Panther Post

EDS News and Campus Life

April 24, 2023

All-School News

Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events as we look forward to the last weeks of school!

Wednesday, April 26 - 5th Grade Musical Matinee
10:00 A.M. (**Purchase tickets here**)
Thursday, April 27 - 5th Grade Musical Evening Performance
7:00 P.M. (**Purchase tickets**)
Friday, April 28 - All-School Grandparents Day
(No school for 8th grade) 8:00 - 11:00 A.M.
(No after care available; All students signed out with grandparent/friend by 11:00 A.M.)

Monday May 1 - Friday, May 5 - Spring Spirit Week
(Monday-College Day, Tuesday-Blue Out, Wednesday-Squad Day, Thursday-May the Fourth Be With You, Friday-Fun in the Sun) (**Click here for flyer**)
Tuesday, May 2
PK Music Program, 9:00 A.M., Gym
Parade of Athletes, 2:15 P.M., Courtyard
Wednesday, May 3 - Walkthrough Wednesday
8:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M., *Tell a friend!*
Thursday, May 4 - Lower School Conference Day
Friday, May 5 - Lower School Olympic Day
7:45 - 11:30 A.M.
(Lower School Only - Drop Off at Flowing Wells, Early Dismissal at 11:30 A.M.)

Tuesday, May 9 - Threes Music Program
9:00 A.M., Gym
Wednesday, May 10
2nd Grade Portfolio Viewing, 9:00 A.M., Churchyard
4th Grade Viewing, 9:30 A.M., Churchyard
Golf Tournament, 12:00 P.M., Forest Hills Golf Club
Thursday, May 11
8th Grade Eucharist, 8:20 A.M., Church of the Good Shepherd
Kindergarten Portfolio Viewing (K1), 1:30 P.M., Churchyard
Nature Kindergarten Portfolio Viewing, 1:30 P.M., Nature School
Athletic Awards Night, 6:00 P.M., Gym
Friday, May 12

4-8 Awards, 8th Grade Graduate Recognition, 8:30 A.M., Gym
3rd Grade Portfolio Viewing, 1:30 P.M., Churchyard
1st Grade Portfolio Viewing, 2:00 P.M., Churchyard

Monday, May 15
Middle School Exam Day, *(Dismissal after exams for 8th Grade Only)*
Tuesday, May 16 - Thursday, May 18
Middle School Exams, 11:30 A.M. Dismissal *(Middle School Only)*
Thursday, May 18- Last Day of Classes
All-School Closing Convocation, 8:30 A.M., Reid Presbyterian Church
Retiree Reception, 9:30 - 10:30 A.M., COGS Lychgate
Middle School Exams
All-School Early Dismissal, 11:00-11:30 A.M. *(More details to come)*
Friday, May 19
Kindergarten Moving Up, 8:30 A.M., Church of the Good Shepherd
(Enter raffle for front row seats here)
8th Grade Graduation, 10:30 A.M., Church of the Good Shepherd
(Enter raffle for front row seats here)

Spring Spirit Week Next Week!
Monday May 1 - Friday, May 5
Monday - College Day
Tuesday - Blue Out
Wednesday - Squad Day
(Dress according to class choice - will be communicated by homeroom teachers or advisor)
Thursday - May the Fourth Be With You *(Star Wars theme)*
Friday - Fun in the Sun

Click here for flyer

Sign Up for Lower School Parent/Teacher Conference Day

Thursday, May 4, 2023

There will be no classes for Lower School students on this day. Drop in childcare only during conference time.

Click here for sign up instructions.

The 5th Grade Musical is This Week!

Purchase Your 5th Grade Musical Tickets in Advance Today

Tickets are on sale for this year's 5th grade musical, *A Year with Frog and Toad – Kids.* There will be two performances: a matinee on Wednesday, April 26th at 10:00 A.M. and an evening performance on Thursday, April 27th at 7:00 P.M.

Seats are limited!

