

The Eagle's Nest

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Notes from the Principal:



It is with great enthusiasm that we begin to welcome our students and families back to school for the 2012-2013 school year, including all of our first graders and families new to our school. I know you will all agree with me that Emma K Doub is a fantastic place to send your child each day and it is my sincere hope that this is your child's best year yet.

I know that we all share the same hopes and dreams for the future of our students and are looking for ways to prepare them for the 21st century workplace. We have many exciting things happening at EKD this year that will help us achieve our goals.

- Every student in grades 3-5 and every student in our Magnet program will have his/her own iPad to use throughout their school day! This 1:1 iPad initiative is a huge step forward for our school and know that the use of these tools will help us individualize instruction, engage students, empower them in their learning. In addition, when all of the iPads arrive, our 1st & 2nd graders will access iPod Touches.
- Every classroom will have an interactive Promethean board this year. These boards provide interactivity, the ability to annotate over websites, create, customize and integrate text, images, quizzes and tests, web, video and audio content, and create seamless integration of the Internet into lessons. Each class also has an AppleTV which allows for students and teachers to wirelessly project their iPad screens from anywhere in the room.
- In-house broadcasting has been set up and morning announcements will now be broadcast from our new TV Studio and run by our 5th grade news crew.

This year we will begin our transition to the Common Core Curriculum with full implementation to take place in 2013-2014. To learn more about Maryland's adoption of the Common Core, visit:
<http://www.mdk12.org/instruction/commoncore/index.html>

Our school made good progress during the 2011-2012 school year. On MSA, our total math scores went up from 83% of students scoring Proficient or Advanced to 90.0% and our total reading scores went from 86% to 88.1%. We will continue to work to ensure that all of our students are reading on or above grade level standards and that we continue to close gaps in literacy, numeracy, and science.

EKD has received a \$20,000 grant from the federal government and University of Maryland to participate in the Maryland Writing Project. This grant will provide us with resources and staff development to improve writing instruction at Emma K Doub. Our goal will be to improve literacy through digital media and collaborative writing. We will share our progress with you throughout the school year and look forward to the opportunities this will afford our students.

As always, my door is always open and I welcome your feedback, suggestions, or questions. We thank you for sending us your children each day, smiling and ready to learn. We appreciate your support at home and truly believe that we are partners working together to ensure a successful future for your child/ren.

Open House & Reception

We have scheduled our first event of the year, our annual **Open House and Reception**. We hope that you will be able to join us to socialize and then get ready for the start of an exciting year ahead. Mark your calendars for **August 21st**:

4:00-4:30	Reception behind the school (weather dependent)
4:30-4:45	Principal/PTA Welcome via in-house broadcasting in classrooms
4:45-5:15	Rotation 1
5:15-5:35	Rotation 2

During our Open House, you will have the opportunity to tour our building, see your child's classroom, and learn more about our instructional program. The second rotation is available for parents who have more than one child attending our school. Parent conferences are scheduled for later this fall and will offer you the opportunity to speak personally with your child/ren's teacher in depth about your child. Encore teachers and specialists will be available from 4:00-5:35pm in their rooms if you wish to stop by to speak with them.



Arrival & Dismissal

We ask for your help in ensuring the safety of our children during arrival and dismissal each day.

Arrival :

- Front doors open at 7:50am. Until this time, all doors will remain locked.
- When students enter the school at 7:50am, they will go directly to their classrooms. For the first week, parents/guardians may accompany their child to his/her classroom.
- If your child needs to be dropped off before 7:50am, please contact the **YMCA Before & After School Day Care Program** (240.675.1049).
- Our instructional day begins promptly at 8:10am. After 8:10, students must report to the office with an adult where they will be checked in. Parents/guardians must scan their driver's license to sign in their child.
- School doors remain locked during the day for safety. To enter the front doors, please press the buzzer on the far left wall (gray box) and wait to be buzzed in.
- All visitors must report to the office to check in at the visitor computer station and receive a badge. You must present your driver's license or an official photo ID to be entered into the WCPS ID system.

Dismissal :

- Student dismissal begins at 2:40pm
- Enter the north parking lot (1st right after entering the school driveway) and form a single line. No vehicles may park along the red curb in front of the school during arrival/dismissal.
- Allow busses room to turn into the drive safely and ensure the safety of students boarding and exiting busses.
- Do not pass busses. Do not pull out to pass other cars waiting for students. We will make every effort to expedite drop-off/pick-up times for you.
- Remain in your vehicle. We will assist your child.
- 1st & 2nd grade students are picked up on the lower level front doors.
- 3-5th graders are picked up at the south end door on the upper level.
- Students will only be released to a designated adult on the Daily Dismissal List and recognized by staff.



Get To Know Our Staff

1st grade: Mrs. Milton, Mrs. Chambers

2nd grade: Mrs. Myers*, Mrs. Low, Mrs. Nicholson (Magnet)

3rd grade: Mrs. Baumgardner*, Ms. Riley, Mrs. Fochtman (Magnet)

4th grade: Mrs. Dell, Mr. Matthews*, Mrs. Wolfe (Magnet)

5th grade: Mr. Dulberger**, Mrs. Lingg (Magnet)

Special Education: Ms. Brittingham & Ms. Dickey**

Speech: Mrs. Miles** & Mrs. Bowers

Enrichment: Mrs. Hoyle

Lead Teacher: Mr. Orth**

ELL: Mrs. Stull and Ms. Miles**

Integrated Arts (Encore): Mrs. Barnhart (art), Mrs. Hurley(media), Ms. Rowland(music), Ms. Weddles(physical education)

Instrumental Music: Mrs. Winters and Mr. Moats**

Guidance Counselor: Mr. Funkhouser**

Special Ed Instructional Assistants: Mrs. Fitz** & Mrs. Layman

Custodians: Ms. Lushbaugh, Mr. Hamilton, & Mr. Naile

* designates a grade level change

** designates that the staff member is new to EKD

Class lists will be posted on the front door of the school on Thursday, August 9th at 4pm.

Get the news you need this year:

School events are posted on our **Google Family Calendar:**

<http://ekdschool.weebly.com/calendar.html>

Make sure Mrs. Shank has current phone numbers and email addresses for your family. Important reminders and newsletters are released via phone/email using **Alert Now**.



Maximize Summer Learning and Get Ready for Back To School

Help prevent learning loss over the summer months and get your child/ren ready for coming back to school with some of the following ideas:

- Visit the local library and check out some great books. Read together each day/evening.
- Keep a journal during family vacations or have your child write letters to a former teacher, principal, or family member.
- Ease anxiety by ensuring your child is registered for school, knows how s/he is getting to/from school each day, gather school supplies, and start talking together about all of the things s/he has to look forward to during the year ahead. It's important to start each year with a clean slate and a positive attitude.

