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Eastern Christian Elementary School Home Bulletin

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Next Week at a Glance:

Mon., Sept. 12: TRIP due at any school office by 9am

Tues., Sept. 13: 8:30am – Who is God - Creator

Wed., Sept. 14: **Snack Day** – Pretzel Sticks - \$.25

Thurs., Sept. 15: Picture Day for K – 4 Students

Pizza Hot Lunch Begins (for those who pre-ordered)

Message from the Principal, Mrs. Sandra Bottge:

Students in grades 2-4 will be taking **MAP** tests over the next two weeks. **Measures of Academic Progress** is a standardized test administered to students on the computer. Unlike other standardized tests that offer the same questions to each child in the grade level, MAP tests determine the appropriate level of questioning for each student by presenting more difficult questions each time a student answers a question correctly and easier questions each time a student answers a question incorrectly. MAP tests calculate the child's current learning level using a RIT score and project a growth level for the school year.

Students will be tested in Math, Reading, and Language Usage in the fall. They will take the Reading test in the winter to receive an updated Lexile reading level. In the spring, students will be tested in Math, Reading and Language Usage to determine their level of growth over the school year.

Testing throughout the year allows us to analyze our student data and answer the following questions: Are our students learning? How do we know? What can we do to increase learning?

Parents can help their children prepare for MAP tests by providing an appropriate amount of sleep, eating a nutritious breakfast and making sure that students arrive to school on time. Parent results will be sent home in early October. Parents are invited to attend a Coffee with the Principal on “Understanding MAP Test Results” on Tuesday, October 18 immediately following chapel.

Below is the elementary school MAP test schedule:

- Thursday, Sept. 8: 4th Grade Math
- Friday, Sept. 9: 3rd Grade Math
- Monday, Sept. 12: 2nd Grade Math
- Tuesday, Sept. 13: 4th Grade Reading
- Wednesday, Sept. 14: 3rd Grade Reading
- Friday, Sept. 16: 2nd Grade Reading
- Monday, Sept. 19: 3rd Grade Language Usage
- Tuesday, Sept. 20: 4th Grade Language Usage
- Wednesday, Sept. 21: 2nd Grade Language Usage

Mark Your Calendars:

Thurs., Sept. 22: ECES Back to School Night – 6:45 – 8:30pm

Oct. 3 & 4: Preschool Pictures

Fri., Oct. 7: No School – Teacher In service

Mon., Oct. 10: No School – Columbus Day

Morning Playground Volunteers: We're looking for a few more volunteers to help with Morning Playground Duty this semester. If you're able to help, please return the signup sheet you received in your

child's information packet. Stop in the front office if you need a replacement, or contact Ken Ritsma (kenritsma@gmail.com) with any questions.

After School News:

- **After School Fall Clubs:** Registration for the Basketball Club, Lacrosse Club, Spanish Club and Cooking Club is now open. There are a few spots still available. You may register by following this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/ovNqCawgEheH1gx2>.
- **Piano/Violin Lessons:** Information on lessons will be coming out in the near future.

PTO News:

- **Back to School Picnic** is scheduled for Friday, September 16 from 6:00 – 7:30 pm. Please bring your own dinner, dessert and beverages. (no alcohol please). In the event of rain, the picnic will be cancelled.
- **First PTO Meeting** is scheduled for Tuesday, October 4 immediately following chapel. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact PTO President, Mrs. Lynette Matthews at espto@easternchristian.org.
- **Red Bulls Soccer Game** tickets are still available for \$25. Game Day is October 1 at 7pm at the Red Bulls Arena. To purchase tickets, please send in the attached flyer with payment by September 16.
- **Kidstuff Coupon Books Fundraiser** has begun. Sample books are being sent home today (1 per family). Not only do you benefit with so many coupons to use but your kids benefit too with 50% of the proceeds coming back to EC! Orders and payment are due by Friday, September 23. Thank you!
- **Box Tops and Labels for Education – 2016/2017 Class Contest.** Please see attached flyer for more information on how your class can win the traveling trophy to display in their classroom.
- **Parents in Prayer:** The 1st session will be Wednesday, September 14 from 8:30 – 8:45am in the Art Room.
- **Please find us on Facebook @ ecespto.**