



### A Message from Our Principal

Happy New Year! I hope you had a wonderful holiday break. Now it is time to get back to work! The next five months are crucial to their education and future success. Thank you for supporting your child at home by making sure that homework is completed, reading with your child, and providing a quiet place to work. We offer several opportunities for parents to be involved at EV. Please see our calendar of events. I encourage you to set a resolution to attend our monthly PTSA meetings and upcoming family engagement nights. Working together, we can ensure your child's success! Let's go Hawks- 2022 will be the best year ever!

### SIGNATURE SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

At Estrella Vista, we are proud to be a STEM Academy! Each week, we will be spotlighting the different ways our EV Kids at Hope Engineers put STEM into action. This week, we highlight Ms. Vliek's STEM Class. They are learning about improving structural integrity using interconnected blocks.



#STEMSpotlight #STEMLearning #KidsAtHopeEngineers

### GRADE LEVEL HIGHLIGHTS

Students recently completed their mid-year district assessments for ELA and Math, and many teachers will use this data as a way to engage students in reflection on their learning through test talks and goal setting opportunities. This allows our students to celebrate where they are at while also striving for continued growth!

Have you checked your child's grades recently? Use ParentVUE at any time to see how your child is doing in their class! Call our front office if you need support logging in.

### TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION

#### Using Google Calendar To Help Your Student(s) Stay On Top Of Their School Work

Did you know that Google Calendar shows assignments when upcoming assignments are due in each class? This can help students learn to plan and prioritize their tasks in order to be successful. Have your student(s) go to [calendar.google.com](https://calendar.google.com) to start exploring!

### STUDENT AGENCY

#### Get help when you need it.

- You won't always know how to help your kid. Think about who could help fill in the gaps – look to family, friends, teachers, and others for help. Sometimes having another adult take over removes the tricky parent/kid homework battle dynamic and lets you go back to just being a parent.
- Communicate with the school about how things are going, leading with positives first. Everyone's doing their best, AND it's important for teachers to know what's working and not working for your kid so they can get the help they need.

### CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

We are moving into our third quarter of All Things E.Q., and students will start exploring weekly mottos around the quarterly focus, "Am I making an honest effort?" Be on the lookout for related family materials in your weekly emails!

### SAFETY

Safety is always our top priority. At school, we remind students that if they see something that does not align with our school rule, they should say something. No one has the right to interfere with the learning, safety, or wellbeing of others!

### MYD

#### Step 1

If a student's behavior interferes with the learning or safety of others, s/he will be asked to take a seat that faces away from the academic environment. For a short period, no more than five minutes, the student is given the opportunity to quietly think about his/her behavior. Students may have to remain on Step longer than five minutes if the teacher is engaged in an activity that cannot be interrupted.

If the student is able to verbalize his/her inappropriate behavior and indicates a willingness to behave appropriately, s/he returns to his/her seat. Students who choose to go to Step 1 repeatedly may be placed on a verbal contract with the teacher and remain on Step all period.

### PBL HIGHLIGHT

EVES students engage in project-based learning often. Just like last year, we plan to provide an opportunity for you to join in on the fun as well through a virtual STEM night with Ms. Vliek! Be on the lookout this semester for more information about this!

### UPCOMING DATES

- 01/3-01/7: 3rd-8th Achieve3000 Interims LevelSet
- 01/07: Report Cards Distribution
- 01/08: Governing Board Meeting – 6:00pm
- 01/13: LESD Spelling Bee
- 01/14: Staff in Service Day – No school
- 01/17: MLK Holiday – No school
- 01/19: PTSA Meeting – 6:00pm
- 01/24-01/28: National School Choice Week
- 01/26: PTSA Dollar Dress Down Day