Fifth grade parents may purchase up to six tickets in the **reserved** section for the Thursday evening performance. Seating in the reserved section is assigned by a seating lottery. If you require more tickets, you may purchase extra general admission seating.

All EDS students will attend the Wednesday matinee performance for free. Therefore, adult seating for the matinee performance is limited.

All tickets for the matinee and the evening performance are $7.00.

Click here to purchase your tickets online.

Tickets may be purchased in advance in the Front Office using cash or check (made payable to EDS with "Musical Tickets" in memo line).

Tickets will not be sold at the door.

Grandparents & Grandfriends Day Program and Activities

We are excited for our annual Grandparents & Grandfriends Day, held at the Walton Way campus **this Friday, April 28 from 8:00 - 11:00 A.M.** We encourage all parents to invite a grandparent or special friend to attend this day with their child(ren).

Invitations were mailed to all grandparents in our database, including recent additions or notes that were sent to Amanda Chambers. We have a stack of invitations and blank envelopes in the Front Office for parents to take and mail or deliver 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.

Schedule of Events

8:00-9:00 A.M. - Coffee in the Courtyard
9:00 - 9:30 A.M. - Welcome Program in the Gym
9:40 - 10:00 A.M. - Classroom Visits Begin

(Grandparents should visit the class of their oldest child first)
10:00 - 11:00 A.M. - Interactive activities throughout campus

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Kindergarten and 7th-8th Grade Kite Day

Kindergarten, Nature Kindergarten, and our 7th-8th grade students enjoyed a wonderful “Kite Day” on the Flowing Wells Campus last Friday. After a cookout lunch provided by Dr. and Mrs. Perkinson, older and younger students were paired up and worked in groups to design, construct, and fly their own kites! Many thanks to Rev. and Mrs. Jenkins for organizing this event, and to Mr. Gardner, who led a fun STEAM activity.

Click here for Kite Day photos.

Order School Supplies for 2023-24 Today!

School supplies sets through School Tool Box are available now through June 11.
Save time and support the EDS Parent Association by ordering in advance.

Click here to place your school supplies order.

We’re Rolling Out the Red Carpet for the
EDS Daddy-Daughter Dance
This Sunday, April 30 • Flowing Wells Campus
Threes - 3rd Grade: 5:00 - 6:00 P.M.
4th - 8th Grade: 6:00 - 7:00 P.M.

$40/Daddy-Daughter Couple
$10/each additional daughter
If Dad isn’t available, another guest is welcome!

Light refreshments provided.
Proceeds benefit the EDS Cheerleaders.

Please make checks payable to EDS and write “DD Dance” in the memo line.

Payments may be left in the Front Office ahead of time, or you may pay at the door (exact cash or check only).

RSVP to **Angela Hynds**.
Click here for flyer.

In Case You Missed It

All-School News From Past Issues

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**.

RECTEQ Raffle

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Support the EDS Booster Club today by purchasing a raffle ticket to win a RECTEQ RT-590 Wood Pellet Grill valued at $900! Tickets are 1 for $25 or 5 for $100. Drawing will be held at the Golf Classic on Wednesday, May 10th - you do not have to be present to win!

Click here to purchase raffle tickets.

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

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.

Register for Summer @ EDS Today!

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 **Karli Babylon Murray**.

EDS Apparel - Spring Athletics, Nature School, & Spiritwear
NEW! Dancing Pawl T-Shirts!

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!

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.

Congratulations to our March drawing winner – Katie Gullette!

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

Preschool

Morning Drop Off Reminder

Please arrive in time to be finished with morning carpool no later than 8:10 A.M. Our staff would like to remain outdoors and assist with late arrivals, but they have duties within the school beginning at 8:10 and need to head inside at that time. Thank you for your understanding.

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

Lower School

Enter the Raffle for Front Row Seats at Kindergarten Moving Up

Kindergarten and Nature Kindergarten families, **click here** to purchase your raffle tickets and win up to 6 front row seats to the Moving Up ceremony! Other seats will be assigned by lottery and will be communicated by Division Head. Raffle tickets are $20/each and proceeds benefit the EDS Parent Association. The drawing for the raffle will occur on May 5.

