Panther Post

EDS News and Campus Life

March 27, 2023

All-School News

It's the Last Week to Nominate a Teacher for the 2023 Christie Owen Excellence in Teaching Award!

The Christie Owen Excellence in Teaching Award was created in May 2004 in honor of Mrs. Christie Owen, upon her retirement as Lower School Division Head. Each year this award is given to a teacher who particularly demonstrates those qualities that Mrs. Owen so valued and nurtured in her years at EDS.

Any member of the EDS community (faculty, staff, parent, grandparent, student, alumni, etc.) may nominate a teacher. In order to be eligible for the Christie Owen Excellence in Teaching Award, a faculty member must be in at least his/her third consecutive full year at EDS as a full-time teacher. Faculty members who have won the award within the past 5 years, as well as division heads and the head of school, are not eligible. Eligible faculty members are listed in the drop-down menu on question #2 of the form.

Please submit nominations via the link below by this Thursday, March 30, 2023.

Submit Your Nomination Here.

Masters Break and Happy Easter

EDS will be closed April 3-10 for Masters Week. Classes will resume on Tuesday, April 11. We wish our community a safe and relaxing week off, and a very Happy Easter!

6th and 7th Grade Students Visit Lake Forest Hills Elementary with STEAM Presentations

Our middle school students were excited to partner with Lake Forest Hills Elementary by volunteering at their STEAM Day. EDS students shared their STEAM Night presentations with LFH students during this fantastic event! We were excited to join teams with parents, teachers, and community partners during this fun day of learning.

Click here for photos.

Grandparents & Grandfriends Day Invitations

We are planning an exciting and revamped version of our annual Grandparents & Grandfriends Day, held at the Walton Way campus on **Friday, April 28 from 8:00 - 11:00 A.M.** More details will be forthcoming and we encourage all parents to invite a grandparent or special friend to attend this day with their child(ren).

Invitations are being mailed this week to all grandparents in our database, including recent additions or notes that were sent to Amanda Chambers last week. We will have a stack of invitations and blank envelopes in the Front Office for parents to take and mail on their own if needed.

This event is for all students at EDS, from Young Threes (our newly named “Panther Cubs”) to 7th grade, including Nature School. 8th grade students are exempt from school on this day, as they had their Grandparents Day in the fall. Parents may join this event as needed for assistance or if their child’s special guest is unable to attend. Nature School will have Grandparents Day at the Walton Way campus.

All students will be dismissed early with their guest(s) by 11:00 A.M.
After care will not be available on April 28.

Annual Fund Update

Thank you to everyone who has made an Annual Fund gift - the RED is filling in!

7th grade is still leading the way with 69% - only six more annual fund gifts needed til they reach 100%!

Please note that if you have more than one child at EDS, your gift is automatically credited to each child's class. No need to make multiple gifts or installments.

I know many families are frantically prepping their house for Masters and thinking ahead to spring break, but if you can take two minutes and click **HERE** to make an Annual Fund gift or drop a check off in the front office, we can fill in the RED and start celebrating when school starts back.

Please contact **Ginger Chew** with any questions, and thank you for all you do to support EDS!

Flowing Wells Remote Gate Access

We can now remotely control the opening of the gate at Flowing Wells Campus from the reception desk at the school. This will allow us to keep the gate closed more frequently for security and to allow parents to enter the campus for drop-offs and pickups during the day and during athletic practices. If you need access to the Flowing Wells campus, please call the school's main number (706-733-1192) and let Walt, Alisa, or Julie know who you are and why you need to enter.

Early Bird Registration Discount for Summer @ EDS Ends Friday!

Click here for Summer @ EDS flyer.

Dates, weekly themes, pricing, and speciality camps have been posted for Summer @ EDS on **www.EDSAugusta.com/Summer** and early registration is open!

For questions, please contact **Amy Kendrick.**

Early Birds and After Care Survey

We are in the process of evaluating and improving our Early Birds and After School programs.
We value the input of all EDS parents as we seek ways to revitalize our programming and improve your family's experience.

Click here to complete the survey.

In Case You Missed It

All-School News From Past Issues

Save the Date
20th Annual
EDS Spring Golf Classic
Presented by Southeastern Real Estate
Wednesday, May 10th • 12 noon • Forest Hills Golf Club

Tournament proceeds benefit the EDS Booster Club. Sponsorship opportunities and team registration information can be found **HERE**.

For additional information please contact **Ginger Chew** or any tournament committee members: Chris Senn, Robert Bovard, Wilson Allgood, Davis Beman, Mark Doyle, Gould Hagler, Jane Marie Kinsey, Chan O'Dell and Kirby Yawn.

SST Process at EDS

In an increased effort to support the well-being and achievement of the whole child, EDS has established the Student Support Team. Our Student Support Team (SST) includes caregivers, the Division Head, the classroom teacher, the Learning Specialist (Gilchrist Phillips), the school counselor (Alyssa Johnson), and occasionally the Dean of Students (Ty Jenkins). Its purpose is to explore ways to better support individual students and promote their academic, social, and emotional success.

