

EMS Family Newsletter

August, 2019



Preparing the children of today for tomorrow...

Welcome Mrs. Jessica Swaim, Assistant Principal of EMS!



In case you missed it, please [click here](#) for Ms. Swaim's introductory letter from earlier this summer!

What Else is New at Eisenhower in 2019?



Supporting Academic, Social and Emotional Learning with Responsive Classroom

Middle School is an exciting, challenging and unforgettable time in the life of an adolescent. In addition to negotiating a flurry of physical and psychological changes, there are many social, emotional and developmental factors that can have a significant impact on a student's readiness and ability to learn. Recognizing this, Eisenhower's staff will be participating in a comprehensive, multi-year training experience in the Responsive Classroom Middle School approach. This approach is grounded in the following core principles and beliefs:

1. Teaching social and emotional skills is as important as teaching academic content.
2. *How* we teach is as important as *what* we teach.
3. Great cognitive growth occurs through social interaction.
4. How we work together as adults to create safe, joyful and inclusive learning environments is as important as our individual contribution or competence.
5. What we know and believe about our students - individually, culturally, and developmentally - informs our expectations, reactions and attitudes about those students.
6. Partnering with families - knowing them and valuing their contributions - is as important as knowing the children we teach.

We look forward to sharing more information about the Responsive Classroom approach at Back to School Night, throughout the school year and in the years to come. In the meantime, if you would like to learn more about Responsive Classroom please [click here](#).

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Important Information and Announcements:

- With the arrival of August, back to school season is officially upon us. If you have not already done so, please [click here](#) to view our back to school website. Upon visiting the website, it is very important that you carefully read through all the required documents on Eisenhower's page and complete the portions needed through the parent portal. **Both parents and children must sign in separately to complete their responsibilities.**

A Word from our PTO:

- A warm EMS welcome to our 2019-2020 PTO Officers:
 - President - Lori Romano – lorir125@msn.com
 - Vice-President - Linda Mango - lhpmcm@gmail.com
 - Treasurer - Christine O'Connor - coconn@optonline.net
 - Secretary - Susan Szardenings - susizar@yahoo.com

From the Health Office:

- Medical forms for school sports were due on 7/12/19. *If you were not able to meet this deadline and your child intends to participate in a fall sport, please contact the school nurse (dhornung@roxbury.org) as soon as possible.* Information can also be found [here](#) on the school website.
- For your convenience, a letter from Ms. Hornung regarding procedures for medication has been attached. Please note that the training and practice of self-carrying epi-pens and inhalers is strongly encouraged here at EMS.

EMS Performing Arts Corner:

- EMS is proud to offer our students access to performing arts programs such as Band, Orchestra, and Choir during their regular learning day. Participants are not pulled out of any classes, and there are times in their scheduled day like Core Extension and Homeroom Extension that can be utilized to meet with teachers, get caught up on work or receive extra help with their classes and coursework. It is truly the best of both worlds!
- If you have questions about schedules or enrollment, your first point of contact would be the appropriate ensemble director:
 - 7th Grade Choir - Ms. Harrison (jharrison@roxbury.org)
 - 8th Grade Choir - Mr. Salyerds (rsalyerds@roxbury.org)
 - 7th Grade Band - Mr. Boccuti (gboccuti@roxbury.org)
 - 8th Grade Band - Ms. Perrone (sperrone@roxbury.org)
 - Orchestra - Mr. Goodwin (jgoodwin@roxbury.org)

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EMS Sports - Eye on the Eagles:

- September 9: Cross Country and Field Hockey Interest Meetings (2:30 @ EMS)
- September 11: Field Hockey Season Begins
- September 20:
 - Cross Country vs. Central/Denville (A)
 - Field Hockey vs. Chester (A)
- September 23:
 - Cross Country vs. Villa/Delbarton/Boonton Unity (H)
 - Field Hockey vs. Central (H)
- September 25: Field Hockey vs. Boonton (A)
- September 26: Cross Country vs. Mt. Lakes & Unity (A)
- September 27: Field Hockey vs. Long Valley (H)
- October 1: Field Hockey vs. West Essex (A)
- October 2:
 - Cross Country vs. Dover (H)
 - Field Hockey vs. Mt. Olive (A)
- October 3: Field Hockey vs. Frelinghuysen (H)

Mark your Calendars:

- August 26: Board of Education Meeting
- September 5: First Day for Students
- September 16: Picture Day
- September 19: Encores/Harmonies Auditions
- September 24: Back to School Night (7:00-9:00)
- September 30: Schools Closed - Rosh Hashanah