

Excel Academy Eagle Update

September 8, 2023

UPDATES FROM THE OFFICE

Dear Eagle Families,

Explorations Program Begins!



We are excited to start our Explorations program again Wednesday, September 13 from 2:35 - 3:20. This enriching program allows students in 2nd through 8th grade to choose topics they are interested in learning about, and work within multi-age classrooms once a week, taking the learning in the direction they choose. Topics were chosen from student suggestions that they gave during their Exploration Reflection in the spring.

Explorations is a concept based off of Renzulli's theories of gifted education and spans over nine weeks. The culmination of these exploration time periods is the Exploration Expo which is scheduled for November 15 from 1:30 - 3:20pm. More info to come at a later date.

This year our kindergarten and 1st grade students will spend Explorations time exploring the PETS (Primary Education Thinking Skills) program, which will support our youngest scholars in developing and practicing analytical and problem-solving strategies. Our K/1 students will remain within their homerooms for PETS Explorations.

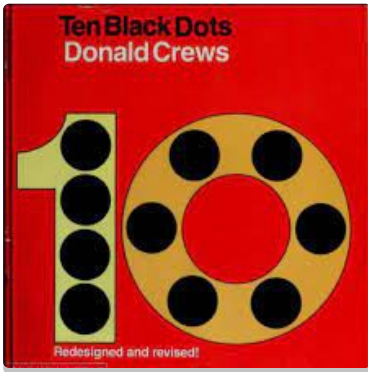
In Partnership,
Shelley Smith
Enrichment Coordinator



Order: Student Pictures

It's not too late! Individual Student Pictures were taken on September 7th. You can order pictures up until Sunday, September 10 at midnight.

Click [HERE](#) to order your pictures.



Looking for Books to Borrow

Our K/1 teachers are in need of two specific book titles for our upcoming Explorations program. If you have either of these titles that we could borrow, we would greatly appreciate it! Please send books in to the attention of Shelley Smith and make sure your book is labeled so we can get it back to you. Thanks in advance!

Books Needed:

[Curious George's ABC's](#) by H.A. Rey

[Ten Black Dots](#) by Donald Crews

September Lunch & Breakfast Order Forms

STARTING NEXT WEEK, LINKS FOR ORDERING WILL BE FOUND ONLY IN THE HELPFUL LINKS & RESOURCES SECTION AT THE BOTTOM OF THE EAGLE UPDATE.



Excel Academy must PRE-ORDER one week in advance of the delivery week, so it is very important to pre-order before our cut off, which is the Monday before the week of delivery.

We recommend ordering the whole month at once, however, if you prefer to order each week, you must place your orders one week before. I know this can be confusing to some, so an example would be, if you only want to order breakfast for your kiddos(s) the week of September 18th, you can do so when the menu forms come out, or by the cut off time, September 10th by midnight. We will turn off the response form Sunday evening before we need to order to ensure our order is processed.

When ordering please be sure to order under your student(s) name and grade. If you have more than one student, please fill out one response form for each student.

Thank you for helping ensure our orders are processed on time.

*PLEASE NOTE: Milk is always offered with both breakfast & lunch**

A confirmation email will be sent to you shortly after you submit your order.

Breakfast Link from September 4th -29th

[Breakfast Sign Up Sept 4th thru 29th](#)

Lunch Link from September 4th-29th

[Lunch Sign up Sept 4th thru 29th](#)

Eagle Athletics

Hello sports fans, the Eagles have been busy with their fall schedule and here is a wrap up of the past week.

**LET'S GO
EAGLES!**

The boys' soccer team traveled to Lincoln Academy on Tuesday 9/5/23 and played extremely well with the aid of several Lincoln players to even the teams out. After the first half the score was 1-0 Lincoln. In the end fatigue got the best of the eagles and two more quick scores brought the final score to 3-0 Lincoln. Watching the boys play it is apparent that there is talent, just not enough, so tell your sons there is still time to join as we still have three more games this season, plus the playoffs.

