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Elmcrest Elementary School Newsletter

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Distance Learning "DL"

Packets and Testing

MAP and SLO testing is available for DL students.

Please speak to your teacher to schedule this.

DL Parent Night

Thursday 9/10/2020 @ 5:30-6:30 – please ask your

teacher for login information.

Need help with tech? Please call the office to schedule an appointment to help fix your technology. Our ETS (computer tech) is Ms. McLinden and she is available on T -F

Teams vs. Zoom

Microsoft Teams is the official platform to be used by the WCSD for Distance Learning. Zoom was a temporary platform to use while we had our technology updated with Teams. Moving forward, Microsoft Teams should be used for all Distance Learning virtual classrooms.

Devices update

Need a second device for DL? If you have more than one student in your household who are doing DL from Elmcrest, please call our office to make an appointment to pick up a second device.

In-Person "IP" learning Off to a great start!

Our in-person students have been enjoying their time on campus and we have absolutely loved having kids on campus again. Students are seated a minimum of 3 feet apart in class and are required to wear masks. We have had a very low number of incidences regarding mask wearing; students keep them on and do not mind wearing them. We are so proud of our Dragon students!

We are now a 1:1 device school, which means we have enough technology devices (a combination of ipads and laptops) for each student to use one daily. Students have been practicing the following websites and apps in class to prepare for permaneny distance learning: DreamBox, Epic, Teams and Clever. Students are participating in their normal specials: Music, Library, computers and guidance counseling. Lunch is eaten in the classrooms and every class has a minimum of one 30 minute recess break. Thank you for encouraging excellent behavior!

Please prepare your family for a time when we may need to do Distance Learning. If this is longer than a few days, we will pass out devices. Otherwise, we will pass out packets & materials for temporary distance learning days.

Switching from IP to DL or DL to IP

If you would like to switch your student's placement you must contact the office, not just the teacher. You will be allowed to switch two weeks after you notify us.

Why a two week wait time to switch?

In order for our school to plan for social distancing and enrollment numbers, we may need to move classrooms/teachers around.

This causes a constant movement in our schools. It is highly likely that all students will be effected by these constant movements. We need this time to prepare all of the classes that will need to change due to varying enrollment.

Call our office to switch: 775-746-5850

Message from Team Up, our after school program >>>
Free after school care: Tutoring, enrichment & dinner!

Team Up is an after-school program that helps children achieve academic and social success. We provide extra Math and ELA tutoring by certified teachers as well as fun and engaging enrichment activities on STEM, Character Education, Health and Nutrition and much more!

Team Up hours
M, T, TH, F 3:00pm-6:00pm
W 2:15pm-6:00pm

Our wonderful Team Up staff
Allyson Goodman – Team Up Coordinator
Alexis Medina - Team up Lead Teacher Assistant
Holly Parks – Team Up Teacher Assistant
Heaven Courtney – Team up Teacher Assistant

*Want to sign up?
Call the office and we can send an application
home with your student(s)!*

Picture Day is coming!
Tuesday, September 15,
2020 is Picture Day. Click
[here](#) to pre order photos!

Pre K is still enrolling

Have a student who will be 4 by September 30, 2020? Enroll in our free Pre K program for either In Person or Distance Learning:

Schedule is:

Group A – Mon & Tues In Person

Group B – Thurs & Fri In Person OR Distance Learning

Call the office of Early Childhood Education at 775-321-3225 ex. 1 Espanol, or ex. 2 English

Family Connections >>>

New Staff Updates

Sean Buscher – 4/5 combo class

Mr. Buscher interned at Elmcrest Elementary School during the 2019-2020 school year and we are excited to welcome him as a teacher for this school year. He is teaching a combination of 4th and 5th grade this year.

McKaylee Thornton – 5th DL

Ms. Thornton is a licensed early childhood educator and is one of our long term substitutes this year. She is housed in the 5th grade mobiles doing Distance Learning for 5th grade. She is also a parent of one of our Dragons.

Gemma Thorpe – Strategies Teacher Aide

Ms. Gemma comes to us from Sparks Middle School. She joins the wonderful Strategies program as a teacher aide.

Gloria Buleje – Family and Community Engagement Liaison (FACE)

Ms. B has been a FACE liaison previously and comes to us after some time off. She will be in the front office assisting families and connecting Elmcrest to the community!

PFA update

Our next PFA meeting will be virtual.

This section to be updated soon!

**Please contact Ms. Buleje if you'd like to join the PFA, we always want to increase our parent participation!*

