



## Elizabethtown Area Middle School

### APRIL NEWSLETTER - 2018

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#### FROM THE DESK OF DR. FRANK...

**PSSA Testing:** PSSA testing will begin at EAMS on Tuesday, April 10th and continue through Wednesday, April 25th. All students will have three days of ELA testing, two days of Math testing, and eighth grade students only will end with two days of Science testing. The ELA and Math assessments will be administered between 7:45 and 9:45 and we will use a 2 Hour Delay Schedule between 9:45 and 2:40 so that students can still attend all of their classes each day. Because testing begins as soon as students arrive to school, please ensure that your child sleeps well the night before and eats breakfast the morning of testing.

**Thank you Families for Donating PSSA Snacks!:** We greatly appreciate the families who donated snacks and waters for students during testing. Each student will get a snack and water on the first day of ELA testing (4/10) and the first day of Math testing (4/17). Thanks for your support!

**PSSA Spirit Days:** Student Council will be organizing PSSA Spirit Days, so please encourage your child to participate! Red Day on Tuesday, April 10th (To get *Ready* for PSSA's), Jeans Day on Tuesday, April 17th (Because everyone is a *Genius*), and E-Town PSSA Pride Day on Thursday, April 26th (To show school spirit).

**Need More Information on the PSSAs?** Please check out the district website [etownschools.org](http://etownschools.org) under the heading "EASD Announcements" for a letter from Mr. Schwarzman, Assistant to the Superintendent, for more information on the importance of the PSSAs and answers to Frequently Asked Questions.

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#### Upcoming School Events

- April 10-12 – ELA PSSAs
- April 13 – Third Marking Period Grades Posted by this date
- April 17-18 – Math PSSAs
- April 24-25 – Assembly #2 Schedule - Grade 8 Science PSSAs
- April 25 – Assembly #2 Schedule - Grade 7 Bear Pride Assembly / FSP Mtg  
At 6 pm in MS Office
- April 26 – Assembly #1 Schedule – Grade 8 Bear Pride Assembly –  
Grade 7 Cyber Safety Presentation
- May 2 - Assembly #2 Schedule – MS Spring Play Assembly - Grade 8
- May 3 – Fourth Marking Period Mid-Term
- May 3 – Assembly #2 Schedule – MS Spring Play Assembly - Grade 7
- May 3, 4 – 7:00 p.m. – Middle School Spring Play - "Mary Poppins Jr."
- May 7-11 - Dodgeball Tournament during Flex
- May 11 - World Language Food Day
- May 11 – 7:00 p.m. – HS/MS Spring Orchestra Concert - HS Auditorium
- May 14 – 7:00 p.m. - MS Spring Band Concert - MS Auditorium
- May 16 – Assembly #2 Schedule - Spring Music Assembly
- May 21 – 7:00 p.m. - HS/MS Spring Choral Concert - HS Auditorium
- May 22, 23 – Keystone Exams
- May 25 – Early Dismissal – 11:23
- May 28 – No School – Memorial Day
- June 1 - Yearbook Distribution during Flex
- June 6 – Honors Programs – 9:00 (Grade 8), 1:15 (Grade 7)
- June 7 – Last Day of School – Early Dismissal – 11:23
- June 18 – Fourth Marking Period Grades Posted by this date

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**EAHS/EAMS Family Sessions Update:** Thanks to everyone who filled out our EAHS/EAMS Family Session Survey. The first family session will be held on **Wednesday, May 9th** and it will focus on highlights of Schoology and the Parent Portal. Two sessions will be offered: **Session 1** in the MS Conference Room from 12-1. Please enter through the MS Office. **Session 2** in the HS LGI from 6-7 pm. Please enter through the main HS doors. All parents or guardians that have students from grades 7-12 are invited to attend either session. Please complete this brief [R.S.V.P. form](#) by **Tuesday, May 1st** and reach out to [christa\\_raudenbush@etownschools.org](mailto:christa_raudenbush@etownschools.org) with any questions.

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### Counselor's Corner

#### **EAMS Student Recognition Program:**

In an effort to recognize more students for positive behavior and academic achievements, EAMS held a school wide reward at the end of March. Students who did not receive any disciplinary consequences and who had passing grades (65 or higher) in ALL of his/her current classes for the month of March received a raffle ticket! On March 28th, eligible students participated in a raffle for prizes during lunch, and winners walked away with a variety of prizes, from X-Box Gift Cards to Movie Tickets!

EAMS will continue to recognize students for positive behavior and academic achievement for the month of April. All 7th and 8th grade students will be eligible, and must meet the same criteria as the previous month. April's reward will be held at the end of the month and will be a Grade Level Open Gym/Social during Flex! Encourage your student to strive to meet the criteria necessary to participate in this school-wide event!

#### **WANTED: EAMS Mentors**

The counseling department is looking for current 7th grade students who are interested in serving as a peer mentor for the following 2018-2019 school year. As an 8th grade peer mentor, students will have the opportunity to assist with events such as 7th Grade Orientation for incoming Bear Creek students, Back to School Night, tutoring students during flex, building tours, and other activities that promote positive school culture and climate. If your student signs up to be an EAMS Mentor, he/she should be available on August 17th and/or August 20th for 7th Grade Open House at EAMS. Please contact Mrs. Chandra at ext. 31722 for further questions, and encourage your student to stop by the counseling office to sign up!

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### **Great Things Are Happening at EAMS!**

**Pictured: Positive Behavior Recognition Reward Winners for March! Congrats!**