Sign Up for Lower School Parent/Teacher Conference Day

Thursday, May 4, 2023

There will be no classes for Lower School students on this day. Drop in childcare only.

[Click here for sign up instructions.]

Lower School Olympic Day • Friday, May 5
7:45 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.
Flowing Wells Campus • 1337 Flowing Wells Road

All Lower School students (K-4) will participate!

Important to Know

All students should be dropped off between 7:45 A.M. and 8:00 A.M. at our Flowing Wells Campus. Please enter using the main gate and follow the directions for drop-off by the pavilion.

If you want to stay for Olympic Day, please **drop off your child first** and proceed to the parking lot. If you do not stay, please plan to pick up your children at the Flowing Wells Campus pavilion at 11:30 A.M.

May 5th is a **half day** for all Lower School students. Aftercare will not be available for Lower School students on that day.

There is no transportation to or from the Walton Way Campus on May 5.

What To Wear

- athletic clothing that can get dirty and wet
- tennis shoes with closed toes (no Crocs or sandals)
- hat

What to Bring

- sunscreen (please apply the first layer of sunscreen at home)
- water bottle
- sunglasses (optional)

Spectators and Seating

- Families are welcome and encouraged to attend and cheer on the participants!
- Folding chairs are recommended as there is no seating other than the ground.

If you have any questions, please contact our wonderful parent volunteers who are in charge of this event:

Megan Murphy - meganmccordmurphy@gmail.com
Elizabeth Morgan - esmorgan@gmail.com

4th Grade Trip to Rock Eagle

Fourth graders enjoyed their trip to Rock Eagle! They canoed on the lake, used nets to catch vertebrates and invertebrates, had close-ups with snakes and turtles, and participated in several classes related to Interdependence in Ecosystems, their Flowing Wells theme. Our grade level trips provide meaningful experiential learning opportunities along with memories that will last a lifetime!

Click here for Rock Eagle photos.

Kindergarten's "Musical Passport to the World"

Kindergarten and Nature Kindergarten wowed us all with their beautiful songs from across the globe during last week's musical performance.

Click here for Kindergarten Musical photos.
Click here for Kindergarten Musical recording.

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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**.

Middle School

Enter the Raffle for Front Row Seats at 8th Grade Graduation

8th grade families, **click here** to purchase your raffle tickets and win up to 6 front row seats to graduation! Other seats will be assigned by lottery and will be communicated by Division Head. Raffle tickets are $20/each and proceeds benefit the EDS Parent Association.
The drawing for the raffle will occur on May 5.

Middle School Minders • 4.24.23

Please log into BigSIS after 3:00 P.M. today to access your child's 4th quarter mid-quarter progress report.

This Week 4/24/23

Morning Carpool Duty: Garrett Wilson Advisory
Morning Prayers and Chapel: Summers Advisory
Acolytes: Fisher, Tucker, Hamp, Brooks, Richard
Readers: MJ, Forrest
FWC 7th will not go to FWC this week
Musical Matinee 4/26, 10:00 A.M.
Musical Evening Performance 4/27, 7:00 P.M.
Grandparent & Grandfriend Day (no school for 8th grade)
8th-Grade 4/25 Baseball Recognition, 4:20 P.M.

Week of 5/1/23

5/1–5/5 Spring Spirit Week:

(Monday-College Day, Tuesday-Blue Out, Wednesday-Squad Day, Thursday-May the Fourth Be With You, Friday-Fun in the Sun)
Morning Carpool Duty: McKibben Advisory
Morning Prayers and Chapel: Chambers Advisory
Acolytes: Porter, Spence, Harry, Wiley, Julian, James
FWC: 6th grade 5/2; 5th grade 5/3

On the Horizon
5/11 8th Grade Eucharist, 8:20 A.M.
5/11 Athletic Awards Night, 6:00 P.M.
5/12 4th-8th Grade Recognition & 8th Grade Honors, 8:30 A.M.
5/15 1st exam day grades 5-8; dismissal after exam for 8th grade only; 5th-7th grade 3:00 P.M. dismissal
5/16–5/18 MS exams; 11:30 A.M. dismissal (middle school only)
5/18 Closing Convocation, 8:30 A.M.; chapel dress for all
5/18 All school dismissal last day of school: 11:30 A.M.
5/19 8th Grade Graduation, 10:30 A.M.

