



# EFWMA Newsletter

## Note from the Principal:

Hello New Families!

Welcome to EFWMA! I am proud to be principal of this small and unique community of learners. At EFWMA, our mission is to develop holistic students who drive change in the world. This mission has become increasingly important in a world that is rapidly changing. We strive to fulfill this mission by sustaining a prepared environment where committed teachers, high quality resources, and well designed facilities allow students to chase their educational path.

Our motto is nurturing children's bodies, minds and spirits. We believe strongly that every child deserves to

be treated with respect and given the opportunity to develop their individual talents and gifts through the Montessori Method, Outdoor Learning, Social/Emotional Learning and a wide range of enrichment opportunities, including a robust Fine Arts Program.

We are excited you have chosen to partner with us in educational foundation and life experiences that will enable them to contribute to a better society. We look forward to learning and growing alongside your family.

Sincerely,  
Shello Tabb



## Important Dates:

MEET THE TEACHER

August 12th and 13th

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

August 16, 2021

## NEW School Hours:

☉ 7:15 AM - Breakfast is served

☉ 8:00 AM - School starts

☉ 3:15 PM - PK through 1st grade dismissal

☉ 3:30 PM- 2nd through 5th grade dismissal

Our School utilizes the  
**PIKMYKID** system!  
PLEASE DOWNLOAD  
FROM YOUR APP STORE.

## What will be available on our website?

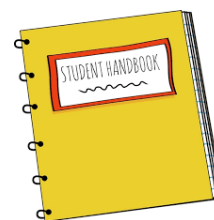
The schools website is  
[www.efwma.org](http://www.efwma.org).

You will be able to find the following items on our website:

- School Supply List
- School Calendar - with details of events
- Student Handbook
- Lunch Menus
- List of staff members and their emails
- Link to PIKMYKID system

- Link to Parent Portal. The portal is for parents to check grades online.
- Link to our Facebook, and Twitter
- Link for [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com) - The online payment system. You may make tuition payments or other school fees.

Please check our website for all updates.



# Message from the Child Nutrition Department:

Dear Parent/Guardian:

We are pleased to inform you that **East Fort Worth Montessori Academy** will continue to implement the **Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)** under the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs for **School Year 2021-2022**. In CEP schools, lunch applications are no longer required.

Schools that participate in the CEP program provide healthy breakfasts and lunches each day at **NO CHARGE** for **ALL** students enrolled in that CEP school during the 2020-2021 School Year.

If you need more information, please contact:

**Aida Aguilar**  
**Food Nutrition Director**  
**Nutrition Department**  
501 Oakland Blvd.  
Fort Worth, TX 76103  
817-496-3003, Ext 302



Special Announcement:

"This program is funded by USDA. This institution is an equal opportunity provider."



## Important Information:

The school has two calendars:

The calendar on our [website](#) and a [Google](#) calendar you can download.

Both calendars are identical can be found on our home page ([www.efwma.org](http://www.efwma.org)).

### Please keep in mind some important information and dates:

- At time of registration - Class fees are due (\$45 for PK & K students and \$40 for students 1st-5th. This can be broken into 2 payments with the first due prior to school starting.
- TBD - New students enrolling in our 1st through 5th grade will be given a placement test. Please call the front office to schedule a time.
- **July 4th - July 8th** - Front office will be closed for the summer.
- Front Office Summer Hours: 8:30AM-4:00PM. Please call 817-496-3003 to schedule an after-

hours appointment.

- **August 12th & 13th - Meet the Teacher Conferences** -9:00 AM to 3:00 PM - Your child(ren)'s teacher will schedule a virtual conference to get to know your family and to allow you to get to know him or her. These will be individual conferences with each family.
- **August 16th— First Day of School**— Children should bring their personal school supplies the first day of school in a child-sized backpack. Students in PreK and Kindergarten may bring a light blanket that can fit in their backpack for nap time. Students in 2nd -5th grade may bring a personal device in a protective case.
- **We are a closed campus for the first 10 days of school.** This allows classrooms to normalize before visitors are allowed on campus.
- **August 30th** - First day parents are welcomed to visit the classrooms.
- **September 30th- Open House/ Hispanic Heritage/ Fall into Reading Literacy Night.** We will showcase our No Place for Hate School-wide projects and learning about Hispanic Heritage during this event as well as kicking off our Fall into Reading Event.