Next week we have a busy day on Wednesday 9/13/23, with both the Soccer and Cross-Country teams in action. Soccer travels to Woodrow Wilson while the Cross-country team hosts the Eagle Invite starting at 4:15 p.m. at Michael Northey Park. Come on out and cheer on our Eagles!



SOAR Winners

Congratulations to this week's SOAR drawing winners!

Self-Discipline
Outstanding Effort
Acceptance of Others
Resilience

K- Skyler Neiderhouser

1- Ehlin Harvey

2- Scarlett Fitzgerald

3- Kane Schafer

4- James Glass

4- Mia Martinez

5- Jasper Cooper

6- Liam Gilmore

7- Jason Durbin

Classroom Winner: Kuhl's Class

FROM THE CLINIC

Click the picture to read the information:

What are Germs and How Can We Prevent Them from Spreading?



Children's Hospital
Colorado

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

LAST CHANCE! DEADLINE TONIGHT! Board Advisory Committee Sign-Up

Inviting Family & Staff Participation and Input



One of our primary objectives is to bring the [Excel Academy Strategic Plan](#) to life. To do this, we've created advisory action committees where we'd like to invite families and staff to participate and provide valuable input to achieve the outlined goals. A brief description of each committee is outlined below.

If your skills and passion align with these committees - and you're interested in participating, please email kmurray@excel-board.org by September 8th.

- **Finance Committee:** Meets monthly. This committee includes Excel's business manager and board treasurer, and it reviews the budget and makes recommendations for any needed adjustments, assesses enrollment requirements, reviews annual compensation for staff and makes recommendations to the board regarding any needed adjustments.
- **Technology Committee:** Meets quarterly. This committee assesses technology needs of the school and makes corresponding recommendations as well as reviewing technology services contracts. This committee will assist the school in the completion of a technology inventory and master plan.
- **Facilities Committee:** Meets quarterly. This committee includes Excel's facilities manager and oversees building maintenance and construction. This committee will assist the school in the completion of a facilities/grounds master plan.

- **Governance Committee:** Meets monthly. This committee assumes the primary responsibility for matters pertaining to Board recruitment, nominations, orientation, training, and evaluation in accordance with the school's bylaws, as well as established policies and practices approved by the Board. The governance committee will also support the ED and staff regarding curriculum review that Excel is considering adopting.
- **School Accountability Committee:** Meets monthly. This committee reviews student achievement and culture data, helps the executive director create the annual Unified Improvement Plan (UIP) and develops the annual Parent Satisfaction Survey and Staff Satisfaction Survey. The SAC committee will create and maintain a dashboard to evaluate how Excel compares to other comparable schools and the district on KPIs.

Thank you for your consideration.
The Excel Academy Volunteer Board of Directors

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ENRICHING OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

Join Ralston Valley H.S. Mini Dance Clinic.

Kindergarten through 5th graders! Join the Ralston Valley Poms for Mini-Mustangs Dance Clinic September 26th and 28th with a performance September 29th .
Click [HERE](#) for details.



PARENT-TEACHER ORGANIZATION (PTO)



Arvada Harvest Festival Parade

Excel students and families are invited to walk in the Arvada Harvest Festival parade on Saturday, September 9th. **Come show your school spirit, connect with your community, and walk with us to our sock hop music!** Click [HERE](#) for details.

PTO Links

[Excel Academy PTO Website](#)

Helpful Links & Resources

[Weekly Breakfast Pre-Order Form](#) (due a week before the week of meals)

[Weekly Lunch Pre-Order Form](#) (due a week before the week of meals)

[Infinite Campus Parent Portal](#) (Check grades, missing assignments, attendance, pay fees)

[Infinite Campus Parent Directions](#)

[Log Volunteer Hours](#) and sign-up for volunteer opportunities


[2023-24 Excel Academy School Year Calendar](#)





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