

Eagle Express

From the Principal

Dear Eagle Families,

We are having an interesting, but successful school year! We are committed to our school mission to provide a learning environment that addresses the academic needs of your child. The mission of Greenwood Lakes Middle School is to ensure that all students acquire the knowledge, skills, and attitudes to be productive citizens.

Along with teaching the curriculum, we are also preparing your child for the Florida Standards Assessments (FSA). These paper and computer-based assessments will begin April 5th & 6th with Writing and continue May 3rd through May 17th. Specific grade level information and dates will be sent out through Skyward Family Access and posted on our Greenwood Lakes Middle School calendar. Visit www.greenwoodlakes.scps.k12.fl.us for more details. Remember to update both your email and phone numbers in Skyward Family Access. You can do this at home by simply logging into and updating your contact information.

We encourage you to check out the types of questions your child will be asked to answer on these rigorous assessments. You can do this by going to <http://fsassessments.org/students-and-families/practice-tests/>. You will then click "Take the Computer-Based Practice Tests", click "Sign In" (no need to change the Guest log in information), select the grade level and click "Yes", and then select the Student Practice Test you would like to take. All students will participate in a refresher of the FSA testing computer skills prior to the test. We appreciate any time you can devote to you and your students understanding of the FSA.

We have many great activities coming up in the second half of the year. We encourage all families to become involved by attending parent/teacher conferences. Our 8th Graders are looking forward to Field Day and 8th Grade Awards Night. All dances have been cancelled in SCPS. 8th Grade Field Day will be on Friday, May 21st after lunch. This event is for 8th Graders only and a privilege. Permission forms went home in December and need to be returned back to Ms. Waller, Administrative Dean in order to participate. Students need to see Ms. Waller if they need another form. 8th Grade Awards Night will be Tuesday, May 18th at 6:00pm spaced out in the Gym. 6th and 7th Graders Award Celebration will occur the week of May 17th. Don't forget Semester Exams start Friday, May 21st and continue during Early Release Days May 24th, 25th, and 26th.

We believe that our students can do anything they wish to do and can be anything they wish to be. We want to provide hope and encouragement to all students to dream big and go after their dreams. If there is anything we can do to help your child, please do not hesitate to contact us.

As Always, Let's SOAR Eagles!

Breezi Erickson, *Principal*



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Mission Statement

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Reading

The Reading department in grades 6th, 7th and 8th grade completed the I-ready Diagnostic #3 for the year in March 2021. The data from the Diagnostic was shared with your students during a 1:1 data chat with their teacher, and they recorded their scores in their data tracker. Teachers are working with intervention groups to help identify students who need extra help with their iReady lessons. Additionally, both Face-to-Face and Connect students should be tracking their weekly data from iReady in order to work toward their growth goals prior to the next assessment. Overall, iReady scores are improving and we are seeing growth in reading levels. Some students are already (or close) to being 'on grade level' and on track to successfully pass the FSA this year. Nice job reading students!

All three grade levels are working on completing lessons in class weekly. Students are expected to complete 46 minutes weekly on I-Ready with a score of 75% or more on lesson(s). Classroom time has been set aside to allow the students enough time to complete their required minutes. If your student is absent, please have them work on their I-Ready lessons at home, when possible.

We greatly encourage you to have your students read for 20 minutes each night. Reading 20 minutes nightly helps build reading stamina which students will find helpful on lengthy FSA reading passages. Whenever possible, have your students share a summary of what they read with you and engage in a dialogue about the ideas in the text they are reading. It is proven that independent reading helps build vocabulary skills. Overall, reading outside of school is a benefit to everyone. Let's read!

Language Arts

6th Grade:

Hello, Eagle Families! And just like that, the fourth quarter and testing season are upon us! Please encourage your students to end the year on a strong and positive note by completing their classwork to the best of their ability, communicating any questions or concerns to their teachers, and putting forth their full effort and participation!

