



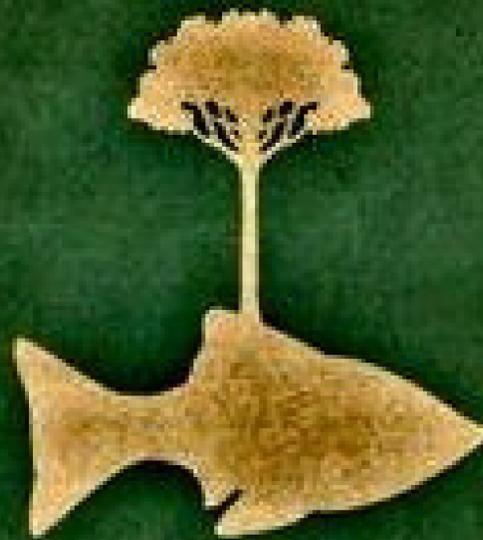
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Save
the
Date

- 2/28 (T) -
Early Release
- 3/3 (F) - EE
Heritage Day

Everybody is a genius.



But if you judge a fish by its
ability to climb a tree, it will
live its whole life believing
that it is stupid.

Albert Einstein.

Professional Learning Community Summit 2017

This week, a team of 9 EE Mustangs, comprised of classroom educators, instructional leaders, support counselors, and campus leaders, traveled to Phoenix to continue building our knowledge base and expertise on Professional Learning Communities. Here were each of our biggest take-aways from this incredible learning adventure!



"When you know your why,
then the what is more powerful
because you're walking IN and
TOWARDS purpose."

- Dr. Tim Brown

Emilie Biechlin
Kindergarten Teacher

Collaboration with your
team is key.

Natalie Brewer
4th Grade Teacher





PLC IS our task at hand - it's
the way schools will be
transformed. It's a purposeful
focus on LEARNING!

Valerie Byrd
Special Education Teacher

Focus on LEARNING prior to teaching.
Work collaboratively on matters
related to learning. Hold ourselves
accountable for the kind of results that
produce constant improvement.

Elizabeth Dodge
5th Grade Teacher



"When we KNOW better, we have
the obligation to DO better"

- Dr. Richard DuFour

Shanna Gove
3rd Grade Teacher



Instead of focusing on the
teaching, there is an intense
focus on the learning, ensuring
all students are LEARNING.

Staci Hubbard
Student Support Counselor





A positive attitude and belief in each student are essential. Also, direct instruction coupled with assessment on a quick and ongoing basis help increase efficiency of instruction.

Amy Reichle
5th Grade Teacher

"If it's not good enough for your CHILDREN, then it's not good enough for your STUDENTS. Make it PERSONAL, because it is personal." - Dr. Robert Eaker

If I don't believe it's good enough for my children, Elle and Rex, know that I won't believe it is good enough nor accept it for our EE Mustangs. We will continue to grow and improve and reach our highest potential...because our children and students MATTER!

Lesley Ryan
Principal



I am really excited about the discussions that we've had surrounding the research and presentations on grading practices. I am excited about the possibility of working toward more student-centered, standards based grading practices at EE.

Kelly VanMeter
Instructional Partner



Welcome to Phoenix



The fundamental purpose of school
is learning, not teaching.

— *Richard DuFour* —

Mrs. Tinney's 2nd Grade Class



What Makes Your Class Special?

- We love being a class where we are all friends.
- We learn new things everyday.
- We are all creative, and have unique talents and personalities.
- We do fun experiments in science. We made geodes in class and on science day.
- We create art that we hang in our classroom. We love our bird pictures.
- We get to decorate our classroom for each holiday. Mrs. Tinney lets us decide where to put all the decorations.
- We are able to use the soccer field during recess.
- We use our iPads for all types of learning activities. Some of our favorite apps are Word Bubbles, Book Flix and Epic
- We are doing Biography Projects. We chose a person to research. We are using our research to write about the person and make a doll.
- We love our teacher!

Mrs. Swords' 3rd Grade Class



What Makes Your Class Special?

- We get to go to recess with the whole third grade.
- We can play with our friends from 2nd grade too.
- We have recess on the big playground now!
- In Art we are making emojis. We love all the creative projects in art.
- This year we can be in the recorder choir too!
- Our teacher is open to our ideas.
- We have a song of the week. We learn the lyrics to the song and talk about what they mean.
- Mrs Swords has lots of seating options to help us learn best. We have stools, exercise balls, different kinds of chairs. We use a chart to rotate seats so everyone has a chance to use each type.
- We use lots of manipulatives in math to help understand math better. We even get to use the expo markers to work out math problems on our desk.
- We check in each morning with the Mood Meter.
- During FIT, we have rotations with Mrs. Swords and Mrs. Gove.
- We have a behavior chart and earn Dojo points for good behavior. We use the points to purchase prizes and coupons. One coupon is "Lunch with the Teacher."
- We love our teacher!

Mrs. Swords' Class Photos



Heritage Day is Just Around the Corner!

We would love your participation in our Heritage Day celebration! Apart from attending assembly on March 3rd, we are inviting families to create a trifold board about the country they or their family are from. These will be displayed in the library and will serve as an opportunity to celebrate the diversity in our community and expose the children to countries around the world.

If you are interested, please contact Carolyn Grant at grantsinlondon@yahoo.com for more details.



Eanes Elementary's 1st Annual Heritage Day



On Friday, March 3rd, our EE campus community will gather to explore topics related to global awareness, diversity, and inclusivity. We will have special guests from the community and from Westlake High School join us for this incredible day.

We encourage your child to dress up in clothing that best represents your family's heritage. Alternatively, if your child would prefer, your child may dress up in clothing that would represent the country / area of the world where he or she would like to travel. Parents, please feel free to join us at the assembly on March 3rd for our opening events of the day!

Social Emotional Learning
Eanes ISD SEL 5 Competencies



Self-Management/Resiliency

TIP: Many of our children have to deal with different stressors each day, and as parents we are unable to protect them from adversities. One way to help our children become more resilient is refrain from “condemning...negative behaviors and, potentially, increasing his or her sense of shame”. “Building Resilience in Children” reviews the seven “C”s of resilience Dr. Ginsburg has identified and how to support children with their development in this area.

<https://www.healthychildren.org/English/healthy-living/emotional-wellness/Building-Resilience/Pages/Building-Resilience-in-Children.aspx>

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at Eanes Elementary

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AND THE EE HAPPENINGS!**



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Tuesday, February 28th
6:30pm - 8:00pm
WHS - Performing Arts Complex

THE WELL-BALANCED STUDENT

Margaret Dunlap - Challenge Success

Today's high-pressure, fast-paced culture can interfere with healthy child development. When we are too focused on test scores, performance, and grades, we may deny kids the time and energy they need to effectively tackle the demanding work of growing up. This workshop examines the tensions that can occur between students, parents, and educators over issues such as homework, grades, and the culture of competition.

We'll offer parents research-based strategies to create healthier home and school environments.

In this presentation, parents will learn:

- How students today are coping- or not- with the academic pressure they face
- Ways they can reduce academic stress without sacrificing achievement or engagement in school
- Strategies to increase resilience, creativity, and well-being for their child

All Parents are encouraged to attend.

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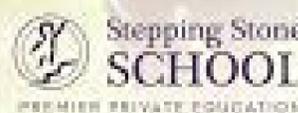
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