



**El Camino Real
Academy**
FAMILY NEWSLETTER
September 4, 2020



ECRA FAMILIES

Hello ECRA families! I hope everyone has had a great week. I'm sure you have already heard, the ECRA Governing Council reviewed and discussed the data from family surveys and the overall community situation, and determined that ECRA will remain in the online/remote learning model through the end of the semester. We will continue to support students and families as best as we can. If you have any questions, please call 505-314-2212.

AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

ECRA is preparing to provide some after-school program options for students. More information will be available soon.

ALL PROGRAMS WILL BE VIRTUAL



SEPTEMBER

September 7th- Labor Day-No School
September 11th- HOWL Assemblies
September 24th- Literacy Night
September 28th-NWEA Testing Begins

**ALL MEETINGS/EVENTS ARE
VIRTUAL**



ECRA SHIRT ORDER

Order ECRA shirts at
spiritandpride.com

School ID # 360152

ECRA will not process paper orders
this school year.





MATERIAL

Pickup Procedures

In order to keep everyone safe, please follow these procedures when picking up items for ECRA.

- Arrive at ECRA on the designated day for your family
- Park in a parking space and text your name, your student's name, and their teacher/advisor's name to 501-436-6169 to let us know you arrived.
- Stay in your car while ECRA staff gathers your materials
- You will receive a text to drive up to the front of the school when your items are ready
- Take the items on the table and safely drive away
- The table will be sanitized in between family pick ups
- Items coming in and going out are sanitized



It is important that proper arrangements have been made and you are expected at the school. If you come in unexpected, your items may not be ready for you to receive. We are also trying to organize materials pick up times during the meal pick up windows to limit your trips to the school.

Thank you for doing your part in keeping everyone safe!

GRAB AND GO MEALS

We are continuing to distribute student meals on:

Mondays from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

and

Wednesdays from 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. with the exception of Monday, **September 7th** due to the holiday. We will make up that day on

Tuesday, September 8th from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.



We have not had as many families participate in the program as expected and we may need to make a few changes in the coming weeks. We are only

preparing meals based on the number of families that have signed up. Please let us know if you there are any changes on your end regarding the meal distribution.





El Camino Real Academy
NOW ENROLLING
Grades K-12
(tuition free)
314.2212
Hours: 8:00am - 3:00pm
'Linking Learning to Life!'

STAY SAFE

A long holiday weekend is always cause for celebration, especially when it includes quality time with family and friends.

For Labor Day weekend, that typically means marking the end of the summer with a cookout or a picnic. This year holiday weekends aren't quite the same. The COVID-19 pandemic is still very much a reality, and unfortunately there's no clear end in sight.

And even though you've already heard this, it's important to remember: Right now, gatherings are simply not safe — even with family. But, that doesn't mean you can't have a Labor Day celebration at home. Here are tips for staying safe while staying at home this holiday weekend.

Because no celebration is complete without the food, grocery stores tend to be a popular destination during holiday weekends. Rather than running the risk of visiting a packed store, make your grocery list now and head out early to beat the crowd. And when you're shopping for ingredients to make that perfect holiday meal, keep in mind that maintaining social distancing is important. When approaching other shoppers in an aisle or at the checkout counter, remember to stay six feet apart (about two shopping carts) and don't forget your mask.



During the pandemic, we've all been challenged to be more creative when planning fun activities and finding ways to fill downtime. Here are some ideas:

- Connect with family and friends over video chat
- Light up your grill and bring on the barbecue
- Get outside and enjoy a game of badminton, volleyball, or your favorite sport
- Go for a nature walk (don't forget to social distance)
- Make popcorn, gather around the TV and settle in for a movie marathon
- Break out a board game or puzzle
- Make a fort out of blankets

Think outside the box to come up with some fun activities.



The Balloon Park Drive-In is also a great idea. Go to the following link for more information

and be sure to read the FAQs for event details.

<https://www.balloonparkdrive.in/events/disneys-up>



Here is a link to the **Governor's Facebook Page** with more information on safety:

<https://www.facebook.com/GovMLG/>



Soon we will be implementing daily Drop Everything and Read and a Daily Write for students. Students will need time daily that is just for reading. Students who read at least 15 minutes a day will start seeing positive gains in reading achievement. They will also gain a love of reading which will last a lifetime. Your student's teacher will provide more details soon.

1. Student writing will improve
2. Writing relieves stress
3. Writing provides a creative outlet
4. Writing expands vocabulary
5. Daily writing improves confidence
6. Provides opportunity to self-assess

6 Reasons Why Students Should Write Daily



Parents can call 505-768-5170 to sign up for a card. If you need to talk to someone in Spanish, call 505-768-5152 and leave a message in Spanish for someone to call you back. The library has digital books and resources available at <https://abqlibrary.org/digitalmedia>.

All you need is a current library card!



Scope and Stora are two online Scholastic tools teachers will be using to assign reading content to students. It includes nonfiction text and fiction.



More information will be available soon.

PROGRESS REPORTS AND REPORT CARDS



Progress Reports will be available soon. We will give you more information on next week's newsletter. Report Cards will be available October 8th in your parentview account.



If any family has a positive case of COVID-19, please contact Brenda Garcia or Jennifer Mercer at 505-314-2212 as soon as possible. Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe!