Sixth Grade students will be reading informational and literature texts that focus on the topic of Greek Mythology, something that is typically of very high interest to students! Students will be able to bring in prior knowledge from their World History class to navigate the world of Greek Mythology and apply skills such as text structure, plot, theme, and poetic elements! All of this and more will assist students in preparing for their FSA Reading test in May. In addition, students will be reflecting on their second Write Score assessment and practicing critical writing skills to be successful on their FSA Writing next week! We wish all our students the best of luck on these assessments - we know they will make us proud! As always, please let us know if there is any extra support we can provide to your student for them to be successful and close out their sixth-grade year strong!

7th Grade:

In 7th grade we will be using our past Write Score data to help prep for the upcoming FSA writing assessment! We are excited to see how the students perform on this very important test. They have been working very hard on writing this semester and should be proud of all they've learned so far this year! Following the FSA writing assessment, we will be working with a wide variety of texts and standards to help students prepare for the FSA reading assessment coming up in May! This will include The Story of the Triangle Factory Fire which has been a favorite informational text in past years.

8th Grade:

It's hard to believe that we have made it to Quarter 4! We are so excited for more of our Seminole Connect students to return to our classroom face-to-face! Please reach out to your student's ELA teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

We have a very busy quarter ahead of us! We will be getting ready for FSA Writing that is on April 6th! Students have now taken the WriteScore Assessment twice this year, and have been working hard to continue to improve their writing skills.

For the remainder of the quarter, we are planning to read The Diary of Anne Frank. This is a great story to introduce students to or build their knowledge upon the Holocaust.

Next, we plan to read the novel, The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton. This is a favorite amongst the 8th-grade team and we are really looking forward to reading this text with our students and apply the skills we've been learning to a novel.

We are SO proud of our 8th-grade students and cannot wait to see all of their hard work pay off this year!

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Science Department

6th grade:

Students will learn about how the rock cycle relates to surface and subsurface events including plate tectonics. Students will be participating in a fun plate tectonics lab to demonstrate how plate tectonics work. Students will also be comparing the properties of objects in the Solar System and describe how the models of the Solar System were developed. Lastly, students will finish off 6th grade by being able to explain the Earth-Moon-Sun relationship, including the Law of Universal Gravitation in terms of the weight, motion, and formation of objects in space.

7th grade:

In Comprehensive Science 2, our students are wrapping up their learning of the Cell Theory and will begin to learn about Variation of life. Their studies will focus on hereditary information (DNA) which contains genes located in the chromosomes of each cell. They will be able to see how DNA is extracted from a cell by doing the strawberry lab next quarter.

Our students will be able to understand how heredity is the passage of these traits from one generation to another. They will be able to determine the probabilities for genotype and phenotype combinations using Punnett squares and pedigrees.

8th grade:

Students will have a hopping 4th quarter by dissecting a frog to compare their organ systems to human organ systems. They will continue learning about the human body system by describing ways that these systems interact with each other to maintain homeostasis.

Students will be able to recognize and explore how cells of all organisms undergo similar processes to maintain homeostasis, including extracting energy from food, getting rid of waste, and reproducing. They will compare different types of infectious agents that may infect the human body, including viruses, bacteria, fungi, and parasites.

Important Notice!!! The Science State Assessment (SSA) Will be scheduled for May 12th, 2021.

Social Studies

6th Grade World History:

We will be covering many different areas of study for the next few weeks. We will be discussing: Christianity, The Americas, and then a preview of 7th grade Civics.

7th Grade Civics:

We will be covering many units on the foundations and functions of the US government. We will be covering the following topics: American Legal system, The Florida Constitution, and Foreign and Domestic policy. After these units of study, we will begin reviewing for the Florida Civics EOC on May 17th.

8th Grade U.S. History:

We will be covering many units of study including the following: The Civil War (with a DBQ) and Reconstruction. After those two units of study, we will begin wrapping up for testing.

Art Blurb

Welcome to Spring!!! 'Tis the season for art exhibitions in the community. Make sure to keep an eye open for any potential shows in the next few months. While nobody is certain if shows will occur, due to COVID-19, we will let everybody know as soon as we do.



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Math Department

6th Grade Standard:

We will be learning about solving equations and independent and dependent variables when graphing, as well as, measures of center and variability, histograms, dot plots, and box plots. We will begin studying for the FSA at bellwork time by working through a packet which addresses the previous standards learned throughout the year.

