

THE EAGLES VIEW

ETHAN ALLEN SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome back to a brand-new school year! I hope you all had a wonderful and restful summer break, filled with fun and precious family moments. It was truly a joy to see so many bright and enthusiastic faces filling our hallways again on the first day of school. The energy and excitement were noticeable, and it's clear we're all ready for another year of learning, growth, and discovery.

For our new families, a very special welcome to the Ethan Allen community! We are thrilled to have you join us and look forward to getting to know you. For our returning families, it's wonderful to have you back. Together, we make our school a vibrant and supportive place for all students to thrive.

This year, we will continue to focus on academic excellence, fostering a love of learning, and developing strong character in all our students. We believe in creating a safe and inclusive environment where every child feels valued, challenged, and supported. Our dedicated team of teachers and staff has been working tirelessly to prepare engaging lessons and exciting activities that will inspire and educate our K-8 learners.

Communication is key to a successful school year, and I encourage you to stay connected with us. Please make sure to read our monthly newsletters, check our school website for updates, and reach out to your child's teacher or the school office with any questions or concerns. We are always here to partner with you in your child's educational journey.

I am incredibly optimistic about the year ahead and all the wonderful achievements our students will make. Let's work together to make this a truly memorable and successful school year.

Warmest Regards,

Dr. Cassandra Houston, Principal



Calendar Highlights

• **September 1st:** Labor Day - School Closed

• **September 3rd:** Back to School Night
4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

• **September 12th:** Professional Development Half Day
(12 PM Dismissal)

September 15th: Hispanic Heritage Month Begins

• **September 23rd:** Rosh Hashanah;
Schools Closed

• **October 15th:** Hispanic Heritage Month Ends

Farewell to Summer

The golden sun begins to dip, A whisper in the breeze, Of summer days, a joyful slip, Through fields and leafy trees.

No more the long, unhurried light, Of days spent at the shore, Now morning air brings crisp delight, And school bells ring once more.

Though bikes and splash pads fade away, And fireflies take flight, New adventures start this very day, With learning, keen and bright.

So wave goodbye to summer's gleam, And welcome autumn's hue, A brand new year, a brand new dream, For me, and also you!





Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15 - October 15)

This month, we are excited to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month! This is a time to recognize and honor the rich histories, cultures, and contributions of Hispanic and Latino Americans to our country and beyond. From vibrant traditions and delicious cuisines to groundbreaking innovations and inspiring artistry, the impact of Hispanic cultures is immense and truly enriches our community in Philadelphia and across the nation.

Our classrooms will be exploring this important month through various activities, discussions, and projects. We encourage you to join us in celebrating at home as well!

Suggested Reading Materials:

Here are some wonderful books for different age groups that you can explore with your children:

- **For K-2 Students:**
 - *Island born* by Junot Díaz
 - *Mango, Abuela, and Me* by Meg Medina
 - *Too Many Tamales* by Gary Soto
 - **For 3-5 Students:**
 - *Separate Is Never Equal: Sylvia Mendez and Her Family's Fight for Desegregation* by Duncan Tonatui
 - *The Dreamer* by Pam Muñoz Ryan
 - *Stef Soto, La Rueda del Destino* by Jennifer Torres
 - **For 6-8 Students:**
 - *The House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros
 - *Merci Suárez Changes Gears* by Meg Medina
 - *Enrique's Journey* (Young Adult Adaptation) by Sonia Nazario
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Online Resources & Links:

- **Smithsonian Education - Hispanic Heritage Month:** <https://learninglab.si.edu/collections/descubra-hispanic-heritage/Tdi8LjcFHMf2Amt9>
- **Library of Congress - Hispanic Heritage Month:** <https://guides.loc.gov/latinx-studies/nhhm>
- **PBS Kids - Latino Culture & Heritage:** <https://pbskids.org/families/latino-culture-and-heritage/>

Let's embrace this opportunity to learn, celebrate, and appreciate the diversity that makes our school and community so special!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labor Day Schools Closed	2	3 PBIS KICK OFF Assembly Back to school night	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 Staff Professional Dev. (Half Day)	13
14	15	16	17		19	20
21	22	23 Rosh Hashanah Schools Closed	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Stay Connected!

- **School Website:** Ethanallen@philasd.org
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