

Edgewood Academy

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Ft. Myers, FL 33916A
Title I School



Where the Arts grow in every child.

Robert W. Mazzoli, Principal
Dr. Carol Frink, Assistant Principal



March 2017

Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe that we are only weeks away from the start of the 4th quarter. Where has the time gone? As always, our students and staff are hard at work preparing your children to meet grade-level standards.

Parents, we need your help. Our front gates open at 7:25 AM every morning. PLEASE, do not drop off your children before 7:25AM. We do not have any supervision at our parent drop off until 7:25 AM. We will not allow students to sit in our office before 7:25 AM. Our official start time is 7:55 AM. PLEASE have your students ON TIME to school every day. We start instruction promptly at 7:55 AM. Every minute your child is late impacts their learning. There is a high correlation between attendance/punctuality and student performance. We dismiss at 2:10 PM every day. We will not release students before 1:45 PM. If you have appointments, please schedule them after the school day ends. In the event of a family emergency, please contact the front office.

The month of March is a busy month. Our 3rd grade students will be taking the FSA ELA (reading) state test at the end of the month. In April, our 4th-5th students will be taking FSA ELA state test. In May, students will take the FSA Math and Science (5th only). It is imperative that your child is in attendance and on time during these testing dates. We will send home information in the next couple of weeks with dates and times and grade-levels tested. One thing you can do now is encourage your child to do his/her absolute best on these testing days. Ours teachers and students have been working very hard each and every day. Our students are really shining in their academics and we want to show EVERYONE how GREAT we are at Edgewood Academy.

Speaking of great...students at Edgewood Academy had an opportunity to compete in a county wide expressive and creative writing contest. Congratulations to our Aspiring Author's winners:

Sahvana Dennis - 2nd place Poetry Gr. 2 - Ms. Trimble's class

Dan'Kyrah Hines - 1st place Fiction Gr. 4 - Ms. Gezzar's class

Abigail Porcayo-Franco - 3rd place Poetry Gr. 5 - Mrs. Wallace's class

These students will be recognized at the Lee County Reading Festival on March 18th at Centennial Park.

Have a wonderful month. Please ensure that your child is completing their homework every night, in a quiet place. Read to and/or with your child every night. We are all in this together.

Sincerely,

Robert Mazzoli, Principal

March



3/7/17

4th Grade Field Trip to
Ding Darling
(Ms. Easterbrook &
Ms. Gezzar)

3/8/17

4th Grade Field Trip to
Ding Darling
(Ms. Lumsden &
Ms. Sical)

3/9/17

Head Start Field Trip
to ECHO

3/17/17

Professional Duty Day
No School

Upcoming Events in April



4/10/17 - 4/17/17
Spring Break

Fundraising Event



Get your Smencils!!

First Grade is still selling scented pencils for \$1.00. We have Trolls pencils and new spring smencils, too! Stop by and see Ms. Oatley in the hallway after breakfast or Mrs. Yeung in

Student Information

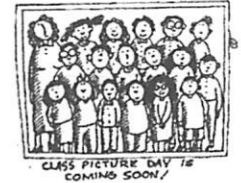


K-Kids is a student-led service organization for elementary school students. The local Kiwanis Club of Fort Myers serves as the K-Kids club sponsor. K-Kids meets every other week in room 08-004. **The meeting date for March is: Wednesday, March 8th!**

Spring Pictures will be taken in April!

Both individual and class pictures will be taken. Students do not have to wear their uniforms for these pictures!

An envelope with ordering information and prices will be going home with the students soon.



School Public Accountability Report

(SPARS) can be viewed at:

http://doeweb-prd.doe.state.fl.us/eds/nclbspar/year1415/nclb1415.cfm?dist_schl=36_181

There is also a printed copy available for review in the office.

School Counselor News



Character Word of the Month: Courage!

Our Character Education trait for March is *Courage*. We will watch a read aloud of the book *The Empty Pot* and talk about what being courageous means.

School Nurse News



Children are Curious Creatures!



