

EPIC Newsletter

Empowering Possibilities International Charter School
March 1, 2024



Message from Dr. Kosch –EPIC Principal

Dear EPIC Community,

It is hard to believe that winter is almost over and we are moving into spring! I am hoping that all of our staff, students and families had a safe and restful Presidents Week off and are ready to finish out the 2023-2024 year strong! Today marks the end of the 2nd Trimester, meaning we are 2/3 of the way through the school year!

Read Across America Week Reading Contest – March 4-11

To celebrate Read Across America Week, EPIC is holding a contest to see which classrooms can read the most after school. Any time spent reading for fun outside of school counts (chapter books, comic books, magazines, Google, etc.) Students will report minutes read each morning to their classroom/homeroom teacher. Four winning classrooms will receive popcorn parties! Thanks for encouraging your student to read each night, especially in English, it is great for their academic development!

EPIC Open-Enrollment for 2024-2025 Ends Friday, March 22

This is a reminder that all students NEW to EPIC (including TK-K) for 2024-2025 must file an application to attend EPIC by Friday, March 22. Applications can be found on our website at www.epicib.org at the "Enroll Now" tab. Filing does an application to EPIC does not guarantee admission. If demand exceeds space, lotteries will be held in those grade levels. For questions, call 916-286-1960 or email Registrar Tatiana Kondrashov Tatiana.Kondrashov@gcccharters.org

EPIC PYP Science Curriculum Adoption

In case you haven't heard the news, EPIC is piloting new science curriculum in grades K, 2 and 4. This engaging state-adopted science curriculum is hands on and addresses the needs of various student learning styles. Before adoption, EPIC will provide the opportunity for parents to view samples of the curriculum the weeks of March 11-22 from 7:45-8:30 a.m. or from 3:00-4:00 p.m. to provide feedback. To learn more about this curriculum, you can visit the website at:

<https://www.teachtci.com/science/>

In February, the EPIC Admin. team hosted the 1st ever "Doughnuts with Admin" as part of our Caught Being Good incentive. This is something we plan on doing monthly – who will be our next winners???

Important Dates

Friday, March 1

Owl Buck Store – Recess Times
EPIC Spelling Bees (Approximate Times Below)
MYP 8:45 a.m.; 4/5 9:30 a.m.; 2/3 10:15 a.m.; K/1 11:00 a.m.

Friday, March 8

2nd Trimester Academic/LP Awards
TK-2 8:45 a.m.; Grades 3-5 9:20 a.m.; MYP 9:55 a.m.
Kids' Farmers Market – 10:30-12:30 p.m.

March 11-22

EPIC Science Curriculum Adoption Viewing (K-5)

Tuesday, March 12

EPIC Virtual School Site Council/ELAC/DELAC – 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 13

Virtual Coffee with Admin – 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, March 14

2nd Trimester Behavior Reward Parties – 1-3 p.m.

Friday, March 15

EPIC Science Fair – 9:30-10:30 a.m.

March 20-22

EPIC IB PYP Evaluation Visit

Friday, March 22

Open Enrollment for 2024-2025 School Year Ends

March 25-29

Spring Break – No School for Students or Staff
School Resumes on Tuesday, April 2 for Students

Note: All Fridays are Minimum Days. Students must be picked up promptly at 12:30 p.m. unless they are part of the after school program.

Zoom Link for Virtual Events:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85452091940?pwd=RHIYNXoySkFkelAvK1VvMXFKNm93Zz09>

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