The problem-solving expertise of the SST is for the benefit of the entire school. Any unresolved concern impeding the learning process may be referred to the SST by a teacher, administrator, or caregiver. A collaborative process is used to generate recommendations for addressing concerns. These recommendations may identify resources for additional services or be provided to the student's teachers for accommodations in the classroom. At EDS, our goal is for all students to feel cared for and well-served. Through the SST process, we are committed to serving the needs of all children and families in our community.

For questions about the SST process, please contact **Amy Tomblinson** or **Anne Andrews**.

Zaxby's Added to Schoolhouse Fare Menu in April

Note weekly date changes for some vendors.

We will offer lunch options from Zaxby's beginning April 14. **Click here** to create your Schoolhouse Fare order. See below for our weekly lunch options in April.

Monday- Jason's Deli (April 17), McAlister's Deli (April 24)
Tuesday- Subway & Papa Johns
Wednesday- Jersey Mike's (April 12), Barberitos (April 19), Sucheros (April 26)
Thursday- Village Deli (April 13 & 27), Cheeseburger Bobby's (April 20)
Friday- Zaxby's

Calendar Notes

We have made a few changes to the **23-24 At-a-Glance Calendar**:

Monday, October 23 is a teacher workday.
Friday, October 27 is a regular school day.

Saturday, October 28 is Fall Festival.
No classes on Friday, November 10.

Please also note the current **22-23 Calendar**, which includes early dismissal on April 28 for Grandparents Day.

Pre-Order Your 2022-23 Yearbook

Don't forget to order your 22-23 yearbook in advance. Yearbooks are on sale now for $55 each and can be personalized for your child for an extra fee. To include our end of the year celebrations, EDS yearbooks will arrive in fall of 2023. Pre-ordered books will be distributed to students and a limited number of extra copies will be available for purchase on a first come, first served basis in the Front Office. For questions about yearbooks, please contact **Amanda Chambers**.

Click here to purchase a yearbook.

New EDS Apparel - Spring Athletics, Nature School, & Spiritwear

Click this link for our current offerings and continue to check as we add new items in the future. Deliveries are made to the front office every other Wednesday. Parents will be notified of their delivery date via email.

Win $100 for the EDS Online Store!

Congratulations to Lisa Lesak, who won our February drawing!

Help us reach more families through social media! The following interactions with our EDS Facebook and Instagram accounts will be entered to win a $100 gift certificate to our **online apparel store** at the end of each month.

One Entry:

Comment on Instagram and Facebook posts
Share Facebook posts
Share Instagram posts to stories (make sure to tag us so we can see the post if your profile is private!)
Tag your own stories with @edsaugusta on Instagram

Two Entries:

Post an online review to Google or Facebook

Save the Date

EDS Daddy-Daughter Dance
Sunday, April 30 • 5:00 - 7:00 P.M., Flowing Wells Campus

Alumni News

Class of 2019 Alumni Chapel

It was wonderful to have our Class of 2019 (current high school seniors) on campus last Friday. This bright group was honored at Alumni Chapel and each student shared a reflection from their time at EDS. After chapel, students gathered in the Parish Hall for a reception and then visited campus to tour the States Fair and greet former teachers. We wish the Class of 2019 all the best in their future endeavors!

Click here for photos.

Congratulations to EDS alumna and current parent, Laurie Vera ‘00! She is the recipient of the Matt Miklas Adapted Program Award which recognizes adapted program volunteers with gratitude for exemplary service to The Family YMCA Camp Lakeside.

Preschool

Class Placement Letter

Ms. Tomblinson sent a letter to preschool and lower school families regarding class placement requests for the 2023-24 school year. Please review the letter below and email Ms. Tomblinson as needed by May 1.

Class Placement Letter

PK EDS 500

Prekindergarten classes zoomed around the courtyard last week for the annual EDS 500! Their crafted vehicles were amazing and we loved the various modes of transportation. Great job, students!

Click here for photos.

Threes Rider Toy Day

Beep! Beep! Threes Rider Toy Day is always such fun! Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Spruill's classes enjoyed a morning riding in the parking lot with toys from home.

Click here for photos.

Training for Preschool and Lower School Classroom Volunteers

If you are interested in volunteering but have not had a chance to complete the background check and the online training (Safe Church, Safe Communities) please plan to do so. Once you have completed these two steps, you will be invited to the next scheduled training.
Thank you for your interest in supporting our faculty and staff as they carry out the mission of our EDS community!

Classroom Volunteer Information

Lower School

Mark Your Calendars for Kindergarten - 4th Grade Portfolio Days
Parents and Special Guests Invited

Wednesday, May 10
2nd Grade, 9:00-9:30 A.M., Churchyard
4th Grade, 9:30-10:00 A.M., Churchyard

Thursday, May 11
Kindergarten, 1:30-2:00 P.M., Churchyard
Nature Kindergarten, 1:30-3:00 P.M., Nature School (Includes Bridge Crossing Ceremony)

Friday, May 12
3rd Grade, 1:30-2:00 P.M., Churchyard
1st Grade, 2:00-2:30 P.M., Churchyard

4th Grade States Fair

4th Grade students impressed us with their enthusiasm and knowledge during Friday's States Fair in the Gym. This year's States Fair included many new additions, including a Birds of the United States ceramic installation, photo booth, and artwork on display!

