



EMS Knightly News

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Fall-ing into Great Character!!!



Building Good Character

Good character is imperative at Edison Middle School so all of our students can develop into caring citizens within the West Orange community. Over the next month and throughout the school year, here are some of the many events we offer that you can view on our website:

Week of Respect (October 2-6)



NJ is holding its annual "Week of Respect" as mandated by the state's new anti-bullying law. Every school across New Jersey will teach about preventing harassment, intimidation, and bullying during the week and throughout the school year.

Violence Awareness Week (October 16-20)



The focus of this week is to expose our students to the 6 pillars of good character: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship. This will help students diffuse conflicts and stressors and promote peace. During the week we will have Mix It Up Day, in which students will cross social boundaries to sit and communicate with other students in lunch.

Red Ribbon Week (October 23-27)



Red Ribbon Week is the oldest and largest drug and alcohol prevention campaign in the country. It serves as a vehicle for communities and individuals to take a stand for the hopes and dreams of our children to live drug-free.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"We can live about forty days without food, about three days without water, about eight minutes without air—but for only one second without hope."

- Anonymous

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Oct 2-6: Week of Respect

Oct 16-20: Violence Awareness Week

Oct 18: Curriculum Night @ Liberty 7pm

Oct 19: Curriculum Night @ Roosevelt 7pm

Oct 23-27: Red Ribbon Week

Oct 31: Character Day





COUNSELOR CORNER

Parent Portal

By now, each parent/guardian should have received a letter on how to access their child's grades online by using Parent Portal. Follow these steps for success:

1. Log onto the district's website: www.woboe.org
2. Under "Parents", select "Parent Portal".
3. Click on "Login to PowerSchool Parent Portal".
4. Click the "Create Account" box.
5. Enter your first name, last name, email, desired username, and password. Then below you will enter your child's name and their Access ID Number and Access Password Numbers that were mailed home to you. Each number is specific for each child and only needs to be entered once. If you still need yours, you may contact your child's school counselor via email or by telephone.
6. You're now finished. You can check your child's grades whenever you want.

COUNSELOR ADVISORY LESSONS

This month's counselor CAP lesson topic(s):

Matching Setting Vs. Behavior

Conflict Vs. Bullying

COUNSELING TIP OF THE MONTH



Reviewing Grades

As you review your child's grades for each class with him/her. Here are a few tips to raise grades:

- Make sure the agenda book is filled out every day. (Every box, every day!!!)
- Use and monitor a large desk calendar for important dates—tests, quizzes, projects.
- Child should sit at the kitchen or dining room table to do homework to avoid distractions. Use the same location every day to be consistent.
- Monitor Parent Portal with your child every day
- Go after school for extra help with your teachers Monday through Thursday.

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EMS Knights in Shining Armor!



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SEPTEMBER

GREEN TEAM: Mara Sindiga, Aiden Hamilton, Sophia Rowan, Oluwoma Ejiofor

YELLOW TEAM: Adrienne TaylorKamara, Madison AbdusSabur, Joshua Albert, Caleb Gattens

GRAY TEAM: Emily Correa, Alicia Germain, Cristian Soto, Amelie Bryant

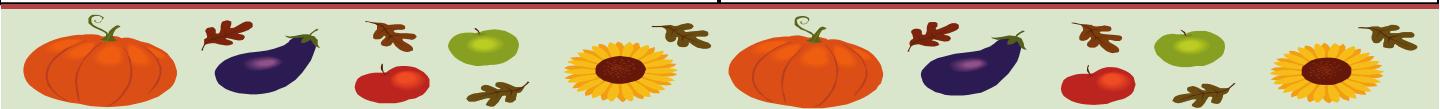
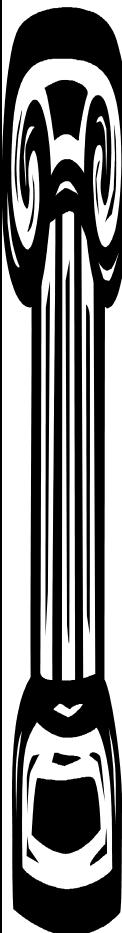


STUDENTS CAUGHT SHOWING GOOD CHARACTER

Kenny McBlain

Kristopher Kuzniewski

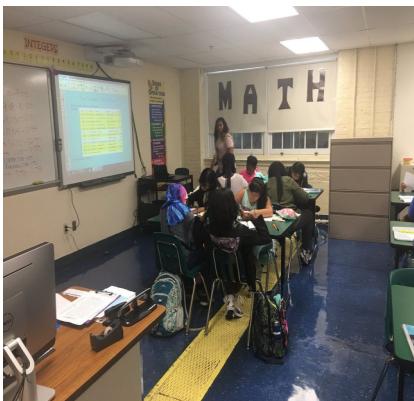
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