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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

Wildcat Families, just like that and 3 quarters of the year are behind us! The 4th quarter is always a busy time of year at EBCA. This year is no different. We are preparing for our third through sixth grade state testing. Our testing window is May 12th through May 29th. We ask you to make sure your children are in school and on time. 6th grade promotion will soon be upon us. The older I get the faster the years goes by. We have lots to do in a couple short months.

We want to thank the many families that are working hard to get their children to school on time. We are thankful for all your support with our Great Attendance Challenge. Our 32 community sponsors have been awesome. We are lucky to have such great support at EBCA. If you would like to be an EBCA Great Attendance Challenge sponsor please contact Marty Solis at 457-2530.

I ask for your continued support as we journey through the fourth quarter. Keep the Wildcat Pride alive to the end!

Spring Parent Conferences

We just wrapped up our 3rd round of parent conferences this year. I appreciate your involvement in the educational progress of your child. I encourage you to stay in close communication with your child's teachers. There is nothing worse than waiting too late to ask how your child is doing? At EBCA, we welcome your engagement in your child's education. So please do not hesitate to keep the lines of communication open as your children deserve it.

State Testing

We have been preparing our teachers and students in grades third through sixth to take the new state test during our testing window of May 12th through May 29th. We have invested money into upgrading our technology and purchasing chrome books so our students have state of the art equipment to take the test electronically.

The State has suspended the Academic Performance Index (API) indefinitely. They are working on a new system to measure academic performance. AT EBCA, we can proudly hold our head high on our 809 API that was achieved by our school. This year we should be getting students score but no school wide scores. I will keep you posted as I learn more on the direction the State will take to measure future achievement.

Mark Your Calendar

- 4/23 LCAP Update meeting for Stakeholders 8:00 am in Library presentation in Spanish
- 4/24 LCAP Update meeting for Stakeholders 8:00 am in Library presentation in English
- 4/30 Board Meeting 5:30 in Library
- 5/8 deficiency notice go home
- 5/12-5/29 State testing window Grades 3-6
- 5/25 Memorial Day Holiday
- 5/28 Board Meeting 5:30/ LCAP Public Hearing 5:45 in Library
- 6/11 Last day of school

SMART Gold Award

I am proud to inform you that EBCA was recently recognized by Fresno County Office of Education with yet another banner that is displayed in our office. Superintendent's Model Arts (SMART) Award for 2015-17 Gold Award was earned by about only 5 schools in all of Fresno County. Mrs. Penner, Mrs. Schellenberg, and Violin teachers deserved our applause for their effort. We are very proud of this accomplishment earned. It is nice to know that the fantastic broad educational experience we give students in the Arts is validated and recognized by the County Office of Education. EBCA is one of the best schools in Fresno County. This recognition belongs to the entire EBCA community. Job well done! When people ask you where you send your child to school? Say it loud and say it proud, Edison Bethune Charter Academy. Wildcat Pride!

Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Public Comment

To comply with the education code requirement and provide all our stakeholders an opportunity to give their input on our EBCA LCAP, we are providing an opportunity for public comment on our LCAP. We are in the process of doing our annual update of our LCAP. On our webpage at myebca.com you can find a link to our LCAP and a place to submit your public comment from 4/17/15 to 5/1/15. You can also come by the office to get a copy of our LCAP and submit your written comment to our office by 5/1/15. We plan to have a public hearing on 5/28/15 at our regular board meeting. We will then present the updated LCAP to the board for their approval at our June 25th meeting and submit to the county by July 1st to Fresno County Office of Education as required by law.



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

Integrity...Justice...Hope...Wisdom...Courage...Compassion...Responsibility...Respect...Pride