

Principals Message 

Administrative Team

**Principal:**

Dr. Nicole Durazo

**Assistant Principal:**

Cara Miller

**Dean of Students:**

Antonio Bryant

Upcoming Dates & Assessments

**2/03:** PTSA/ STEM at home family night 5:30-6:30

**2/09:** Governing Board Meeting

**2/12-2/15:** President's Day Recess—NO SCHOOL

**2/19:** Littleton ESD Virtual Science and Engineering Fair

**2/20:** Regional Spelling Bee

**2/22:** AZELLA testing starts

**2/22—3/05:** Kinder Math Interims

**2/24:** Special Governing Board Meeting

**2/24:** Child Find Screening



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**Hawk Families,**

February is a time to show our appreciation for special people in our lives. I would like to thank all of our wonderful parents and guardians! I know this has been a very challenging year and each and everyone of you is doing an amazing job! Thank you for supporting your child(ren) and their learning. Please know that we are here to support you in any way we can. I am hopeful that our metrics numbers will begin to go down and we will be able to return to school when it is safe for our students and staff. Thank you for your on going support! You can show your love and appreciation for EV with school choice week! We hope that all of our Hawks return to our nest next year. Be on the lookout for more information about school choice and choose EV!

These next two months are very important as we prepare for our AZELLA testing and state testing in April. **Every day is critical** and we want to help your students to be as successful as possible. It is important for your child to be logged on **every day, on time**, and we appreciate your support of high student achievement through great attendance. Let's go Hawks- we got this!

BeliEve

Dr. Nicole Durazo

STEM Showcase/ Kids at Hope Engineers

At EV, we are Kids at Hope Engineers. We are talented, smart, and capable of success— no exceptions! Be sure to ask your child's teacher about classroom happenings to learn more about everything EV! Students in Ms. Vlieg's STEM Class have been learning about the fundamentals of cyber security in the digital world. Students started off by learning about the history of computers beginning with the first mechanical computer created by Charles Babbage and the first computer programmer Ada Lovelace. Students have now moved on to how encryption first started and how it is used today. Students are working with NOVA Labs to learn the real-world application of these concepts. As a STEM Academy, we know that some of the best learning occurs when it is hands on and has a real world connection.

Student Agency Tip

**Play pretend.**

- **Little kids feeling at loose ends might respond to some role playing. Cast your kid in the role of work partner, teacher, or researcher to help them stick to a task (and let you stick to yours!).**
- **Though older kids won't want to play pretend, they may respond to an honest conversation about taking on more responsibility (like chores, self-regulation, etc.) because they're older and gaining maturity. You might be surprised how they rise to the challenge in response.**

MYD Tip

**Taking Students "Off-Points"**

Some students may not assume responsibility during Points and/or Concerns. If students do not responsibly evaluate their academic and behavioral performance, they may be taken "off points." The teacher models how to appropriately evaluate one's effort by determining the students' points for them. The students are given the opportunity to earn this privilege back by showing that they have learned how to use Points appropriately. Students who choose to use concerns irresponsibly will lose this privilege until they can demonstrate that they are able to use concerns responsibly.

Technology Tip

**Using the Mousepad to Dance through Chrome Features**

**Do the Browser Tab Slide!**

This one isn't a line dance. It's one of the most favorite touchpad gestures on Chromebooks! Put three fingers gently on the touchpad and slide them to the right or left. It lets you switch which tab is active / displayed on your screen. It makes multi-tasking so quick and easy!

**To the left, to the right ...**

You can put two windows side by side in a snap! Drag a window to the top right or top left corner of your Chromebook. It'll snap to half the size of your screen. Drag one to the right and one to the left and you'll have equally-sized side-by-side windows right away!

**Get up, get down!**

Using two fingers on the touch pad can help you "get up" and "get down" in a couple ways! Drag those two fingers up and down on the touchpad to scroll up and scroll down. Or, hold Ctrl + Alt + two-finger drag to enable to screen magnifying glass!

Safety Tip

If your student is turning 11, they are required by the state to receive a meningitis and Tdap immunization. You will be notified by mail and a follow-up phone call regarding this. It has been deemed safe by the state for children to continue to receive immunizations during this time. If there is anything that we can do to help you and your family, please don't hesitate to call and speak to our Health Aid, Ms. Huerta.

Social Emotional Learning Tip

This month, our teachers will continue working with our school social worker, Ms. Alvarado, to deepen their understanding of [CASEL's core competencies](#) during our professional development sessions. Ms. Alvarado will also be visiting virtual classrooms this month to talk about how she can support our students!

*"The best way to predict the future is to create it"*

*-Abraham Lincoln*