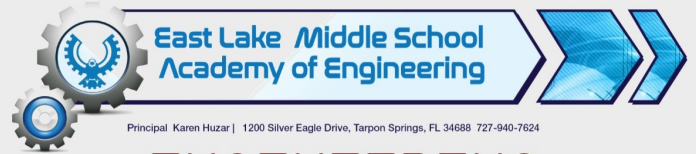


Held at Calvary Christian Church
in the youth center,
(the building at the top of the hill)
1190 East Lake Road
Tarpon Springs, FL 34688



CONGRATULATIONS! We have won! EAST LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL has WON the Judge Karl Grube "Extra Mile" Award for having an outstanding program for health and wellness in our WBR program. Judge Grube and his team will be at our next WBR to present the award and join the activities. East Lake Fire Rescue will be there and Ms. Claudia will present Walking, Biking and Transportation safety to send us off into our summer sunset. **THIS IS OUR LAST WALK, BIKE AND ROLL.** As always Breakfast and Good Vibes Served from 8am-8:50am...

EAST LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL TIE-DYE HOODIES will be sold at WBR that morning. Bring \$40 cash or you can use the QR code here and pick up at WBR.



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ENGINEERING ADVISORY BOARD

ARE YOU AN ENGINEER? WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP THE NEXT GENERATION OF ENGINEERS? ELMS NEEDS YOUR INPUT & GUIDANCE.

ALL MEETINGS BEGIN AT 7:40AM.
REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED.

MEETING DATES

9/16 11/11
2/24 4/21

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LISTEN & LEARN

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2023 • 5:30 PM
EAST LAKE HIGH SCHOOL

Your feedback matters - share it! You're invited to attend Listen & Learn: Community Connections sessions with Pinellas County Schools.

Each meeting will include a presentation about current PCS initiatives, a Q&A session with a panel of school board members and staff, and an opportunity for attendees to provide feedback to the district.

Community Listen & Learn sessions are open to all students, staff, families, partners and community members who are interested. Sessions will be held five times annually in alignment with the areas for schools. Virtual meeting opportunities will be available.

MEET WITH YOUR SCHOOL DISTRICT LEADERS!



Kevin Hendrick,
Superintendent
of Schools



Caprice Edmond,
School Board
Member



Eileen Long,
School Board
Member

MORE INFORMATION: [PCSB.ORG/LISTENLEARN](https://pcsb.org/listenlearn)



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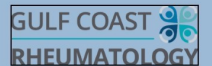


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