



# Wildcat Purr



We, the learning community of Edison Bethune Charter Academy believe all children can learn. By receiving a world class education, all students will be academically prepared to compete globally.

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## Message from the Executive Director/Principal Mr. Garcia

It is the season to believe. Well can you all believe that we are at the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter and half way through this school year? It is amazing how fast time really flies when you are having fun. As we all get ready to take a long winter nap for the next three weeks, remember to be safe and stay healthy. All of us at Edison Bethune want to wish all our families are very merry holiday season. During this season of giving it is not about what you get or give, it is about making memories and sharing your love and peace with those love ones that surround you. May you all have a wonderful winter break and I know that you will all be eager to send back those smiling faces on Monday January 12, 2015. We will be here to greet them with a Happy New Year!

## Report Cards Go Home Friday, 12/19/14

You should all know that on Friday before our kids go home they will get their report in their hand. Make sure to ask for it or find it tucked in their backpack. For those students not in school that day they will be mailed home. Parent conferences will take place the week of January 20<sup>th</sup> through 23<sup>rd</sup>. Grades should not be a surprise to anyone. If they are, shame on you and shame on us! As a parent you are entitled to know all the academic grades of your students at all times. As teachers, we are obligated to inform you if your child is in danger of failing. I remember when my children were in school and they were no different than yours. I would ask, "Did you do your homework?" They would answer, "Yes, I did it in class." I would ask, "How are your grades?" They would answer, "Good." Then the report card would show up and to my surprise the grades at times fell short of "Good." When I asked, "Can you explain this D on your report card?" They would answer, "It's the teacher's fault because she doesn't like me." So, the morale of the story is being a proactive parent and stay informed about your child's grades in all subjects all quarter long.

## Mark Your Calendar



- 12/18/14 Board Meeting 5:30 in Library
- 12/22/14-1/9/15 Winter Break
- 1/12/15 First day back from winter break-Happy New Year
- 1/19/15 No School Holiday-Martin Luther King
- 1/20/15-1/23/15 Parent Conference Week
- 1/22/15 Board Meeting 5:30 in Library
- 2/9/15 Staff Development- No School

## Parent Education Classes

After listening to your input at the LCFF parent forums last year, we proudly brought a series of parent workshops to EBCA this year. I hope those of you that had to opportunity to attend the parent education classes have enjoyed the classes. We will have our final series of classes starting April 10, 2015 from 8:30 to 10:30 in the cafeteria. The topics for these workshops were arranged according to the questionnaire parents filled out in the fall. Parent involvement is a vital component to the success of any school. We have been fortunate to a great partnership with FCOE and look forward to continue to bring parent education classes in the future. We will send out a reminder as we get closer to April with the topics for the workshops. Stay involved your children are depending on you.

## Great Attendance Challenge

I want to extend my sincere gratitude to Mr. Solis for partnering EBCA with many organizations to sponsor our classes. Each class has a sponsor ready to reward the winning class. Each quarter we will calculate the class with the best attendance percentage for the quarter at each grade level. We then notify the winning sponsor and they reward the class with a celebration of their choice. I ask parents to continue to bring your children to school and on time. With the winter weather we note an increase in absences and tardiness. Please bring your child to school on time. It is a privilege to come to EBCA and all we ask for is good behavior and good attendance. Thank you to the many parents and grandparents that bring your child to school on time every day. Those students that are tardy to school will lose their lunch recess. Chronic tardy students may be required to attend Saturday school. If a tardy problem is not corrected then unfortunately, we will have to dismiss your child from EBCA and ask them to return to their school of residence. I am well aware that once in a while things happen out of our control and your child will be tardy or absent. I am more concerned of the chronic tardiness. The solution is simple get to school on time. The cafeteria is open at 7:20 for breakfast and music to line up is at 7:50. School starts at 7:55 with flag salute. Helps us out to teach your children a life lesson of being on time to their job.



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**EVERY FRIDAY IS EARLY RELEASE AT 2:10 PM. PLEASE PICK UP YOUR CHILDREN ON TIME-THANK YOU**

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