

July/August 2023



News from The Cove

Emerald Cove Middle School

9950 Stribling Way Wellington, FL 33414

<https://ecms.palmbeachschools.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/EmeraldCoveMiddleSchool/>

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are nearing the end of our summer and are gearing up to return to campus for a great new year full of opportunities! I am very proud to lead ECMS and welcome our students and families!

Parents and guardians, I encourage you to become involved or continue your involvement in the educational programs at Emerald Cove Middle School. If you haven't reviewed our webpage or liked us on Facebook, please do so today. There is a great deal of info to help keep you informed. Please take the time to review this newsletter in its entirety to help you plan for the coming weeks.

As we embark on the year 2023-2024, we will continue to focus and ensure that ECMS is the Best! When our school is the best, that means our students, teachers, staff, and community are the BEST! We will succeed and continue to champion anything that comes our way! Enjoy the last days of your summer! All for One, One for All!

Sincerely,
Eugina Smith Feaman

Eugina Smith Feaman, Ed. D.
Principal



Important Dates

July 24 th -25 th	Pirate Prep Camp for incoming 6 th graders
July 26 th	Pirate Prep Camp for new 7 th /8 th graders
August 8 th	7 th gr. Schedule/ID Pick Up between 9-12pm
	8 th gr. Schedule/ID Pick Up between 1-4pm
August 9 th	6 th gr. Meet the Teacher 4:00-6:00pm
August 10 th	First Day of School-Set Sail!
August 17 th	SAC Meeting 6pm (media center)



Summer Reading Assignment

Summer reading is an effective way to maintain reading and thinking skills and studies show reading skills are directly related to students' success in school! This summer, ECMS students will need to read a book from the new 2023-2024 SSYRA Grades 6-8 list and complete EITHER a book talk or one pager that is due the first week of school in August. You can find the assignment on our webpage and it was sent home with students through their ELA class as well. 8th grade students going into high school should check with the high school regarding any summer assignments.

Due Date: Friday August 11th

<https://www.palmbeachschools.org/cms/lib/FL50010848/Centricity/Domain/1759/2023-2024%20Summer%20Assignment.pdf>



Bus Riders

Students who will ride a PBCSD bus **must register to ride. Students will need their school ID to ride the bus.** Click the Register Your Ride: <https://transintranet.palmbeachschools.org/RegisterYourRideInstructions.aspx>



Supplies

ALL students need:

- 2-inch binder
- Subject Dividers
- Pencil Pouch
- Pack of notebook paper
- Highlighters
- Pencils
- PBCSD Device

Individual teacher supply lists will be sent home the first week of school.

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Important Contacts

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school. For general questions you may contact the main office. **Once school has started, your child's teachers will be your first contact for classroom needs and concerns.**

Front Office
561-803-8000

Fax
561-803-8050

6th grade office:
561-803-8030

7th grade office:
561-803-8036

8th grade office:
561-803-8041

ESE office:
561-803-8070

School Clinic:
561-803-8057

School Police Officer:
561-803-8011

Webpage
www.ecms.palmbeachschools.org



First Day Procedures

We want our first day and week to be as smooth as possible. Please review the information below with your child.

Student Schedules and Student IDs

6th graders will receive their schedule and ID during Meet the Teacher on August 9th between 4-6pm. On the first day of school, any 6th graders who did not pick up their schedule are to report to the cafeteria for their schedule.

7th and 8th graders will receive their schedule and take their ID pictures, during schedule distribution on August 8th between 9-12pm for 7th grade and between 1-4pm for 8th grade. Students who do not pick up a schedule/ID will receive theirs in their period 1 class on the first day of school. They will find their 1st period on the student locators posted on campus.

Health Records-NO SHOTS, NO SCHOOL, NO KIDDING!

All incoming 7th grade students are required to submit completed health forms to the front office. **Students will not be given schedules if they have not submitted their updated forms.**

Arrival and Dismissal

School hours are 9:30am-4:05pm and gates will open at 8:55am. In order to promote independence and safety, all students should either be dropped off in the car loop or if they are a walker or biker, enter through the pedestrian gate on Stribling. **There will be no parking, walk up drop off, nor roadway drop off and students are not to walk through the school parking lot.** Please also be sure that your child knows how they will go home, especially if it is different from how they will usually be dismissed.

