



**ELGIN MATH & SCIENCE ACADEMY
CHARTER SCHOOL**

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Dear EMSA Family,

27 days till school starts!

All EMSA Family Update newsletters are now available on our website under the Parent Information tab. We have been made aware that some families are not receiving our emailed newsletters through our SchoolMint system. If you have not been receiving emails from us, please contact us so we can verify your email address in our SchoolMint system.

We are updating our website daily with information and upcoming events for our families — be sure to visit our website regularly, especially the “Parent Information” tab, www.elginmathandscience.org.

Por favor llámenos a (630) 254-4596 para que reciba traducción en español.

UNIFORMS & SUPPLY LISTS

Our [uniform policy](#), [purchasing uniforms](#) links, and [supply lists](#) are available on our website under “Parent Information”. If you are unable purchase items online or need assistance in purchasing the required uniform tops for your student, please contact us at (630) 254-4596, or email us at info@emsacharter.org.

We will have order forms available during our Registration days on July 26 & 27.

From July 13 - July 19, EMSA families get 25% off of your entire purchase!
Use PromoCode: EMSA25

<https://www.frenchtoastschoolbox.com/schools/elgin-math-science-academy-QS5PRKD>

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Our full school **calendar** is up on the website! [EMSA Calendar 2018/19](#)

FRIDAY FIELD STUDIES

Every Friday classes are in session beginning Friday, August 24 through Friday, May 24, will be a “Friday Field Studies” day. On these Fridays, students are released from their usual school day at 1:30pm. From 1:30pm to 3:00pm, EMSA students will engage in an **outdoor environmental education program** on EMSA’s campus which will be led by local naturalists and field experts. After school programming will operate as usual. For more information, check out our website: <https://elginmathandscience.com/friday-field-studies/>

*** We will need parent volunteers for each class of students for Friday Field Studies. Please let us know if you would like to sign up to help out on a Friday afternoon! ***Thank you to all the parents that have responded. We will be in touch soon!***

NATURE NOTES

“A school in the woods” is a dream-come-true for many of us, but we also recognize that it may make others uncomfortable. Humans have a long history of living in harmony with the land, but a recent cultural change has broken that bond for many cultures, especially ours.

An abundance of educational psychology research reveals extensive benefits that outdoor environmental education has on the health and overall wellbeing of our youth. EMSA students will learn about local ecosystems while safely exercising their innate curiosity and connection to the natural environment. These learning experiences will be introduced gently and gradually while students become comfortable and confident in our outdoor campus. As was the case for this location as a school for over 100 years, students will develop a sense of place that will yield educational and personal rewards.

The staff developing the outdoor education philosophy and programming has a wealth of knowledge and experience in this field of study. The previous school’s preschool teacher and environmental educator known as Mr. Richard (Wilson) is bringing his 40 years of experience of teaching young children on this particular campus. Local educator, Gary Swick, brings an additional 40 years of experience in guiding students in field experience. EMSA Board President, Kerry Kelly, has practical experience with environmental education in a variety of settings.

We are working with several environmental education organizations as partners and resources. With our supportive Principal, staff and volunteers, we are confident that our outdoor campus will be an exceptional experience for the EMSA crew.

We expect EMSA families to be able to participate in many outdoor adventures on campus during the school year. Additional information about outdoor education at EMSA will be available at registration, during the **guided hiking tours of the property on Saturday 7/28 from 8:00am to Noon**, and information sessions for EMSA families during the fall.

VOLUNTEERING

Are you looking for opportunities to volunteer for EMSA? Do you want to be a “Room Mom” or a “Friday Field Studies” helper? Would you like to roll up your sleeves and work with the Beautification Crew or help assemble and move furniture? Do you have certain skills, expertise or ways you would like to contribute to EMSA? Email us at info@emsacharter.org with your name, your student’s name and how you would like to help! ***Thank you to all the parents that have responded. We will be in touch soon!***

TRANSPORTATION

We have completed mapping out residences according to transportation needs. We will be working with our bus company to design routes and stops beginning this week.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Families must register in person at the Boys and Girls Club of Elgin Clubhouse on 355 Dundee Avenue, Elgin, IL 60120. Ph# (847) 608-5017. *Summer Clubhouse hours: 8:00am – 7:00pm, Monday – Friday. (After school care will be located at EMSA.)*

PROJECT BACKPACK

project-backpack.org

Project Backpack is a community-based initiative led by Elgin Community College to benefit students in need, by offering appropriate resources to start a successful school year. Over 17,000 students have been helped since 2010! This year’s event will take place on **Saturday, August 11, 2018, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.** (or until supply lasts) at Elgin Community College's Event Center, Building J.

PHASE 2 of REGISTRATION

Our “**Phase 2**” of Registration and Enrollment will be in-person at EMSA. We ask our families to stop in any time during the designated registration times:

Thursday, July 26: Noon – 7pm

Friday, July 27: 8am – Noon.

Please go to our website under “Parent Information” to find forms and requirements for this final step in finishing registration for your student. *Please see the [Registration Checklist](#).*

BACK-to-SCHOOL NIGHT

EMSA’s **Back-to-School Night** will be on Tuesday, August 14th from 4:30pm – 6:30pm! Families are welcome to drop in at their convenience during our Back-to-School hours. We will do our best to accommodate all parking needs. **Your visit should only take about 15 minutes.** During the Back-to-School Night, you will have the opportunity to check out your student’s classroom, meet your student’s teacher and drop off your student’s supplies.

August 15, First Day of School!

Reminder: Our staff and administration will continue to work out of our temporary office at 17 Douglas Avenue in downtown Elgin until we are ready to move in. If you need to contact us by phone, please call **(630) 254-4596**, or email us at info@emsacharter.org.

EMSA crew