6th Grade Advanced:

Students have recently finished up learning the 6th grade standards that will be tested on the FSA assessment in May. Prior to the FSA, students will be reviewing and revisiting concepts that they have learned this year. We will finish off the year by making connections to standards that they will be exposed to in 7th grade.

6th Grade GEMS:

Students will be revisiting standards that they learned through the virtual bridge assignments to prepare for the 6th grade FSA math exam on May 6th and 7th. To wrap up the school year, students will investigate exponents, roots, systems of linear equations and multi-step equations. The study of these 7th and 8th grade standards will prepare them to successfully transition into Algebra 1 Honors next school year.

7th grade Standard/Advanced:

Students are finishing up the year with sampling, simulations, and statistics and then we will work on reviewing the 7th grade math standards for the upcoming FSA. Students have been given an FSA practice packet where they will be assigned problems for Bellwork and Homework. All problems will be reviewed in class. We would like to encourage families to work with their Eagles on integer operations, one and two step equations, and multiplication.

Pre-Algebra:

In Pre-Algebra, students are currently working on Bi-Variate Data. We are rapidly approaching the end of the school year and the Pre-Algebra FSA exam! The FSA exam will take place on May 13th and 14th. Please note that previous material covered during the first three quarters represent 82% of the students' FSA test!! We will be reviewing past material in class, but additional practice at home will be extremely important to your child's success on the FSA. As such, we strongly encourage that students review their notes outside of class and practice on Khan Academy and through use of the Pre-Algebra Standards Based Support Course, with an emphasis placed on linear equations, solving multi-step equations, and functions. Please encourage your student to finish strong and to persevere to do well on the FSA! We've got this!!!

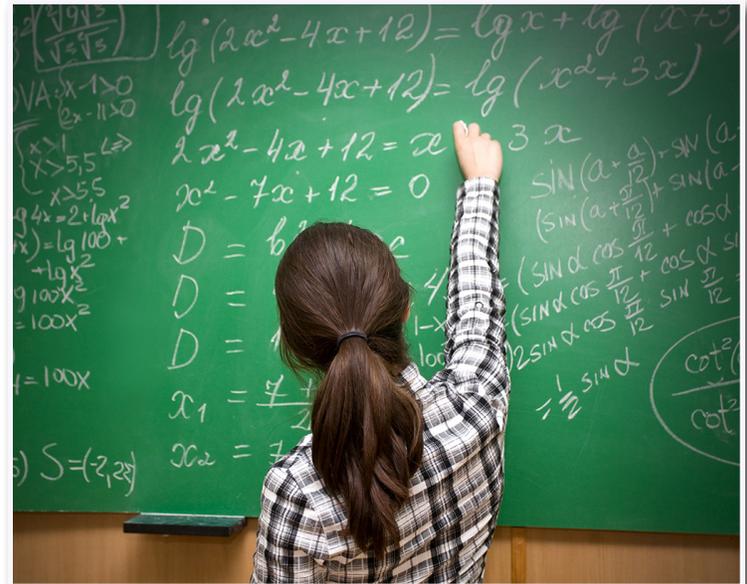
Algebra:

Algebra I students have been looking at quadratic functions in detail for some time. This topic is a heavy EOC concept, and it's important for students to not only be able to solve but to also interpret the meaning of their solutions within real-world context. Students currently are exploring two-variable statistics as well as learning how to identify and compare a variety of functions as we look at exponential functions, the last of the three families of functions we study this year. We will differentiate and compare the functions when given as equations, tables, graphs, or verbal descriptions. The EOC is being administered on May 13th and 14th. We will send out information on holding additional practice to prepare for the exam as it approaches!

Geometry:

Students have been working diligently with similar triangles and trigonometric ratios. During the 4th quarter, we will investigate the properties of circles in a plane and on a coordinate grid. We will wrap up with spatial reasoning and looking at formulas such as volume and circumference before the EOC. We will spend a lot of time in class covering what we've learned in preparation for the EOC. The EOC will be administered May 14 and 15.

Let's finish the school year strong!! We got this!



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PBS Update

Happy Spring SOARing Eagles! We hope you are all ready for a productive 4th Nine Weeks! 7th Grade won the Grade Level Celebration this quarter for having the least number of disciplinary infractions for Quarter 3. They received a free cookie at lunch on Thursday, March 11th.

