



# THE ESSA GAZETTE

A MONTHLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Another Great School Year Begins!

With excitement and enthusiasm, the 2021-22 School Year began on Monday, August 16. We greeted returning students and welcomed new ESSA families, including new members of the faculty and staff! You'll be meeting them in future issues of this newsletter. And in addition, we also have a new school mascot; we're now the ESSA Bees!

Welcome one and all! It's going to be a fantastic year!

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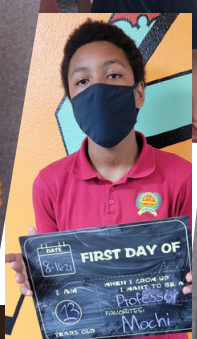
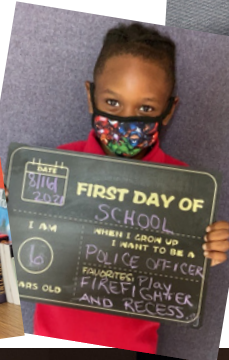
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Monday, October 11: Columbus Day - NO SCHOOL

Wednesday, October 13: PTO Meeting @ 4:30 PM

Friday, October 15: Professional Development - EARLY DISMISSAL @ 11:30 AM

Thursday, October 21: Parent-Teacher Conferences (Evening Only)

Friday, October 22: Parent-Teacher Conferences - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Saturday, October 23: FALL FESTIVAL - 10 AM-2 PM



## GETTING TO KNOW YOU: #3 EMERALD TERRACE!

"There's no place like home!" How much truth there is in this old adage! It's hard to believe that just about two and a half months ago, our entire school was still based in Belleville. We took possession of this building on July 1, and renovations began just a few days later. The moving of ESSA didn't begin in earnest until the first week of August. This major transition required a whirlwind of activity--and lots of teamwork!--but we're so proud that this school year began on August 16 as planned. Although there is still work to do, and renovations will continue, our new school home is already serving us well!

Despite the continued Covid-related delays with the playground and fence (both of which are expected to be in place by the end of October), the students are enjoying indoor recess in the spacious auditorium, where music and dance classes are also conducted. Downstairs, our computer lab has been outfitted with all new computers for this year. New metal lockers or wooden cubbies have been installed for all students, allowing for tidier classrooms. A large awning at the front entrance will soon protect our families from the elements and spruce up the exterior. And although the school year just started weeks ago, plans are already underway for future improvements.

All of these features add convenience and comfort, but they aren't what makes our school truly special. The people of ESSA are the heart of this school community, and they are the most essential part of who we are. ESSA is teachers enthusiastically igniting enthusiasm in their classrooms. It's students offering encouragement and friendship, and supporting one another inside the classroom and out. It's parents' generosity as they come bearing donuts (or a coffee maker!) for the staff, selflessly supporting the PTO, or making the time to chaperone a field trip. It's the people--the readers of this newsletter--who make ESSA home.

And speaking of special people, it is definitely worth mentioning that there have been several ESSA families who have gone above and beyond to help us with that grueling move and to get the school year off to a smooth start. We'd like to acknowledge the following individuals for their time and generosity: Brent and Lisa Bicket; Morgan and Alex Clawson; Alexandra Scott and Heath Converse; Soran Javahirsadeh and Mirage Memmer; Robin and Shannon Duvall; and countless others who offer the ESSA faculty and staff support in small but meaningful ways. We are so grateful for you all!

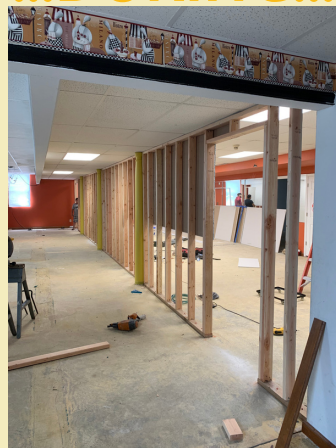




BEFORE...



...DURING...



...AFTER!





## STUDENT OF THE MONTH: KHORIE PAINE

At the end of my interview with this particular Kindergartener, Khorie was asked if there was anything else that she wanted to share with the readers of this newsletter. Her response was enthusiastic, sincere, and immediate--"My toys!" And that brief exchange truly illustrates just who Khorie Paine is. At only 5 years old, Khorie is well known at ESSA for her compassion, character, and generosity of spirit. She is often the very first to welcome a new friend to the classroom, and if she senses that someone is nervous or shy, she takes him or her under her kind and capable wing. She will gently lead her new friend around the classroom, sit with him or her at lunch, and be a supportive friend at recess--all without being asked! Khorie can also be relied on to be a trustworthy and reliable helper who leads by example.

This is Khorie's third year at ESSA, and she's pretty excited about being in a new school for her Kindergarten year. She's very pleased that there are bathrooms both upstairs and downstairs, and she really likes having so many great toys and activities in Mrs. Zink's classroom (especially LEGOs and kinetic sand!). But for Khorie, the absolute best parts of school are the people--she happily explained, "I love taking care of my friends!"

Khorie is naturally curious about the world around her, so it seems fitting that she would like to be a scientist when she grows up. She might work with animals, she said, but she's especially interested in studying space and the planets. Khorie mentioned that she "might study homework, too, which is easy for me!" But she has a while before she has to choose a career path. So for now, some of her favorite school activities are using the computer lab and attending both Music and Dance classes.