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Lower School Conference Day and Olympic Day - May 4 and 5

Thursday, May 4th is conference day for lower school families only. Childcare will be provided on a drop-in basis (20 min.) for children whose families are attending a scheduled conference with their teacher(s). There will be no aftercare provided on May 4 for lower school students.

In addition, May 5 is lower school Olympic Day and lower school students will be dismissed at noon. There is no aftercare available on the afternoon of May 5 for lower school students.

After care will be available as regularly scheduled for preschool and middle school students on May 4 and 5.

Cheerleading Tryouts and Summer Camp

For Current 4th Grade Students (Rising 5th Grade)

Attention all current 4th - 7th grade students who are interested in fall football cheerleading for 2023-24! Stop by the cheerleading table on May 1 in the cafeteria to meet coaches and sign up for tryouts. A cheer and dance will be emailed to you for tryouts, which will be on May 8 and 9, from 3:00 - 5:00 P.M. in the gym. Please also mark your calendars for our summer camp at Great Wolf Lodge on July 27 - 30.

For questions, please contact **Sara Yawn**.

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Middle School

Third Quarter Honor Roll Announced

Congratulations to these middle school students who achieved Honor Roll for the past quarter!

Click here to view the list.

Middle School Minders • 3.20.23

This Week 3/27/23
Morning Carpool Duty: Marlin Advisory
Morning Prayers and Chapel: Mundell Advisory
Acolytes: Cullen, Mekhi, Anne Ross, Connor, Jaden, Hastings
Readers: Darby, Virginia
FWC: 3/29 7th grade
3/30 8th Grade Class Group Photo; chapel dress + navy blazer for boys

Next Week 4/3–4/10
Masters Week Break; classes resume Tuesday, 4/11

Week of 4/11–4/14

Morning Carpool Duty: Josey
Morning Prayers and Chapel (Easter Eucharist): McGill Advisory
Acolytes: Charles, Wyatt, Kate, Benji, Andrew, Kelly Jane
FWC: 4/12 7th grade
4/13 High School Admissions Fair

On the Horizon

4/17–21 ERB testing
4/21 8th grade Kite Day with Kindergarten at FWC
4/26 Musical Matinee 10:00 A.M.
4/27 5th Grade Musical 7:00 P.M.
4/28 Preschool - 7th Grade Grandparents and Grandfriends Day (11:00 dismissal)

8th Grade Notes

8th Grade Class Photo - This Thursday, March 30 (After Chapel)

Our Class of 2023 will have their class photo taken on Thursday, March 30 following Chapel. Students should wear chapel attire and boys should wear navy blue blazers on that day.

8th Grade Slideshow Pictures

Submit by this Friday, March 31

Three photos (1 preschool age, 1 lower school age, 1 middle school age) should be dropped in the front office or emailed to Susan Huff at shuff@edsaugusta.com **by March 31, 2023**. In addition to your individual photos, group photos from school events are also welcome.

Create Your 8th Grade Recognition Ad Online Today

Completed Ads Due April 30

8th grade parents and grandparents may now purchase and design yearbook recognition ads online **here**. Completed ads are due by Sunday, April 30. Ads will not be accepted after this date. Please contact **Amanda Chambers** for questions regarding recognition ads.

Recognition Ad Pricing: Full Page $200, ½ Page $125, ¼ Page $85, ⅛ Page $50

5th Grade Visits Phinizy Swamp

5th grade visited Phinizy Swamp to learn about the water cycle and the different pathways water can take as it travels through the environment on a global scale. They observed the way water travels through a local watershed and discussed the pollutants that can be picked up, carried away, and end up in our sources of drinking water. Students were given three options of "well water" that they observed and decided which they would drink from. They tested the pH level of all three water samples to determine which would be the safest to drink and why.

Click here for photos.

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Chapel

Tuesday, 3.28.23 • 8:30 A.M.
Acolytes: Alanna E., John Hudson K., William K., Wilson M., Jett N.
Song Leaders: 1A Jackson, Bash, Rosemary 1B Loren, Sydney
Chapel Birthdays: John H., Tefft N., Jasmine Y.

Wednesday, 3.29.23 • 8:30 A.M.
Acolytes: Jack E., Madelyn G., Crighton T., Kate W., Hardy D., Emerson Rae D.
Song Leaders: 4A: Kenava, Hardy, Emerson Rae, Christopher, Apple, Clay; 4B: Sophia, William, Bates, Nash, Gentry, Eadie
Reader: Bates F.
Prayers: William D.

Thursday, 3.30.23 • 8:20 A.M.
Acolytes: Cullen R., Mekhi Q., Anne Ross R., Connor S., Jaden W., Hastings B.
Readers: Darby, Virginia

Birthdays: Jaden W.

Parents and special guests are always invited to attend chapel.
If attending, please sit in the reserved pews to the right of the altar.

Athletics

Please go to edspanthers.com for this week's athletic schedule.

Go Panthers!