



East Washington School Corporation

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EHS Cell Phone Policy

As many of you know, Eastern High School implemented a new cell phone/electronic device policy beginning the 2015-2016 school year. To prepare students for a positive and productive end to the school year, I would like to remind students and parents about some of the important aspects of the policy. Parents are encouraged to speak with their child regarding appropriate usage of electronic devices and/or cell phones at school.

➤ Electronic Devices/Cell Phones can be used.....

- Before school
- After school
- At lunch (in the cafeteria)
- During passing periods
- During class for a specific learning/educational activity (permission by teacher)

➤ Electronic Devices/Cell Phones

- Should be kept out of sight (silenced or powered off) during instructional time
- Should not be used to violate any conduct/bullying policy or computer usage agreements. Examples of unacceptable usage are listed below
 - In restrooms or locker rooms
 - In hallways during instructional times
 - Cheating
 - Cyber bullying or sexting
 - Taking pictures or videos



➤ Other Facts Regarding The New Policy

- Students may have “silenced” cell phones/electronic devices on their person
- Contents of cell phones and/or mobile communication devices may be reviewed and searched if there exists a reasonable suspicion that it may have been used to violate any school policy

-Mr. Farris, HS Principal



EWES Spring Activities

Spring is always a busy time at East Washington Elementary School and this spring is no exception. Third and Fourth graders have been immersed in testing, completing part I of ISTEP+ and the third grade recently completed IREAD-3. The state testing window of part II of the ISTEP+ is April 18 – May 6. Please make sure your child is present during the testing window, arrives on time, has a good night’s rest and has had a nutritious breakfast. This is an extremely important assessment for your child and for our school.

There are other fun events scheduled for our students. Kindergarten registration will be held on Wednesday, April 20th, 8:30 – 11:30 and 12:30 – 2:00. Please bring the child’s birth certificate and their shot records. There will be a few informational booths available.

Parents and guardians, we would love to have you involved in as much as you would like to be involved. If you are searching for a way to be active in your child’s education, I would

suggest the East Washington School Corporation PTO. They meet on the second Thursday of each month at East Washington Elementary at 3:30. Please be watching for the Inaugural EWSC PTO Glow Run. This is going to be a 5K run/walk and will be a wonderful family activity. It is scheduled for late May, more information to come at a later date.

- Mrs. Esarey, ES Principal

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Your Input is Needed!

MISSION 2020

East Washington School Corporation is on a mission: a mission to make the district the absolute BEST for students by the year 2020! What do you feel should be priorities during the next five years? Where should we focus efforts for the next five years? Please complete the stakeholder survey by sharing your thoughts for how to make East Washington Schools ensure success for all students.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7C6GKC2>

Your thoughts and opinions will help guide development of the district strategic plan. Please respond to the survey by April 15 to ensure you are included! The plan is being crafted by the strategic planning “dream team” committee. Thank you to the following individuals charged with constructing the district plan:

- Christina McGinnis Parent
- Thomas Coats Parent
- Suzy Bennett HS Teacher
- Anna Marie Endris MS Teacher

- Amy Rogers ES Teacher
- Darin Farris HS Principal
- Amber Sater MS Principal
- Debbie Esarey ES Principal
- Greg Hopkins Transportation
- Don Balentine Technology
- Theresa Gottbrath Board Member
- Linda McClellan Board Member
- Steve Darnell Superintendent

As a reminder, an open invitation stands for parents and/or community volunteers to serve on the Superintendent’s Advisory Board – a group that meets quarterly to provide input and thought about district operations. The final meeting date for this school year is set for May 5, 2016, at 3:15 PM in the administration office. If you are interested in serving on this

Dates to Remember:

- April 1
Spring Break
- April 12
School Board Meeting
- May 10
School Board Meeting
- May 25
Last Student Day
- June 3
Graduation 7:00 p.m.
- June 10
School Board Meeting

group, contact us at the administration office by calling 967-3926.

- Steve Darnell, Superintendent

Beauty and the Beast

Despite an unexpected battle with the stomach bug, the middle school drama club hosted an outstanding production of Beauty and The Beast on March 10 and 11. The performance had to be rescheduled from the original date because of cast members passing around this illness. Leading lady, Vanessa Walker (Belle), was the last of the group to come down with the bug on the day before the rescheduled opening night, but she did a wonderful job of not letting it show!

The drama club sponsor is sixth grade EWMS teacher, Anna Marie Endris. Mrs. Endris and the drama club students spent many hours after school rehearsing and preparing for the big undertaking. In addition to learning the lines, the students danced, sang, and did a remarkable job on sound and lighting. It was also hard not to notice how detailed and impressive the set was! Mrs. Endris employed the help of her family, friends, and high school students to help build the set, and it looked fantastic!

The cast and crew for Beauty and the Beast included Dylan Whitfield (Beast), Vanessa Walker (Belle), Addyson Goodman (Lumiere), Lily Nale (Cogsworth), Daphne Stahl (Mrs. Potts), Brooklyn Knight (Chip), Clark Smith (Papa), Kaleigh Earhart (Gaston), Gabe Crady (LaFue), Micah Robinson (Prince and Wild Bill), Marina Hayworth-Snow (Narrator), Samantha Schlesener (Narrator and Howler), Alecs Hume (Beggar Woman and Book Seller), Triston Miller (Fang), Lexis Gilstrap (Baker and Foot-



stool), and Alyssa Montgomery (Townsperson).

Our technology integration specialist, Don Balentine, was a tremendous help with the lighting and sound. He was assisted by high school students, Payton Sparks and Jakob Hasenstab, and middle school student, Jarrod Sparrow. The entire cast and crew did an amazing job of recreating the magic of this Disney classic! There were a lot of little Musketeers in the audience, and it was so heartwarming to see them get excited about meeting Belle, Beast, and the rest of the cast as they lined up for pictures. We

are so proud of Mrs. Endris and the drama club for their hard work and their willingness to represent EWMS as outstanding role models!

- Ms. Sater, MS Principal

