EPIC's School Newsletter

Thursday, August 18th, 2016

Our First Week!

Regular Day Schedule
(Monday-Thursday)
(K-5th grade) 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
(6th-8th grade) 8:30 a.m.- 3:15 p.m.
Friday Schedule-Minimum DAY
8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

*Art and PE will begin on Monday, August 22nd

Our Second Week!

* **Language Classes** will begin on Monday, August 29th
* The **After School Program** will begin on Monday, August 29th
* Thursday, September 1st is a **MINIMUM DAY**, students are released at 12:30 p.m.
* **BACK to SCHOOL NIGHT** is on Thursday, September 1st

Students may not be on campus before 7:45 a.m.

There is no adult supervision prior to this time, so we cannot guarantee students safety. All students should report to either the multi-purpose room (for breakfast only) or to the playground.

Classroom instruction starts promptly at 8:30 a.m. Arrivals after 8:45 a.m. will be considered Tardy.

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EPIC is a Flippen Group Capturing Kids' Hearts school.

Last week your scholar was asked to help create a "Social Contract" with their teacher and peers in each room they enter here at EPIC. The Social Contract is crucial to the academic and social success of each individual scholar here at EPIC. The Social Contract is part of the Capturing Kids' Hearts (CKH) program we use here at EPIC (and in all of the GCC schools). The primary focus of Capturing Kids' Hearts is to develop healthy relationships between members of a school's educational community and to teach effective skills that help participants:

- Develop self-managing classrooms and decrease discipline issues through innovative techniques such as a social contract
- Decrease delinquent behaviors such as disruptive outbursts, violent acts, and drug use
- Utilize the EXCEL Teaching Model™ and reinforce the role of emotional intelligence in teaching
- Build classroom rapport and teamwork to create a safe, trusting learning environment
- Develop students' empathy for diverse cultures/backgrounds
- Increase classroom attendance by building students' motivation and helping them take responsibility for their actions and performance

Parking and Driveway Safety- We need your help to keep the school and your children safe. It is imperative that families adhere to our parking safety rules. EVERY child's safety is important to us! At no time, should anyone drive fast or recklessly through the parking areas or surrounding streets. At no time, should parents park their cars in a drop off area or drop off zone. Parents must always park in a designated parking spot. The handicapped zone is reserved for those with handicap permits. Please be courteous and follow all safety guidelines at all times.