



THUNDERBIRD E-NEWS

MARCH 11, 2025

MESSAGE FROM THE ADMIN

As we continue to nurture the growth and development of our middle school students, we want to highlight the importance of teaching them how to positively contribute to our school community. Encouraging students to engage in meaningful ways not only benefits the community but also fosters a sense of responsibility, empathy, and leadership in our young learners.

Why Positive Contributions Matter

When students actively participate in their school community, they develop a stronger sense of belonging and pride. Positive contributions help build a supportive and inclusive environment where everyone feels valued. Additionally, these experiences teach students important life skills such as teamwork, communication, and problem-solving.

How We Encourage Positive Contributions

At our school, we provide various opportunities for students to get involved and make a difference. Here are some of the ways we encourage positive contributions:

1. **Student Leadership Programs:** We offer leadership programs through our Ambassadors club, Student Leadership Council and within our athletics program. This allows students to take on roles to positively contribute to the school, engage in organizing school events, support events that other students are involved in, and fundraise for organizations within our community and beyond. These leadership opportunities help students develop leadership skills and take an active role in shaping the school community.
2. **Community Service Projects:** We organize community service projects that encourage students to give back to their local community. These projects teach students the value of helping others and the impact they can have on their surroundings.
3. **Collaborative Learning:** Our curriculum includes collaborative learning activities that promote teamwork and cooperation. By working together on group projects, students learn to appreciate diverse perspectives and contribute to shared goals.
4. **Extracurricular Activities:** We offer a wide range of extracurricular activities, including sports, arts, and clubs. Participation in these activities helps students build friendships, develop new skills, and contribute to the vibrant school culture.
5. **The Thunderbird Code:** At Eagle Mountain Middle, the Thunderbird Code emphasizes students to be respectful, inclusive, inspiring and purposeful. By demonstrating these attributes, students contribute to a positive and inclusive school environment where everyone can thrive.

How You Can Support at Home

Parents play a crucial role in reinforcing the importance of positive contributions. Here are some ways you can support your child:

- **Encourage Involvement:** Encourage your child to participate in school activities and take on leadership roles. Discuss the benefits of being an active member of the school community.
- **Model Positive Behavior:** Demonstrate positive behavior and community involvement in your own actions. Children often learn by observing the adults in their lives.
- **Celebrate Contributions:** Recognize and celebrate your child's contributions to the school community. Positive reinforcement can motivate them to continue making a difference.

Looking Ahead

By teaching our middle school students the importance of positively contributing to the school community, we are helping them develop into responsible, empathetic, and engaged citizens. Your support and encouragement are vital in this journey. Thank you for your continued partnership and dedication to our school community.

On behalf of the staff here at Eagle Mountain Middle, we wish you a wonderful spring break holiday with family and friends.

Warm regards,

Andrew Graham - Principal

Jen Penk - Vice Principal

AMBASSADORS HAPPENINGS!

Ms. Au and Mr. Samson

"SPRING INTO SPRING BREAK" SPIRIT WEEK - MONDAY, MARCH 10 TO FRIDAY, MARCH 14

Next week it's our annual spirit week before spring break for the whole school. Students are encouraged to participate by dressing up for the respective days. Each student that is clearly participating earns 1 spirit point! Term 2 is all about TEAMWORK! The team with the most spirit points will win a prize (TRD) at the end of the term.



Here are the spirit day themes for this week:

Monday, March 10	Morning Monday - wear comfiest clothing & pajamas
Tuesday, March 11	Twin Day Tuesday - match a friend or a group
Wednesday, March 12	Anything But A Backpack
Thursday, March 13	Tropics Thursday - Hawaiian shirts, sunglasses and beach vibes
Friday, March 14	Glow Friday - wear neon, lots of colour or your best tie-dye

"SPRING BACK TO THE 90s" SPRING PARTY - FRIDAY, MARCH 14

On Friday, March 14, Eagle Mountain is "Springing Back To The 90s" and we will be having a spring party in the afternoon to celebrate together as a whole school. Please see some information below:

- **Everyone is expected and encouraged to attend!** Students don't have to just dance. They can enjoy friends' company, appreciate music, chat, and socialize - there are plenty of things to do if they are feeling wary about going to the dance.
- This dance is a school-wise fundraiser. **Tickets will be posted on School Cash Online for \$2 and all proceeds will be donated towards a Thunderbird Ambassador initiative, "Backpacks of Hope", through Lookout Society.**
- There will be a full cash only concession available! There will be chips, candy bags, sweet treats, pop, cookies, pizza and cupcakes. Again, all proceeds will be donated to **"Backpacks of Hope"** Reminder again that it is CASH ONLY.

PAC NEWS

The next hot lunch is Wed. March 12 (item closed)) Sushi Mori

The last 3 Hot lunch dates of the year will be Subway on Wed. April 16

(orders due by Apr 9); Pizza Pizza on May 14 (due May 7) and Sushi Mori on June 18 (orders due by June 11).



