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We **encourage** all families/friends/community members to **continuously** check our school's website for up-to-date information. Click [HERE](#).

1st Annual Community Block Party: Thank you to all who volunteered and attended this event. We hope that everyone had a wonderful time. If you missed it, all student schedules are available through Synergy/Canvas.

NEW Lunch Routine @ EMMS:

EMMS Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back! As you and your student(s) ready for the new school year, I want to share a change to our grade level lunch shifts. Previously, students ate their lunches at the beginning of their 30-minute lunch shift, and after 15 minutes, those who wished to go outside were excused to the blacktop or field for the last 15 minutes.

While lunch times will remain 30 minutes long, this year we are allowing students to go outside for recess for the first 15 minutes and return to the cafeteria to each lunch during the last 15 minutes. Please note, students are not required to go outside and may eat their lunch at any point during their lunch shift.

There are several factors related to our students' health and well-being that influenced this decision. Multiple studies on scheduling recess before lunch highlight the positive outcomes of providing movement and activity before students eat lunch, including an increase in the consumption of more healthful foods, improved student behaviors, fewer visits to the health room, and a greater readiness for instruction once they return to class.

Staff who offer support during lunch shifts are ready to help our students transition to this change beginning on Tuesday, September 3rd. (There are also quite a few can't wait to play Four-Square and to jump rope with them!)

Please reach out should you have any questions or concerns.

Ms. Doyle-Wetzelberger, Assistant Principal

EMMS Community Fundraiser: At our Block Party EMMS revealed our 80th Anniversary Community Tee Shirt and promised that we would add it to our OSP options, as well as provide students with order forms to take home. *NOTE: This fundraiser is OPTIONAL. Anything collected that exceeds expenses will be a donation and will directly benefit students and staff.*

OSP Link – [EMMS - 80th Anniversary Community T-Shirts](#)

- *When you click the link above, you will be taken to the order screen, then all you will need to do click the drop down for size options*

Order forms will be sent home with students on Friday, Sept. 6th

EMMS Current/Important Information for All Families: Click [HERE](#) to see up to date information for all EMMS families. For example: School Supply List, School Leadership Team, etc.

EMMS Fundraisers: Click [HERE](#) to see all current and upcoming fundraisers.

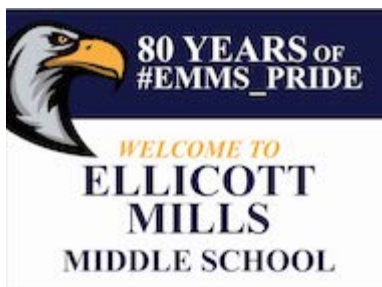
Community News: Please visit the [HCPSS Community News and Programs](#) page on its website for a complete list of announcements of upcoming events and programs sponsored by non-profit organizations. For ALL opportunities EMMS is aware of, please visit the EMMS website – click [HERE](#)

- Ellicott Mills teams are participating again this year in HCYP's Middle School Basketball league and tryouts will be held sometime in September / October. Specific information can be found at <https://hcypbasketball.org/middle-school> if you are interested.
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Mark Your Calenders!! We **encourage** all families/friends/community members to **continuously** check our school's calendar for all announced activities and schedules – click [HERE](#)

Sept. 2 nd	Schools and Offices Closed
Sept. 3 rd	First Day of School
Sept. 5 th	6 th Grade Outdoor Ed. Parent Info Night @ 6:30pm, EMMS Cafeteria
Sept. 10 th	8 th Grade and New to EMMS Hearing and Vision Screenings
Sept. 11 th	PTA Meeting @ 6:30pm, EMMS Media Center

Sept. 12 th	Back-To-School Night @ 6:30pm, EMMS School-Wide Event
Sept. 16 th	Re-Screenings - 8 th Grade and New to EMMS Hearing and Vision
Sept. 18 th	Back to Music Night @ 6pm, EMMS Cafeteria & Music Classrooms
Sept. 24 th	EMMS Restaurant Night @ 5-9pm, Chick-Fil-A (Executive Park Dr.)
Sept. 30 th	Schools and Offices Closed
Oct. 2 nd	PTA Meeting @ 6:30pm, EMMS Media Center
Oct. 2 nd	7 th Grade Field Trip – PA Renaissance Faire
Oct. 15 th -17 th	6 th Grade Field Trip – Outdoor Ed
Oct. 21 st	EMMS Flu Clinic
Oct. 23 rd -24 th	EMMS Restaurant Night @ UNO's (Long Gate)
Oct. 28 th	FALL School Photos



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