8th Grade Notes

8th Grade Slideshow Pictures
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** **ASAP**. 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

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Chapel

Tuesday, 4.25.23 • 8:30 A.M.
Preschool - 1st Grade
Acolytes: Eloise R., Henry R., Alice O., Lewis W., Mary Crosby W., Jack N.
Song Leaders: 1A: Alice, Jack, Coen; 1B: Kate, Jett, Thomas AND Threes Smith
Chapel Birthdays: Elsie W., Jasmine Y., Parm P., Elizabeth H.

Wednesday, 4.26.23 • 8:30 A.M.
2nd - 4th Grade
Acolytes: Avery H., Bobby B., Ramsey B., Amelia S., Clara N.
Readers: Scripture: Bridges T.; Prayers: Tyree S.
Song Leaders: 2nd grade Canjos AND 3A: Dylan, Lucy, Riley Kate; 3B:Kate, Ava, Harrison
Chapel Birthdays: Ellis W.

Thursday, 4.27.23 • 8:20 A.M.
5th - 8th Grade
Acolytes: Fisher B., Tucker B., Hamp H., Brooks J., Richard M.
Readers: MJ, Forrest
Chapel Birthdays: Benjamin S.

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.

Spring 2023 8th Grade Student-Athlete Recognition - Baseball

The Athletic Department and the EDS Boosters recognize all 8th grade athletes from the current season at a home game. On Tuesday, April 25 the 8th graders in baseball will have their recognition ceremony before the game at 4:30 P.M.

April 25 – Baseball

- The ceremony begins at 4:30 P.M.
- Please arrive at 4:00 P.M. to get everyone lined up.
- We ask that 8th grade parents accompany their athlete on the field facing the 3rd base side between home plate and the 3rd base side dugout.
- All athletes should be in their game jerseys.

Please RSVP to Mr. Cohen with the athlete's name and the number of guests accompanying. The EDS Boosters will cover your cost of entry if you are not already a member. Families of 8th graders will not be charged admission.

*If you are not able to attend, please let us know as we will have a coach stand-in for those athletes.

We are excited to be able to recognize our student-athletes and their families and hope that you can join us.

Spring Football Practices for Current and Rising Middle School

Dear EDS current and rising middle school parents and students,

The tradition continues for the EDS Athletic Department and our football program as we prepare for the 2023-24 athletic year. EDS will host spring football practice for anyone interested in playing football for the Panthers this coming fall season. We will hold practice over two weeks.

- Week 1: May 22 - 25
- Week 2: May 30 - June 1
- Practice is from 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.
- May 22: Practice will be on the Walton Way Campus
- All other practices will be on the Flowing Wells Campus - unless notified by Coach Josey

Spring practice will involve NO CONTACT. Players will only wear helmets and begin to learn the drills and skills needed for the fall season.

Below is a link to a form that will help us know who is going to attend the spring practice(s). Please complete the form even if you cannot attend the practices, but plan on playing football. This will help us understand our numbers for the fall season.

We acknowledge that injuries are a big concern with football and we take every precaution to keep our players safe. Coaches Josey and Ammons are both USA Football Heads-Up Tackling Certified and Certified by Atavus Tackling. We cannot promise that any student-athlete will not experience an injury, but we do everything we can to teach them the correct way to play and tackle. Our team is composed of 5th through 8th graders. Playing time is determined by many factors, including player size, skill, and opposing team.

If interested, even to try it out for spring, please sign up using the link below. Information for summer workouts will be delivered during the spring practices.

Football Form Link

Go Panthers!