



**El Camino Real  
Academy**  
FAMILY NEWSLETTER  
October 9, 2020



## WELCOME

Hello ECRA families! I hope you all had a great week and are looking forward to a nice relaxing Fall Break! Don't forget to social distance and adhere to public health orders. We want everyone to stay safe and healthy so we can all be together again in person as soon as possible. Please contact the school if you have any questions or concerns.

## OCTOBER EVENTS

- October 9-12: Fall Break (no school)
- October 13-24: Online Book Fair
- October 15-16: Parent Conferences  
(no virtual classes/**secondary will have assignments**)
- October 20: Literacy Night
- October 26-30: Spirit Week
- October 30: Fall Festival

**ALL MEETING/EVENTS ARE VIRTUAL**



## GRAB AND GO MEALS

Due to Fall Break, Monday's meal pick up has been moved to **Tuesday** from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday pick up will remain 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

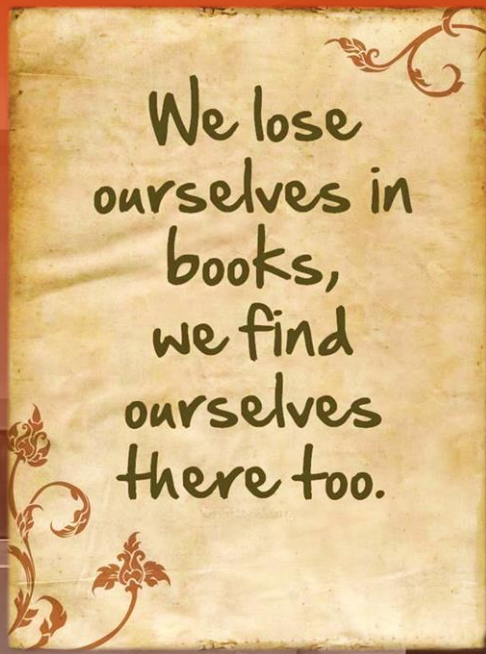
The days and times will go back to normal beginning October 19<sup>th</sup>.



## TOP HOWLERS

Congratulations to all the September Top Howlers!





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

# SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

## BOOK FAIR LINKS

ECRA's online book fair will begin on October 13<sup>th</sup>! Here is the link that will go live on that day:

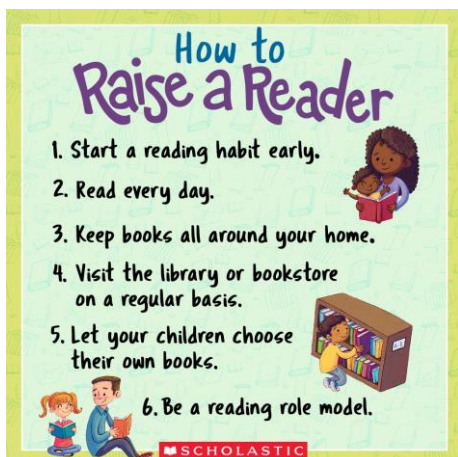
<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bookfairs/cptoolkit/homepage.do?method=homepage&url=elcaminorealcharterschool>

Here is a message to families from Scholastic:

[https://players.brightcove.net/1543299976/EyJ59PHsg\\_default/index.html?videoId=5089146535001](https://players.brightcove.net/1543299976/EyJ59PHsg_default/index.html?videoId=5089146535001)

This link has videos of some of Scholastic's most popular books for various ages:

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## Why Is Reading Important?

Books can hold and keep all kinds of information, stories, thoughts and feelings unlike anything else in this world. Can words, paragraphs, and reading fiction be all that great for you and your health? It definitely can, and it is a timeless form of entertainment and information. In fact, for years reading was the only form of personal entertainment, and perhaps this is why it has been in the spotlight for such a long time. Reading has survived the years, and luckily, the benefits of reading books have survived right along with the books. So why is reading good for you?

Read the rest of this article at:

<https://www.selfdevelopmentsecrets.com/benefits-importance-reading-books/>

Learn about 11 great reasons why reading can benefit everyone!

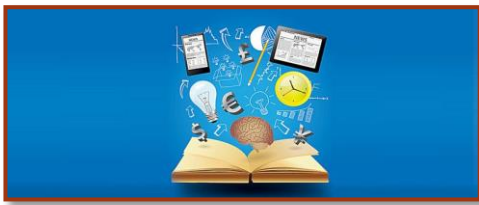


## ECRA's Virtual Mass Ascension

Our Virtual Mass Ascension is going to be extended to give students a greater chance to complete their balloons and finish coding. Please plan to participate in one of three ways in our school-wide Balloon Aloft, October 13, 8:00 am.



- 1) Login to Google Meet with your school device and use an additional device to show your Scratch project or other school-related balloon project.
- 2) Login to Youtube live and plan to just watch your already-submitted balloon project that Mrs. Homistek coded into hers, or was previously recorded with Screencastify, shared to Mrs. Homistek, and you will see it viewed from a grid played by Mr. Sallee.
- 3) Just watch via YouTube live because every event needs spectators!



## TUTORING has started!

Tutoring is held every Monday and Wednesday from 3:45-4:45, except for holidays. There is still space available so here is the link to the application:

<https://forms.gle/RUQpWrsVwqbgEeWKA>

## Balloon Fiesta Live! Siesta Edition

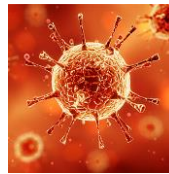
Balloon Fiesta Live is the live-streamed program that broadcasts each session during Balloon Fiesta week. The Siesta Edition will feature commentary, video highlights from past Balloon Fiestas, and live interviews with balloonists. The Balloon Fiesta team will also feature live shots of balloon launches and flights when available.



Shows will run October 3-11, morning shows beginning at 7 a.m. and evening shows at 7 p.m. and can be accessed through

<https://balloonfiesta.com/Live-Stream> .

**Report Cards** will be distributed electronically at our parent conferences. The conferences are student led so please make sure your student attends with you.



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!

