



El Camino Real Academy
 FAMILY NEWSLETTER
 August 27, 2021



WELCOME

Hello ECRA families!
 Here are some updates and information for the remainder of August. Please contact the office at 505-314-2212 if you have any questions or concerns.

IMPORTANT DATES

August 27: August Birthday Celebrations (a page from the student handbook regarding this is included in this newsletter)
August 30: NWEA Testing begins for secondary students

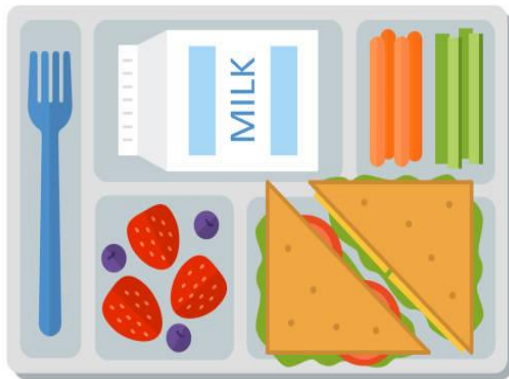


ECRA MENU LINKS

August:



September:



GROWTH MINDSET

How can you help build a growth mindset in children?
 Watch this video:





NWEA Testing

NWEA testing will begin next week for secondary students and the following week for elementary students. You will be receiving more information from your child's teacher. This is an important test that we administer three times a year to find out what students already know and what they are ready to learn. Teachers are able to access detailed reports on what skills and standards are needed for your student to be successful. Students will need to test in an area free from distractions. They should get a good night's sleep the night before and have a good healthy breakfast. **Please do not help your student with the test.** We need to get accurate information in order to make sure your student receives the proper instruction in class. It is not a test that they pass or fail and it will not and will not affect their grade. The digital test adapts to your student and increases in difficulty. Students that have previously taken this test want to increase their score as part of a personal goal. Please make sure your student gets a good nights sleep and a healthy breakfast before their test day.

For more information about this test, see the link below:

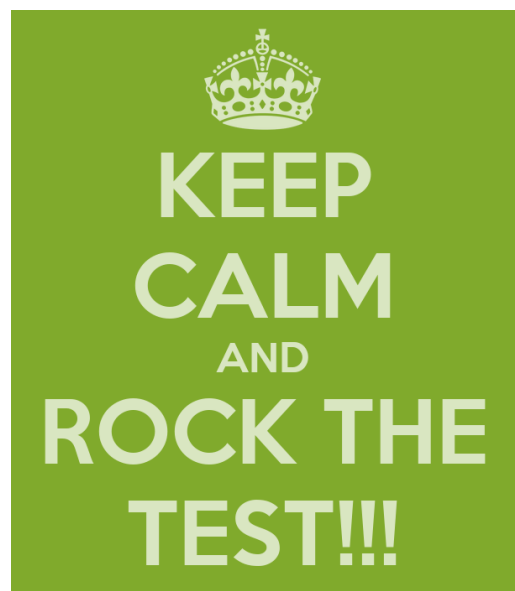
<https://www.nwea.org/the-map-suite/family-toolkit/>

Students can take a short practice test to get an idea of what the test will look like at:

<https://practice.mapnwea.org/>

Username: grow

Password:grow



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

This year we are going to practice ***Happy Healthy Birthday*** celebrations. This school policy follows our district's Wellness Policy and is a great way to make ECRA a healthy place for students, staff and families!

Here is how it will work:

- On the last Thursday of every month, ECRA will have classroom birthday parties to celebrate the students who have birthdays in that month:

Mark Your Calendars!	
August birthdays	Friday, August 27 th
September birthdays	Friday, September 3 rd
October birthdays	Friday, October 29 th
November birthdays	Tuesday, November 30 th
December birthdays	Thursday, December 16 th
January birthdays	Tuesday, January 27 th
February birthdays	Thursday, February 24 th
March birthdays	Thursday, March 31 st
April birthdays	Thursday, April 28 th
May birthdays	Thursday, May 26 th
June & July birthdays	Thursday, June 9 th

*This is not the last Thursday of the month due to scheduling conflicts

- Teachers will coordinate with their students to determine who is responsible for bringing in healthy snacks. Please let your child's teacher know if you are interested in coordinating the parties. These are *healthy* celebrations, so we will celebrate the students' birthdays with healthy and delicious foods. Here are some ideas:
 - Fruit and Veggie Kabobs
 - Yogurt Parfaits (yogurt, granola & fruit)
 - Smoothies
 - Fruit Salads
 - Veggie Platters
 - Trail Mix
 - Bugs on a Log (celery with cream cheese and raisins or dried cranberries)
 - Fruit or Vegetable Muffins (banana, apple, zucchini, carrot, etc.)

Non-food treats, such as pencils and stickers are great too! Please ask your child's teacher about student food allergies. As always, peanuts and pinon are not allowed at ECRA due to severe allergies.

The school will not permit bouquets of balloons and other celebratory decorations to be sent to the classrooms. These can be distracting to students' learning. If bouquets are sent, they will be held in the office until the end of the day.

Students are not required to participate in birthday celebrations.

Help make this policy a success! If you have any questions, please contact the office at 505-314-2212.

ECRA STUDENT DAILY COVID-19 QUESTIONNAIRE (if you chose in-person learning)



Each day before sending your child to school, please review the following questions regarding your child's health.

If you answer yes to any of the questions:

Please do not send your child to school. Contact a medical provider or call the COVID Hotline at 855-600-3453, then call the health office at ECRA.

Questions for ECRA Students Before They Go to School

1. Does your child currently have a temperature of over 100.4 degrees?
2. In the past 24 hours, has your child experienced:
 - Sore throat, runny nose, congestion
 - New frequent, dry cough (for students with documented chronic allergies/asthma, a change in baseline cough)
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Diarrhea, vomiting
 - Loss of taste or smell
 - New onset of headache
 - Fatigue or muscle or body aches
3. Has your child recently been in close contact with anyone who has exhibited any of these symptoms?
4. Has your child recently been in contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19?
5. Is anyone in the household waiting for COVID-19 test results? (Routine surveillance testing not included)

Reviewing these questions daily and making good decisions can help us prevent the spread of COVID-19

SIGN UP FOR FREE ACCESS TO OPEN EBOOKS



Please complete this survey if you would like access to electronic books for your student. The books can be viewed on the OPENeBOOKS App on any Apple or Android mobile device.

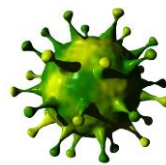
You will be asked to choose what age level of books you want to receive. A code and instructions will be sent to the email address you provide. This program gives students instant access to hundreds of popular and engaging titles to choose from. Sign up today and help encourage your child to have a life long love of reading!

Sign up using this link:

<https://forms.gle/RbYvppaBFWqv3iJm9>

RIGHT TO KNOW LETTER

Here is a link to our annual letter regarding the *Every Student Succeeds Act*:



If any family has a **positive case of COVID-19**, please contact Jennifer Mercer at 505-314-2212 as soon as possible. ECRA is required to report cases to the New Mexico Public

Education Department. Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe!

Have a wonderful weekend!