

EASTLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Cougar News, January 2024

Message From our Principal

Dear Eastland Families,

As we return from the holiday break and step into the New Year, I'm deeply grateful to serve as the Principal of Eastland Middle School. I hope each of you had a fantastic holiday season, filled with joy and relaxing.

The first few months of this school year have been marked by incredible learning and hard work. Let's take a moment to reflect on the time we've shared and carry this momentum forward into the New Year.

As we kick-start the new year, we're hitting the ground running with our Winter testing for I-Ready in Math and ELA. These tests were taken in the Fall. I'm hopeful that this winter will show significant improvements in our students' scores. Remember, we'll be taking this test again in May.

In addition to testing, we have only three weeks remaining in the 2nd quarter/1st semester. It's crucial to talk to your kids to ensure that grades are up to date and any missing assignments are turned in.

Mark your calendars for the "BeNice" Basketball game on January 16th! Students can purchase a "BeNice" bracelet for \$10.00, granting access to the last two boys' home games and all girls' home basketball games. This game will be sponsored by Joes on the Ave and Highway Auto Parts.

Let's finish the 1st quarter strong by being fully present. Absences can significantly impact student progress, so let's strive to attend regularly. Arriving on time to class, bringing necessary materials, and treating everyone with kindness are essential aspects of fostering a positive learning environment.

Here's to a successful continuation of our journey together in the New Year!



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January 2023 Calendar

1/8—Return to School
Boys Basketball @ Carter MS
3:45pm
Game Club-3:00pm-3:45pm



1/9—NJHS meeting 2:55-3:30pm
Art Club 3:00-4:30pm



1/10-Early Release 1:20PM
Boys Basketball vs. Carleton-HOME-3:45pm



1/11—Student Congress Meeting 2:50-3:30pm

1/15—No School

1/16-Boys Basketball Vs. Beer-HOME-3:45pm-*****Be Nice Awareness Game*****

1/18-Boys Basketball vs. Grissom-HOME-3:45pm

1/23-Art Club 3:00-4:30pm
Green Team 2:50-3:30pm

1/24-Early Release 1:20PM

1/25-Half Day-Dismissal at 11:00am

1/26-Half Day-Dismissal at 11:00am
End of First Semester

1/30-U of D Mercy Mobile Dentists visit



Newsworthy Notations



Holiday Activities



Connecting Essential Pieces

School Board Recognition Month

January is Board Recognition Month, it's essential to acknowledge the incredible work and dedication of our wonderful Roseville school board. Their unwavering commitment plays a pivotal role in the success and advancement of our district and Eastland Middle School.

Among the distinguished members of our board, there's one individual we would like to highlight for their outstanding contributions, Secretary Joe DeFelice. Mr. DeFelice has exemplified an extraordinary level of support, not just for Eastland but for our entire district.

His dedication has been truly remarkable. Mr. DeFelice has generously sponsored events right here at our school, contributing significantly to the success of initiatives like Trunk or Treat and "BeNice" events, his willingness to go above and beyond is evident through his constant inquiries about how he can assist us in further events.

Mr. DeFelice's impact transcends his role as a valuable member of the school board. He has been an invaluable parent within our community, always demonstrating unwavering support by actively participating in his son's events and consistently showing support with our school.

Mr. DeFelice, your involvement and commitment are deeply appreciated, and your efforts have left an indelible mark on our school community. Thank you for your exceptional dedication and unwavering support.



Hello Roseville Parents:

As the new year starts, we tend to set goals for the new year. I passionately request that you add one more to your list. Get your child to school every day possible.

Did you know that if your child is chronically absent, 18 absences or more in a school year, there are drastic affects to your child's learning and ultimately opportunities for success.

Kindergarten students who are chronically absence will score 20% lower in reading and math and that gap will continue to grow as years go by. They will be twice as likely to be retained or suspended by the end of 7th grade. High school students that are chronically absent for 1 year have a 36% rate of dropping out. 2 years is 51%, 3 years is 58% and 4 years is 61.3% drop out rate. I believe that every parent wants what is best for their child.

Getting your child to school every day is what is best for them. This includes half days as well. Getting your child to school everyday and making it a priority sends a positive message that education is important.

Let's start the new calendar year off on the right foot and help us help you educate your child and open opportunities for their future.

Sincerely:

Mark Blaszkowski

Superintendent

Roseville Community Schools

Phone # (586) 445-5505

***It's amazing what the hard times can reveal,
Like who shows up, who walks away and who's for real"
Shinedown "Daylight"***

Newsorthy Notations

Spirit Week

January 16-19, 2024

Tuesday, Jan. 16-Neon Day

Wednesday, Jan. 17-Jersey/Sports gear day

Thursday, Jan. 18-Lions gear day

Friday-Jan. 19-Michigan vs. Michigan State

****Friday January 19 we will also have a
Pep Assembly. ****



BE NICE STUDENT OF
THE MONTH
PLEDGING TO BE NICE DAILY



Calli Rutkowski

"She is so friendly and reaches out to new students. I have introduced her to a few new students this year, and she befriends them so easily. Makes them feel welcome and happy to be here. She always makes students feel good, never puts anyone down." - Mrs. Szatkowski

"Calli is certainly deserving of the Be Nice student of the month for December. I watched Calli befriend a new student to our school who no one else seemed to really be talking to. Just today I watched her help clean some food stains that someone had gotten on their jacket. From a personal standpoint, she often will stop by my classroom after school just to see if I survived the day. She has a wonderful heart and I could not be prouder that Calli Rutkowski is our Be Nice student of the Month!" - Mr. Wheeler

Newsorthy Notations

ROSEVILLE BE NICE AWARENESS GAME



TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2024

@ EASTLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL

8TH GRADE @ 3:45, 7TH GRADE FOLLOWING

CONCESSIONS WILL BE SOLD, BE NICE MERCHANDISE WILL BE SOLD,
FREE THROW CONTEST AT HALF TIME (\$1)

Make sure not to miss out on the excitement!

PURCHASE A BRACELET FOR \$10, GET INTO 2 BOYS HOME GAMES (1/16 & 1/18),
5 GIRLS HOME GAMES (2/5, 2/8, 2/12, 2/14, 3/13)

ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK

FOR 6TH- 8TH GRADERS

IT'S FREE!

Alternative Spring Break activities help increase resiliency, self-esteem, and team building to empower students to be leaders in their communities. Expect a week of fun with "out of the box" experiences! Breakfast and lunch provided.



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SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN



MARCH 25 - MARCH 28, 2024

8:30AM - 12:30PM

Eastland Middle School
18700 Frank St.
Roseville, MI 48066

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