The Nest, our PBS school store, is open during Wednesday lunches. Students love using the SOAR bucks they earned from their teachers to spend at the store. We are always accepting monetary or item donations! Items such as school supplies, headphones, phone cases, and pop sockets are in high demand!

As the weather warms up please remind your student of the school dress code. Warmer weather means hats and hoods are not needed! Shorts, skirts, and dresses should be mid-thigh in length or longer, and any rips/tears in jeans should be mid-thigh or below. Belts work wonders in ensuring pants are at the waist and finally, save the crop tops for the weekend! Shirts should fully cover midriffs and back at all times.

We wish all of our students the BEST of luck during their FSA's which are quickly approaching. And As Always, Let's SOAR Eagles!

Your GLMS Deans,
Megan Waller and Lauren Fedi

World Language Festival

This year the Spanish students are pioneering the first SCPS World Language Festival Virtually. The event will take place April 8th and April 10th. Once again GLMS will be participating in all categories: impromptu, declamations, scene, art, multimedia, and entertainment. We currently have 33 students that are preparing to show their talent to our community. The drama skit, art, multimedia, and entertainment was recorded and sent in March 25th. The categories of speaking for a minute in Spanish and performing a poem will take place live on a virtual platform. The closing ceremony and rewards will take place on Saturday April 10th. We are looking forward to how students will bring to life this year's theme: **World Languages Speak Louder than ever... Virtually Together!** and couldn't be prouder of the creativity and dedication that this group has demonstrated as they are SOARING towards the event!



Performing Arts

The Performing Arts Spring Showcase is fast approaching! Band and chorus students and parents, please mark your calendars with the following important dates:

- 1. Chorus Recording Session:**
Tuesday April 27th at the Lake Mary High School auditorium
- 2. Band Recording Session:**
Monday, May 3rd at the Lake Mary High School auditorium
- 3. Performing Arts Virtual Spring Showcase:**
Thursday, May 13 at 6 pm at the Lake Mary High School Auditorium OR premiering on the school YouTube page, also at 6 pm. If attending in person, please bring cash for concessions - all proceeds go to support our band and chorus programs. Additionally, band is having a Spirit Night at Chipotle April 21st from 4 - 8 PM, so go enjoy a burrito while supporting GLMS Band! Finally, Band Solo and Ensemble will be on May 14 & 15 with 16 of our students performing solos and small group pieces.

GLMS Events Update

Stay updated on GLMS events... visit the GLMS webpage and click on the Events tab.
<http://www.greenwoodlakes.scps.k12.fl.us/>

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Legal Eagles

Legal drama takes center stage in Law & Order. Our Legal Eagles have been working hard preparing arguments and trying cases in our student led court. Those students who continue with the Forensic Science and Legal Studies Program at Lake Mary High School may take advantage of dual enrollment courses in Forensic Science, Criminal Justice, or Paralegal career pathways.

Connect students have been participating in our classroom court via Webex. Face to face students are logging in to the live class to work on collaborative assignments with the Connect students. Webex office hours are available Mondays from 8:30 - 9:00am. Connect students may log in to the live class for extra help during this time.



From the Office of Student Services

It is hard to believe that the school year is almost over! Testing season will commence on April 5th with FSA Writes for our 6th and 8th graders and will continue on April 6th for our 7th grade students. All other standardized tests will be administered in May. Please share the following helpful testing tips with your student:

- Get plenty of rest the night before the test. Limit screen time before bed and be sure to get at least 7 hours of sleep.
- Eat a healthy, protein-rich breakfast the morning of the test. Eggs, yogurt, or cottage cheese are great options that will keep a student full for the majority of the morning.
- Don't stress! Students should absolutely want to do their best on an assessment, but endlessly worrying about the outcome is not going to help the situation. Use a calming strategy such as counting to ten, deep breathing or guided imagery. There are several websites that have different techniques that can be helpful in a testing environment.

