



# The Eagle's Nest



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## Notes from the Principal:



Great things are happening at Emma K Doub every day. We are so lucky to have such an amazing staff and the support of our families and community.

As you may have heard, MSDE has revised the way that schools are rated. In place of AYP (Annual Yearly Progress) which had every school working towards the same goal, schools are now rated against their own progress with the goal being to make at least a year's growth with every student and close achievement gaps. Schools are now being ranked in Strands from 1-5.

Strand for support, intervention and recognition	SPI Score 1.0 = Met all Targets	Indicator Score
Strand 1: Meets and exceeds academic standards for all students	SPI Score is 1.0 or greater	Meeting all 3 annual Indicator targets
Strand 2: Generally meeting or exceeding academic standards	SPI Score is greater than or equal to .9	Meeting 2 of 3 annual Indicator targets
Strand 3: Has needs for specific populations,	SPI Score is greater than or equal to 0.9	Meeting only one annual Indicator
Strand 4: Has needs that require differentiated change	SPI Score is greater than or equal to 0.9	Meeting no annual Indicator Targets (but generally only "nearly missing" all three)
Strand 5: Has serious needs that will require systemic services	SPI Score is less than 0.9	Meeting no annual Indicator Targets (but generally only "nearly missing" all three)

We are thrilled to share with you that EKD is currently rated a Strand 1 school for the growth we have made in the past year.

We thank all of you for your continued support at home. We truly believe that we are partners in the education of your child and look forward to continuing to move our school forward.

Achievement Contribution	Gap Reduction Contribution	Growth Contribution	Overall School Progress Index	Strand
0.317166	0.481943	0.336819	1.135928	1

For more information visit: <http://www.mdreportcard.org/SpiIndex.aspx?PV=14:0:21:0302:3>

## New Traffic Patterns Coming Soon

Please read over the attachment carefully regarding our new traffic patterns.

Over the course of the past year many parents and visitors have commented on issues related to our traffic patterns, particularly for car riders at the beginning and end of the day. We have listened to you and after consultations with our Maintenance Department, Transportation Department, and Safety and Security Office have repainted and added new signs to reroute car rider traffic to the back of the building.

We appreciate your patience as we transition to this new system. We hope that the changes save you time and are more convenient, especially for parents transporting between multiple schools.

Please remember that the back doors will only be open between the hours of 7:50am-8:10am. Staff will not be outside before or after that time and there is no doorbell in the back of the school. Students arriving late will need to continue to be walked into the front office and signed into school by a parent/guardian.

As always, your feedback and suggestions are welcome.



## What's new?

### Digital Writing at EKD

As we continue to learn and grow in a 1:1 iPad/iPod environment, we are focusing on improving our writing skills. Our students are growing in their communication skills every day. Students in all grades are composing, editing, and publishing their writing on My Big Campus. Check out our website, Facebook pages, and classroom sites for samples of the amazing digital media being created by students.

### MAP Testing

Round 2 of testing is underway and will continue through the month of January. We will share student reports with you once testing is complete.

**Mark your calendars** for Ms. Rowland's Winter Concert on January 31st at 7pm. We are excited to see our 4th and 5th graders on stage.

We also hope to see you at our **PTA Valentine's Day Family Dance** on Friday, February 15th.