Ensuring your child has a great first day is our priority. We will have staff stationed throughout the campus to help guide and assist students all day.

Arrival & Dismissal And Campus Safety

Morning drop-off and pick-up is only permitted in the school car loop which opens at 8:55am and 3:45pm daily. Students may NOT be dropped off in the parking lot, bus loop, roadway, nor at ETES. In the school car loop, students must exit vehicles from the right side of the car and only from the right lane. Cars are to pull all the way forward and not leave gaps between cars.

Bikers and walkers must remain on the sidewalk, cross only at the crosswalks and obey the directions of the guards. The crossing guards do NOT cross students east/west on State Road 7. Students are NOT to cross and loiter at the shopping plaza.

Your child may participate in Morning Care from 7:45-8:55am Monday-Friday and Aftercare from 4:05pm-5pm Monday-Thursday, both for a fee. Students dropped off prior to 8:55am and remaining after 4:35pm will not be supervised unless enrolled in this program. Complimentary breakfast is served in the cafeteria from 8:55am-9:25am. First bell rings at 9:25am and the tardy bell rings at 9:30am. Dismissal begins daily at 4:05pm. There is no early dismissal after 3:30pm.

All visitors and volunteers on campus MUST report to the main office and sign-in on the computer, showing ID. A visitor's sticker must be worn at all times while on campus. Please ensure that the office has your current information and those authorized to pick up your child. ALL persons picking up a child must show ID to front office personnel.

Student Handbook and Code of Conduct

All students are expected to follow the guidelines established in the PBCSD Student and Family Handbook which may be found at https://www.palmbeachschools.org/students_parents/student_family_handbook on the district's webpage. In addition, students will receive ECMS Student and Parent Operational Procedures during the first week of school. Emerald Cove has adopted Universal Guidelines and the Pirate CREED. Please review with your child and ensure they are followed:

EMERALD COVE'S PIRATE CREED

Caring
Respectful
Excellence
Engaged
Determined


"All for one and one for all"

Dress Code

Please be sure to follow the school dress code when shopping for the school year. Don't forget to purchase your ECMS Spirit Wear that can be worn daily: <https://ecmsptsa.memberhub.com/store/items/699383>

EMERALD COVE

revised 2023-2024 DRESS CODE



<h4 style="text-align: center;">Approved Tops</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Crew neck, collared, V-neck, and 1/4 zip shirts, sweatshirts or dry-fit• School-sponsored ECMS spirit wear• Modest neck and back lines, and must be able to be tucked in.	<h4 style="text-align: center;">Prohibited Tops</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shirts that reveal the waistline/midriff (even with arms extended above the head)• No see-through, sheer or netting• No sleeveless or spaghetti straps• No hoodies allowed• No shirts tied up or with a rubber band• No shirts ripped, frayed, cut, or torn• Graphics with inappropriate words, slogans (drugs, tobacco, weapons, explicit or suggestive language etc.)
<h4 style="text-align: center;">Approved Bottoms</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shorts, skirts and dresses that are finger-tipped length• No holes, tears, or fringe• All bottoms must be worn at or above the hips.• Pants• Jeans	<h4 style="text-align: center;">Prohibited Bottoms</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No leggings, spandex, or biker shorts• No pants that sag or reveal undergarments• No holes, tears, rips, or frayed clothing• No P.J. bottoms (including plain, solid, flannel)• No cut off shorts or jeans• Skirts/shorts shorter than fingertip length
<h4 style="text-align: center;">Shoes</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All shoes must be enclosed• No Sandals• No Cleats• No Crocs• No Slides• No Flip-flops• No open-toed shoes• No slippers/bedroom shoes• No Heelys• No high heels or platforms	

General Guidelines

- Students must wear their school issued picture ID around their neck at all times while on campus.
- No Hats
- No Bandannas
- No Sunglasses
- No visible undergarments
- Outerwear may not be worn to cover a dress code infraction
- Clothing, jewelry, buttons etc. with words, phrases, symbols, pictures or insignia which are disruptive, obscene, profane, racist, suggestive, offensive, or related to drug, alcohol use, or weapons are prohibited.
- Any items worn that could be deemed unsafe or distracting by administration cannot be worn.