# PK Tuition

Our PK program is a tuition based program. This is for students who are 3 and 4 years old as of **September 1st, 2020**.

The tuition is collected in one (1) deposit of \$100 dollars and nine (9) equal payments of **\$265** or **\$525** (depending on eligibility)

The following is the payment schedule:

1st Payment - **Due at time of registration and it is non-refundable**

2nd Payment - September 1st

3rd Payment - October 1st

4th Payment - November 2nd

5th Payment - December 1st

6th Payment - January 5th

7th Payment - February 1st

8th Payment - March 1st

9th Payment - April 1st

10 Payment - May 3rd

Payments received AFTER the 10th of each month are subject to a \$25 late fee and students will be withdrawn until payment is received.

To be eligible for the reduced rate, a child must be at least three or four years of age by September 1st of the current school year and meet at least **ONE** of the criteria listed below:

- Be unable to speak and comprehend the English language (must take a test from our ESL department; please call front office to schedule time)
- Be educationally disadvantaged, which means a student eligible to participate in the national free or reduced-price lunch program (must fill out Socioeconomic form and provide most recent pay stub or income tax if self-employed)
- Be homeless, as defined by 42 United States Code (U.S.C.) Section 1143a, regardless of the residence of the child, of either parent of the child, or of the child's guardian or other person having lawful control of the child
- Be the child of an active duty member of the armed forces of the United States, including the state military forces or a reserve component of the armed forces, who is ordered to active duty by proper authority (must provide parent military ID);
- Be the child of a member of the armed forces of the United States, including the state military forces or a reserve component of the armed forces, who was injured or killed while serving on active duty;
- Be in, or have been in, the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) following an adversary hearing held as provided by Section 262.201, Family Code; Be the child of a person eligible for the Star of Texas Award as a peace officer (3106.002), firefighter (3106.003), or emergency medical first responder (3106.004) (must provide letter from DFPS).

If you have any questions regarding eligibility, please contact the front office at 817-496-3003.



# Student Handbook

The student handbook is located on our website or you can request a paper copy in the front office. Please take the time to review the student handbook and our grading policy. The following are a few highlights from the handbook:

- The first ten (10) days of school, EFWMA does not allow parents into the classroom so the students can acclimate to a new environment. This ten day (10) period is mandatory for parents enrolling their children during the school year.

- Prescription medications administered during school hours must be prescribed by a physician or advanced nurse practitioner ("ANP") and filled by a pharmacist licensed in the State of Texas.
- Medical Forms are available in the front office for the following conditions: Asthma Plan, and/or Epi Pen, and an Authorization form to dis-

pense medication. Please make sure to fill out the appropriate form (s) for your student (s).



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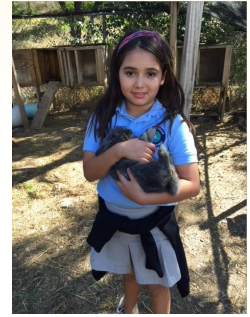
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## Vision Statement

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## Mission Statement

*To sustain a prepared environment where committed teachers, high quality resources, and well-designed facilities allow students to choose their educational path.*



## Uniforms

Students are required to wear uniforms Monday through Friday. The full uniform policy is available by grade level on our website [www.efwma.org](http://www.efwma.org).

### Reminders:

The shirts and sweaters must be purchased from school vendor. The school approved vendor is:

**Flynn O'Hara**  
**1125 Oakland Blvd.**  
**Fort Worth, TX 76103.**  
**817-292-5437.**

**Flynn**   
**& O'Hara**  
School Uniforms

Please order as soon as possible to ensure your child's uniform is available.

The bottoms may be purchased from any store (**must be approved school colors**).

The school spirit shirts or field day shirts may be worn only on **Fridays** with appropriate bottoms. **You may order spirit shirts from the front office or on [myschoolbucks.com](http://myschoolbucks.com)**

**Shoes** - Athletic shoes, loafers, dress shoes or other closed toe shoes.

**Belts** - Belts must be worn by students in 3rd - 5th grades.

The uniform policy **will be enforced** starting the **first day** of school.

**Parents will be asked to take student home and return in appropriate uniform.**

Pre - K through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade wear red shirts and navy bottoms.



3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade wear light blue shirts and khaki bottoms.



**Logo sweaters** are the only sweaters allowed in the classroom settings.

If your child is in the K-2 or 3-5 Leadership Prep Programs, please keep in mind they require a different color and logo uniform.