Looking for extra practice for the FSA? Students who are currently enrolled in an Intensive Math or Reading class may access i-Ready from home as well as at school. This is a specially designed progress monitoring program that teaches and reinforces important concepts that are presented on the FSA. If a student is not enrolled in an Intensive course but would like extra practice, please visit the Assessments page on the Florida Department of Education's website. There are several grade level practice tests that are helpful to students and parents.

Both school counselors met with all current 6th and 7th grade students in March to review registration cards for the 2021-2022 school year. All course requests have been entered and the administrative team is in the beginning stages of developing the master schedule for the next school year. Please note that the schedule is based upon the students' course requests during this preliminary registration time and it can be very difficult to change a student's schedule in the fall. Any student who scores a Level 1 on the 2021 Math FSA and/or a Level 1 or Level 2 on the 2021 Reading FSA will be enrolled in Intensive Math and/or Intensive Reading coursework for next year.

If you have any questions or concerns about student schedules or the FSA, please reach out to your student's School Counselor:

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Title I

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Be sure to check out the updated Title I Parent and Family Engagement website at www.scps.us/family for information on the Family Resource Center, school-home partnerships, and upcoming family workshops!

State Certified and Licensed Teachers and Paraprofessionals

All Title I schools are required to employ only state certified and licensed teachers and instructional paraprofessionals. If at any time your child is taught by a non-state certified teacher, your school will notify you. In addition, you have the right to:

- Request whether your child's teacher(s) and/or paraprofessional(s) meet the state certification requirements for the grade levels and subject areas in which they provide instruction.
- Request whether a teacher and/or paraprofessional is teaching under emergency or other provisional status where state qualification or licensing criteria have been waived.
- Request information on the baccalaureate degree major of a teacher and/or paraprofessional and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher and/or paraprofessional, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree.

Basketball and Cheer

The Basketball season is under way! Basketball games are closed to the public due to COVID-19 and district protocols. Both the boys and girls players are extremely excited for the season! The schedule will be:

- **March 31** vs. Markham Woods
- **April 7** vs. Teague
- **April 14** vs. Sanford
- **April 21** vs. Millennium
- **April 28** vs. Rock Lake

Testing Schedule

Our Spring testing schedules have been approved! Please mark your calendars with the following important dates:

FSA Writing:

- 6th Grade: April 5
- 7th Grade: April 5
- 8th Grade: April 6

FSA ELA/Reading:

- 6th Grade: May 3 and 4
- 7th Grade: May 3 and 4
- 8th Grade: May 6 and 7

FSA Math:

- 6th Grade: May 10 and 11
- 7th Grade: May 10 and 11
- 8th Grade: May 13 and 14
- Algebra & Geometry: May 13 and 14

Science and Biology:

- 8th Grade: May 12

Civics:

- 7th Grade: May 17



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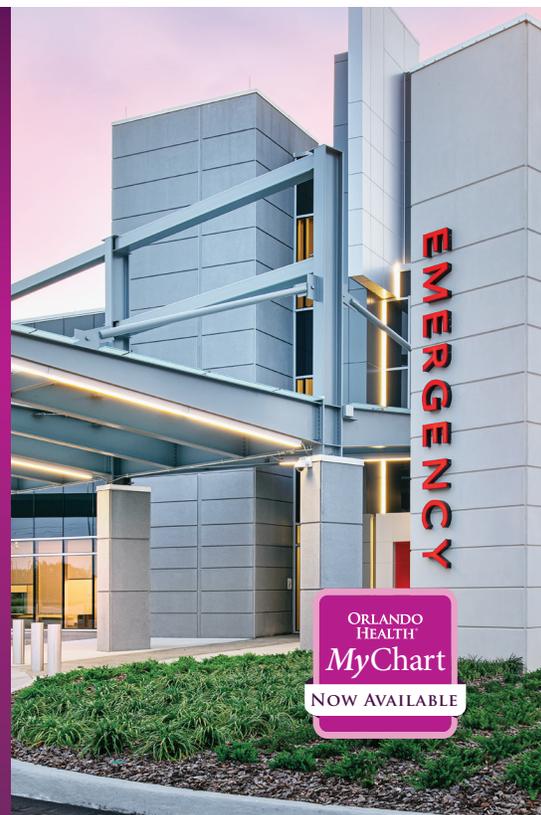
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