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Principal's Message

As we head into cooler weather, please make sure that your student is still adhering to our dress code. Any outerwear must be either gray, royal blue, light blue or white. The tie-dyed ELMS sweatshirts are also ok. All items should not have a logo any bigger than a half dollar, unless it is an ELMS logo.

This month will be a busy one:

11/1– Canned Food Drive Starts-benefiting FEAST Food Pantry Palm Harbor.

11/7– Whole school formative writing assessment. All students will take the writing assessment this day & our bell schedule will be a little different.

11/13– 8th grade HS Program Fair. All 8th graders will be able to attend a mini program fair in the courtyard.

11/14– 7:40AM SAC meeting. Special guest, Ellen Truskowski, the director of student demographics, assignment & school capacity. The meeting will focus on HS programs & choices. If you have a rising 8th grader this is a meeting you don't want to miss.

11/14– ELMS Discovery Night @ 5:30PM. Do you have a rising 5th grader or know one? This is the night for them to find out about our school.

11/15– Great American Teach-In. This is one of my most favorite days of the year! Students get to experience guest speakers in a variety of careers throughout the day.

11/20 to 11/24– Thanksgiving Break. Take some time to rest and enjoy family & friends.

One other note. The week of 11/13 will have a different schedule to accommodate GATI.

11/13– A Day

11/14– B Day

11/15– C Day (all 7 periods)

11/16– A Day

11/17– B Day



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S.O.A.R. Award



Congratulations to the following S.O.A.R. award recipients! The S.O.A.R. award is given to students that display good character. Anna Weaver, Keshav Chugani, Krishiv Patel, Gavin Baer, Galvin Gardner, Olivia Fallara and Steven Mikhail. NOT PICTURED: Aiden Lindon.

November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 A	14 B SAC Discovery Night 5:30	15 C Great American Teach-In	16 A	17 B	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Happy Thanksgiving



December

East Lake Middle School Testing Schedule

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6 PM 2 TESTING READING	7	8	9
10	11	12 PM 2 TESTING MATHEMATICS	13	14	15 MID TERM TESTING AND MOCK EOC	16
17	18 MID TERM TESTING AND MOCK EOC	19 MID TERM TESTING AND MOCK EOC	20 MID TERM TESTING AND MOCK EOC	21 MAKE UP TESTING	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

EVENTS

PM 2 TESTING READING
reading test for entire school

PM 2 TESTING MATH
math test for entire school but
no algebra or geometry

MID TERM TESTING AND MOCK EOC
mid term exams for most classes that did not take
PM 1 & 2, and mock EOC for algebra, geometry,
civics and 8th grade science

Student of the Month

November

6th Grade

7th Grade

8th Grade



Bishoy Basiliou



Anna Huillet



Nolan Fye



Olivia Breadon



Tyler Mokhiber



Cambria Hodae

ELMS STUDENT COUNCIL
CANNED FOOD DRIVE
BENEFITING FEAST

Dress down day for highest total grade level.

November 1st to 13th
3rd period class

Sweet treat for highest total 3rd period class.

Items needed: canned vegetables, boxed pasta, mac and cheese, peanut butter, boxes of cereal.
 Non-perishable foods only. No expired foods.



November SAC Meeting

11/14 @ 7:40 AM

HS Programs & Choices

– Special Guest –

Ellen Truskowski

Director of Student

Demographics,

Assignment & School

Capacity

EAST LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL
NJHS HOLIDAY ANGEL TREE
BENEFITTING TARPON SPRINGS
CITIZENS ALLIANCE FOR PROGRESS

Starting Friday, 11/10
Two great ways to give this year.

1. Pick an angel family ornament from the tree.
2. Donate gift cards and/or cash. (Publix, WalMart, Target, etc)

Contact Rachel Orth, bookkeeper, for questions. orthr@pcsb.org, 727-940-7624

Return all unwrapped gifts along with the angel ornament by Monday, 12/11.

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Donors 2023-2024



Gold



Silver



Eagle



Lori Smith, PA Realtor



Allen Dental Practice



PTA HAPPENINGS

Join PTA! We're only 22 away from meeting our membership goal this year! As a thank you to all new and existing members we'll be raffling off 2 yearbooks at the end of November! Winners will be announced in the December newsletter. Membership sign up, elms.memberhub.com.



This Friday, November 3rd is the last day to order your Holiday wreath from PTA! Deliveries will be Nov 27-Dec 5. elms.memberhub.com

PTA Spirit Night at Blaze Pizza in Trinity 11/8, 5-8 PM.



Our amazing PTA Hospitality will be providing breakfast and lunch to our Great American Teach-In presenters on 11/15. They will also be turkey and hamming it up with the teachers lunch on 11/16. Stay tuned for an opportunity to share your favorite cookie with our teachers in December...

SOAR Success! The SOAR celebration was fully supported by GB Collins Engineering and the Liberatore Family. ELMS PTA is proud of our students and their hard work. WTG EAGLES!



The School of Excellent Survey QR is here! Please help us by filling out this 3 minute survey. THANK YOU!

- **Anonymous Reporting:** As most of you are aware, Pinellas County Schools has partnered with Sandy Hook Promise which allows us to offer the Say Something Anonymous Reporting System. This allows stakeholders to submit a secure and anonymous safety concern that helps us identify and intervene in a proactive way. Please remind your student(s) that this is in place to assist with addressing a concern and also a way for someone get any help that may be needed – tips are passed along to appropriate law enforcement and school personnel. FortifyFL is also another reporting system that is available to report suspicious activity which allows Florida students and the community to relay any safety concerns. Both links can be found below. Our first Mental Health Lesson of the school year will take place on Monday, November 13th, where students will receive a refresher on the Say Something Anonymous Reporting System as well.

- [Say Something Tips — Sandy Hook Promise](#)
- [FortifyFL \(getfortifyfl.com\)](http://getfortifyfl.com)