Principals Message

Administrative Team

Principal:
Dr. Nicole Durazo

Assistant Principal:
Cara Miller

Dean of Students:
Antonio Bryant

Upcoming Dates & Assessments

01/-01/8: 3rd -8th Grade Achieve 3000 Interims

01/06: EV Spelling Bee

01/08: Virtual First Friday Student/Employee of the Month Assembly

01/12: 6:00pm Governing Board Meeting YouTube channel

01/20: 5:30-6:30 PTSA Meeting & STEM At Home Presentation

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Hawk Families,

Happy New Year! I hope you had a wonderful holiday break. Now it is time to get back to work! Thank you for supporting your child at home by making sure they sign on and engage in learning during their Google Meets sessions. The next five months are crucial to their education and we appreciate the support you provide with distance learning. Please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher if you need help or support with distance learning. We have offered several opportunities for parents to be involved at EV. Please see our calendar of events. One of our goals is to increase parental involvement and we have had great participation this year. We would love to see more of you at our PTSA meetings and upcoming family engagement nights. Working together, we can ensure your child's success! Let's go Hawks- 2021 will be the best year ever!

BeliEVe,
Dr. Nicole Durazo

STEM Showcase/ Kids at Hope Engineers

At EV, we are Kids at Hope Engineers. We are capable of success– no exceptions! We use problem solving, collaboration and communication skills to navigate the world we live in. As a STEM Academy, we know that some of the best learning occurs when it is hands on and has a real world connection. Students in Ms. Vliek's STEM Class have been learning about natural disasters. The first natural disaster they have been focusing on is a flood. We have partnered up with the Flood Control District of Maricopa County to learn from experts in the field. Students had fun leveraging technology to change their backgrounds to simulate and empathize what it would look like to be completely surrounded by water. Be sure to ask your child's teacher about classroom happenings to learn more about everything EV!

Student Agency Tip

Encourage self-regulation.

- Talk to kids about the connection between bodies and brains and what happens in their bodies when they feel frustrated, excited, or sad. This awareness helps kids recognize and manage their emotions.
- If you have other devices in your house, keep them out of your kid's workspace if possible. This can also mean shutting down phones, keeping phones in a designated place for the day, and putting away remotes if temptation takes over.

MYD Tip

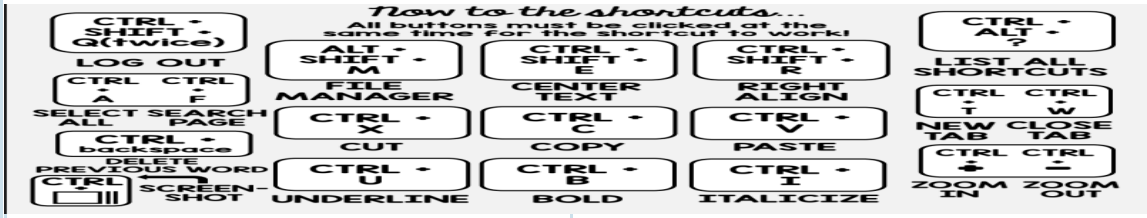
Adhering to the MAKE YOUR DAY philosophy of learning by making mistakes, students are not expected to earn all possible points in order to "make their day." If a child earns the required average number of points by the end of the school day, that child has made his/her day.

- Students in Kindergarten through 3rd Grades earn an average of 10 points
- Students in 4th through 8th Grades earn an average of 40 points

Students in grades K-3 may choose not to earn up to 7 points and will still be able to "make their day", while the students in grades 4-8 may choose not to earn up to 10 points and will still be able to "make their day". However, those students who choose to be placed on Steps 4 or 5 automatically forfeit the opportunity to "make their day."

Technology Tip

Did you know that in addition to the top row key shortcuts, there are additional shortcuts students can do by pressing a few buttons? The shortcuts are designed to help students work even more efficiently. Check out the image below to see the different shortcuts available on Chromebooks.



Safety Tip

Though the holiday season is behind us, we still want all of our E.V. families to stay safe and healthy! Please make sure you continue to wash your hands, practice physical distancing, and mask up to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Together we can do our part to stop the spread, Hawks!

Social Emotional Learning Tip

At E.V. we continue to focus on our students' social and emotional wellbeing each and every day. Prior to Winter Break, students in 4th-8th grade completed a survey focused on self-awareness and their SEL needs. Our social worker and student agency committee will use this data to help our staff strengthen our practices and plan additional supports for our students. Good things ahead!

"Always follow your dreams, don't let anyone tell you that you can't be something." Alex A-Rod Rodriguez