Follow us on Social Media to ensure you get all the important news and announcements. Facebook: @EagleMountainMiddle/Instagram: @paceaglemountainmiddle.

Reminder: The Next PAC Meeting is on Tuesday, March 11.

Michelle Malpass & Katie Golbey - PAC Co-Chairs



Each issue of the EMM Newsletter will feature a section on what's going on/will go on in our Library/Learning Commons!

Sora – District E-book/Audiobook App

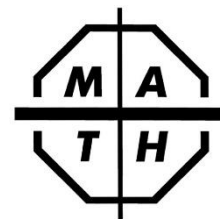


Our district has recently partnered up with Sora to bring e-books and audiobooks to students to read or listen to on their personal devices. Similar to apps like *Libby*, Sora allows students to borrow items 2 weeks at a time (1 week for certain genres such as graphic novels) to read on laptops (on a web browser) or mobile devices (through an app), using their district email and password. The system automatically detects students' grade level and only make suitable titles available. To access the program on a web browser, students can head to <https://soraapp.com/library/sd43ca>. For more information, check out this presentation made for students at <https://bit.ly/emmsoraintro>.

Math League Math Contest

Back on February 25th we had over 60 students writing the Math League Contest and Mr. Kwok would like to commend everyone who took the opportunity to challenge themselves in Math.

Congratulations to Freya G (Div. 19), Roye G (Div. 11), Bryan F. (Div. 21), and Erin H. (Div. 8) who scored the highest in their respective grades!



EMM Scholastic Esports Club (After Spring Break)



The EMM Scholastic Esports Club will be starting after Spring Break in the Learning Commons. The intention of this club is to allow students to connect with one another in an after-school setting while learning skills such as teamwork and critical and creative thinking in a competitive videogaming environment. For more information, please check out the following links or feel free to contact Mr. Kwok!

- [EMM Esports Club FAQ](#)
- [Introduction to Scholastic Esports](#)

ATHLETICS AND



The winter season is winding down and the final basketball jamboree is today.

On February 20, EMM hosted a wrestling meet with great success! Thank you to our coaches for making this event possible for our wrestlers as well as the rest of the SD43 wrestling community.

Mr. Anders Nordby - Athletic Director

CYPRESS SSNO Club



This year's snow club was a huge success! There were no mountain closures (like last year) and we had great weather for all four days.

A HUGE thank you to our teacher sponsors, Ms. Perro and Ms. Au for all their hard work in organizing this special club for students. Our SSNO Club members demonstrated positivity and flexibility and their leadership has not gone unnoticed. Also, a BIG thank you to our teachers and parent volunteers! Without you we could not make this happen.



Happy February EMM Parents and Guardians,

It's wonderful to see more daylight these days as this can really affect our mood. Getting enough sleep, exercise and eating healthy foods also affect our mood, focus, and energy level. Parenting can be a hard and exhausting job at times. Make sure you are taking time to provide yourself with some self-care. This might mean a night out without your child/children. It could mean setting up a sleep over for your child so you

have a night at home to yourself or it could even be getting out in nature and going for a walk without children. Whatever charges your battery, make sure you make time to do it. 😊

Also know that if you are going through a challenging time with your child, you can also reach out to me or other staff at the school.

Mr. Stephen Balnave
Counselor



Please have your child(ren) check the lost and found before leaving for spring break. Items will be displayed at the top of the grand staircase next week near the office. All unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity.





Mark Your Calendar



MONTH	DAY	ITEM	NOTE
MARCH			
10	Mon	Pyjama Day/cozy day	
11	Tues	Twin Day	
12	Wed	Anything but a backpack	
13	Thurs	Tropical Day	
14	Friday	Spring Dance! Wear Neon	Last day of Classes!
15-30		*****Spring Break*****	(March 15 to 30)
31	Monday	Welcome Back!	Students Return
APRIL			
18	Friday	Good Friday	Holiday
21	Monday	Easter Monday	Holiday
25	Friday	District Pro-D Day	Students do not attend
MAY			
16	Friday	School Based Pro-D Day	Students do not attend
19	Monday	Victoria Day	Holiday
JUNE			
19		School Wide Field Trip	
24		Grade 8 Leaving Ceremony	Gym
26	Thursday	Last Day of Classes	
27	Friday	Administrative Day	Students do not attend.. have a great summer!
30	Monday	Office Open	
JULY			
1	Tuesday	Canada Day	Office Closed
2 and 3	Wed/Thurs	Office Open	Closes on July 3 for summer
AUGUST			
25	Monday	Office Re-Opens	
SEPTEMBER			
1	Monday	Labour Day	Holiday
2	Tuesday	Students Return	Am attendance only
3	Wednesday	Full day for students	



*Please see our calendar on the school website for a more complete list of events.

