

Hello Red Hawk Families,

The first week of school was quite an adventure. We appreciate the kindness and grace our families showed us. Thank you to those who shared concerns and areas for improvement. And thank you to those who shared their positive experiences. I recently saw a quote that said, “Sometimes you win. Sometimes you learn.” We had our share of wins this week, and we did a lot of learning as well. While we continue learning, our goal is to increase our wins. As we move into week two and beyond, you can expect continued improvement in our virtual and remote/traditional schools.

Following are updates and important information for the coming week:

- **Bell Schedule for Remote Learning:** This week, students will follow the 5-Day Week schedule, which means they will have periods 1, 3, 7, and 5 on Monday and Wednesday and periods 2, 4, 6, and 5 on Tuesday and Thursday. On Friday they will attend all periods. Students in remote learning will follow the 5-Day week schedule most weeks. Please visit our [website](#) for more details. Virtual students will follow the regular schedule.
- **Student Schedules:** All students should have their schedules by now. However, we know that some schedules still need adjusting. For our students in the **virtual school**, please know that resolving concerns with scheduling and the Edgenuity program is a top priority. For all students—**virtual and remote/traditional**—we are working as quickly as possible to address requested schedule changes. Due to the high volume of change requests, we ask for your patience as we work through the process. Be assured that requests are completed on a first-come-first-serve basis and are approved based on the availability of space in the requested course(s). Be assured that we will work with students and families regarding attendance and any class assignment that may have been missed.
- **Online Classroom Access:** For information about classroom and lesson access, please email your child’s teachers. You can access teacher emails on our [website](#). Students should continue to access the student portal to check for emails from their teachers. Students can access the portal by clicking on the myCNUSD logo at the top of our [website](#). This portal is important, not only for accessing email, but also for accessing Google Classroom, Canvas, Edgenuity, and other resources. If your child is unable to login, please contact [ECMSAdmin@cnusd.k12.ca.us](mailto:ECMSAdmin@cnusd.k12.ca.us) for assistance.
- **Zoom Meeting Student Expectations:** Parents, we encourage you to review the following Zoom Meeting Student Expectation tips with your student(s):
  - Join the meeting at the correct start time and stay the entire time.
  - Use the chat feature when you have a question.
  - Mute yourself when you are not speaking.
  - Do not share the meeting code with anyone.
  - Do not send inappropriate messages or photos.
  - Join the meeting using your name.
  - Only attend meetings you have been invited to.
  - Follow any expectations your teacher sets.

For more online safety resources, [please click here](#).

- **Device Distribution Update:** Please visit the [Device and Internet Deployment](#) webpage for information on the status of device distribution. You also will find information on requesting a device as well as answers to frequently asked questions about device distribution.
- **Textbook Distribution:** The textbook distribution schedule is attached. Please note: The textbook distribution schedule is for students in remote learning. Students in virtual learning will use the Edgenuity learning platform, which has its own curriculum. [Learn more about Edgenuity here](#).
- **SOAR:** This week, many of our students were introduced to SOAR (Safety, Ownership, Achievement, Respect). SOAR is the Hawk Way! It encompasses four key areas to help ALL students develop strong habits and positive relationships. Students in remote/traditional school received SOAR lessons during 5<sup>th</sup> period. Students in virtual school received the lessons where possible. The SOAR lessons will continue this week. The goal is to familiarize our students with what Safety, Ownership, Achievement, and Respect look like in various school settings, including online. Click [here](#) to learn more about SOAR.
- **Free and Reduced Price Meals Application:** To complete your Free and Reduced Price Meals Application for the 2020-21 School Year, [click here](#).
- **Grab & Go Meals:** CNUSD Grab & Go feeding will take place curbside at all CNUSD school sites, on the first day of each week. Students will receive breakfast and lunch for each school day. For more information, including a list of school sites and their meal distribution times, click [here](#). Meal distribution time at El Cerrito Middle school is 11:30 to 1:30 on the first day of each week.
- **Digital Learning Parent Support:** Please visit the [Digital Learning Parent Support](#) site for parent resources. A variety of “How to” videos can be found [here](#).
- **Digital Library:** ECMS subscribes to Overdrive/Sora, which gives our students access to ebooks and audiobooks through the [CNUSD Digital Library](#). Students can access the digital library through MyCNUSD or by using the [direct link](#). Students also can download the Sora app and sign in to El Cerrito Middle School.
- **Online Orientation:** Please access the online orientation videos [here](#).
- **School Office Hours:** The office is open from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. At this point we are open for phone calls only, but will begin accepting appointments for in person visits soon. More information to come. If you need to speak with someone at the school, please call (951)736-3216 during school office hours.
- **School Photos and Student IDs:** Due to safety concerns related to COVID-19, student photos will be delayed until conditions are deemed safe. Students have access to their digital ID card on their smart phones using the Q Student Connection Mobile Application. Directions for accessing the digital ID card can be found [here](#).
- **School Safety:** For information about how safety will be addressed across CNUSD when we physically return to school, please access the [2020-2021 School Opening and Safety Plan](#). You can expect additional information on how the plan will be implemented at El Cerrito Middle School in the near future.
- **General Suggestions:** To make sure you have the latest information from CNUSD regarding the current school year, please visit [2020-2021 School Year](#). Also visit the [El Cerrito Middle School website](#). To stay up to date, visit both sites regularly. If you are

not receiving notifications from CNUSD or El Cerrito Middle School, you can visit our [website](#), and click on the Parent tab for directions on getting started. You also can use the [SchoolMessenger](#) app or website to receive texts and emails with the latest district updates. For specific classroom or learning questions, email your child's teachers. You can access teacher emails on our website. For general questions not answered through any of the suggested resources, please contact [ECMSAdmin@cnusd.k12.ca.us](mailto:ECMSAdmin@cnusd.k12.ca.us).

We are looking forward to a great second week of school!

Sincerely,

The El Cerrito Middle School Admin Team

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