



The Eagle's Nest



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Notes from the Principal:

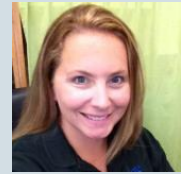


Not a day goes by that I don't think about how lucky we are to get to come to Emma K Doub Elementary to work or learn. Our teachers continue to create engaging, integrated 21st century lessons, use data to drive instructional decision making, and find ways to meet the individual needs of our students.

We have talked this month about the importance of building relationships with our students and hope that you feel that our school is a warm and welcoming place where we are all working together as a team to ensure your child/ren's success.

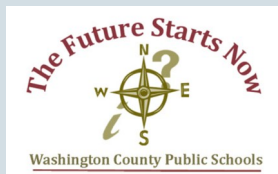
MSA has begun this week and will continue into next week. We want our students to put forth their best effort, persevere, and demonstrate on these assessments the growth that we are seeing in school each day. We thank you for your support at home and for ensuring that your child/ren get a good night's sleep so that they are ready to give their best at school each day. Thank you for all you do at home!

Good news to share! Mrs. Hurley, our Media Specialist, has been named Outstanding Technology Educator of the Year by the Maryland Society of Educational Technology. Mrs. Hurley will be recognized at the Common Ground Conference in Baltimore this April. If you see Mrs. Hurley, please congratulate her. Congratulations to Emma Weikert for winning this year's Home Show contest. We continue to wish our students participating in Battle of the Books good luck. We are so proud of all of you!



Please mark your calendar for March 13th from 5:30-9pm (you can come and go any time through the evening) for the WCPS College and Career Night at South High. This is a great event for parents and students of all ages to begin conversations about preparing for your child/ren's future. We hope to see you there.

Preregister by visiting: <http://wcpscollegeandcareer.weebly.com/>



Information about **summer learning opportunities** are coming home today. Please return your form letting us know if you are interested in having your child participate this coming summer. It is our hope that we can provide opportunities for both students not currently meeting grade level standards as well as those meeting or exceeding standards. As our building will be under construction for most of the summer, we are also trying to be creative and find ways to use technology to connect with students if possible.

2nd Grade Standards Based Report Card Pilot

As we move from the state curriculum to the Common Core Standards, WCPS is considering a shift to a more comprehensive, standards based report card. A draft version of this new report card is being piloted in 2nd grade in several schools in our county. 2nd grade families at EKD will have the opportunity to receive both the traditional WCPS report card at the end of the 4th marking period and as well as a standards based report card. Specific information will be sent to our 2nd grade families discussing this report card and requesting feedback at the end of the school year. We hope that this tool will be one that helps families better understand the strengths and needs of their child/ren as we continue to work to improve our educational program.

For more information about the benefits of standards based reporting, visit our school webpage at <http://ekdschool.weebly.com>.

What's new?

EKD is on Twitter!

Follow us on Twitter by searching for hashtag #emmakdoub



Art Gala - If you attended our Art Gala last year, you know how amazing this event is for our community. Our Magnet classes are organizing the event with every student in the school working on the artwork that will be sold/auctioned off to benefit the Humane Society. Please mark your calendar now for this fancy evening event on **May 8th**.

Student Writing Showcase— Join us the morning of **May 14th** to celebrate the amazing digital writing that our students have been doing all year. Parents and grandparents are invited to have breakfast with us at 7:50am for Parents & Pastries in the cafeteria to kick off our celebration. Families are then invited to classrooms to celebrate writing with their children. We can't wait to show you all that we have accomplished this year!