The Poison Control Center of Florida receives approximately 500 phone calls per day with a majority of those phone calls pertaining to children under age 12. Most of these incidences were safely treated at home with the resources of The Florida Poison Control Center. Poisonings can happen to people in any age group. Protect your loved ones with a few simple strategies suggested by The Florida Poison Control Center. Visit www.floridapoisontreatment.org for further resources.

Program The Florida Poison Control phone number into your phone and keep in handy in key places around the home: kitchen/garage/etc: 1-800-222-1222.

Certified Specialists in Poison information respond immediately 24/7/365 in the case of emergency or to answer your questions. Calls are Free and Confidential.

Student Assignment 2017-18

January 23– March 24, 2017

Parents of **currently** enrolled students in Lee County Public School grades five, eight, and students in Pre-K attending Lee County Public Schools who are eligible for kindergarten for 2017/18, will be mail their child's personalized application on January 19, 2017. This is a very exciting time of year for students and parents as they plan for 2017-2018.

Those receiving the applications can save time by applying online! Please read the documents sent to you very carefully, and determine if you want to apply online, mail it back to us, or bring it to one of our offices in person. This is a nine-week application period. There is no need to stand in long lines the first few days since you have nine weeks to submit the application. All applications are processed as a group.

Parents of children who will be five on or before September 1st, 2017 and who are not enrolled in one of the district's Pre-K programs must visit one of our offices to register for kindergarten for the 2017/2018 school year (bring registration requirements). This should be done during the first application period (January 23 – March 24) to increase the chances of being assigned to your preferred school. Brand new students cannot apply on-line – they must be registered in person.

There are **no automatic assignments** – parents need to register incoming kindergartners even if they have an older sibling already attending the preferred school.

Please visit www.leeschools.net for registration requirements and Student Assignment Office locations.

Lee County is home to Florida's top ranked virtual school. Lee Virtual Instruction Program is the only Kindergarten through 12th grade public school in our area. This challenging virtual learning program follows the school district calendar. Students have access many of the same courses as they would in a traditional school including Advance Placement(AP), Dual Enrollment (FGCU, FSW, FMTC and CCTC) along with the flexibility of a dynamic schedule. Students who complete the virtual course of study receive the same accredited diploma as any other public school. There are two application periods for LVIP. The first application period coincides with the Student Assignment's first application period. The second one begins the Monday after Thanksgiving for second semester enrollments and closes prior to final exam week of the first semester. Applying to LVIP does not affect your current School Choice assignment until the student completes orientation and enrollment in the LVIP program. Lee Virtual also offers a variety of summer courses for original credit. Visit Lee Virtual Instruction Program at <http://lvip.leeschools.net/>.

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA READING FESTIVAL

Are you looking for a **free** and reading filled Saturday?

There really is something for all ages to experience at the Southwest Florida Reading Festival. Everyone enjoys the multiple stages with the celebrity authors who share the 'inside scoop' about their latest books or what makes a story idea click for them. You will be able to buy books and have the authors personalize and sign them too! You'll find our numerous book and educational vendors offering the latest in services and new ideas. Kids will be mesmerized by the storytellers. There will be absolutely something for everyone! Want more? Sure!

A favorite year after year is the FREE Book for Every Child and Teen where they can pick out a book to take and keep!

Day and Time

Saturday, March 18, 2017

Location:

Centennial Park, Fort Myers River District

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

RAIN OR SHINE

Student Testing Information

It is that time of year again where our third, fourth, and fifth grade students will be taking the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) tests.

Third Grade:	English Language Arts Math	March 28 & March 29th May 9 & May 10
Fourth Grade:	English Language Arts Math	April 19 & April 20 May 9 & May 10
Fifth Grade	English Language Arts Math Science	April 25 & April 26 May 9 & May 10 May 2 & May 3



Parent Tips to Help Prepare your Student for Testing:

The morning of the test:

- ✓ Get up early to avoid rushing. Be sure to have your child to school on time.
- ✓ Have your child eat a good breakfast. Research shows that students do better if they have breakfast before they take tests.
- ✓ Be positive about the test.

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