At home, this young lady loves playing with her younger brother, Kasen (2), and sister, Amylah (1). She enjoys sharing her toys with them, scaring her brother just a tiny bit to make him laugh, going to the park, and playing games (her favorite is Duck, Duck, Goose). Khorie also enjoys going shopping for clothes and shoes--she's the first to call herself a princess, and she happily notes that she looks like Belle. But she also truly enjoys finding the perfect gifts for the special people in her life. When she finds something just right, Khorie can't wait for the person to open it so she can hug them and tell him or her just how much they are loved.

In addition to her brother and sister, Khorie also lives with her very proud mom, Ariella, and grandmother, Marsha.

Congratulations, Khorie!



### KHORIE'S FAVORITE THINGS

**Colors:** Pink and Yellow-Gold

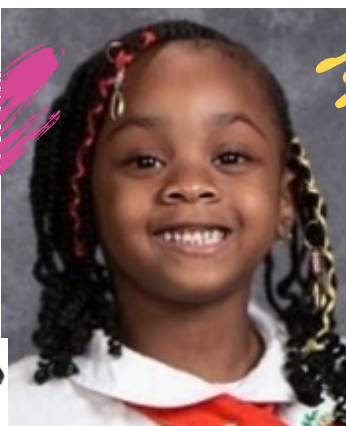
**Food:** McDonald's Chicken Nuggets

**Animals:** Small Puppies and Bunnies

**Movie:** Paw Patrol: The Movie

**Place:** The Pool

**Character:** Poppy the Troll





# GRANDPARENTS AND SPECIAL FRIENDS DAY

Those of us at ESSA were thrilled to open our doors for the first time this school year to welcome some very special guests! We observed Grandparents Day this year on Monday, September 13. Students were able to invite grandparents or other special people in their lives to join them for breakfast, meaningful art projects, and a tour of the building.

Visitors also received a colorful thank you flower, courtesy of the Duvall family.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this event.

We can't wait to see you at future school functions!





# THE PTO PAGES



We're only 6 weeks into the school year, and our PTO is already in high gear. But it's not too late to get involved! All parents are cordially invited and encouraged to join the PTO. We have a busy year ahead, and we look forward to your fresh ideas and helping hands. **The PTO meets the second Wednesday of each month at 4:30.** And keep an eye on the PTO board and lobby table for ways to get involved! Together, we can achieve so much for our students!

## Sweet OR SAVORY?

Our first fundraiser of the year ends

October 20!

Snack or sell for \$1 each!



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get started.







## WHAT'S THE BUZZ?

Remember:  
Fall Festival  
Saturday,  
Oct. 23rd!

### Daily Don't Forgets!

- Water Bottle
- Lunch
- Extra Masks
- Clothes (PreK-2nd)

## 9 TIPS to keep kids germ-free at school



Some things spread like wildfire in a school – the latest lingo, the latest trends and, unfortunately, the latest germs. Share these tips with your kids to keep them as healthy as possible:

Nearly **22 million** school days are missed each year due to colds alone.



### WASH YOUR HANDS.

Teach younger kids to scrub their hands in warm, soapy water until they finish singing the entire alphabet song. Teach older kids to count to 20 before rinsing.



### DON'T SHARE.

This applies to personal items, such as water bottles, earbuds, hats, hairbrushes and lip balms.



### COVER SNEEZES AND COUGHS.

Teach kids to sneeze and cough into the crook of their elbow or a tissue – not their hands.



### HANDS OFF YOUR FACE.

Teach younger kids especially to keep their fingers out of their mouths, noses and ears.



### SKIP THE WATER FOUNTAIN.

If your children's school doesn't allow water bottles, teach them to use the water fountain without putting their mouths on the spigot.



### EAT YOUR FRUITS AND VEGGIES.

A nutritious diet can give young immune systems a healthy boost.



### GET ENOUGH SLEEP.

Sleep helps keep kids' immune systems strong. Follow these guidelines per night:  
Ages 10 to 17: 8.5 to 9.5 hours  
Ages 5 to 10: 10 to 11 hours  
Ages 3 to 5: 11 to 13 hours



### GET THE FLU SHOT.

This is the single best way to protect your kids from influenza every year.



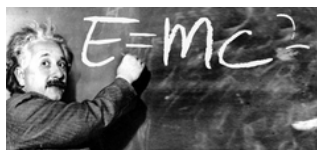
### STAY HOME FROM SCHOOL.

Sick kids' weakened immune systems may make them vulnerable to even more germs – and they need to avoid infecting others.

## STEAMing through History: September



**1789** - The US Treasury Department was established. Alexander Hamilton was the first Secretary of the Treasury.



**1905** - Albert Einstein introduced the equation  $E=mc^2$  in a paper he published entitled "Does the Inertia of a Body Depend Upon Its Energy Content?"

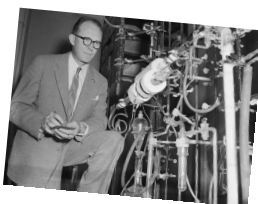


**1928** - Baseball Hall of Famer Ty Cobb got his 4,191th and last career hit.

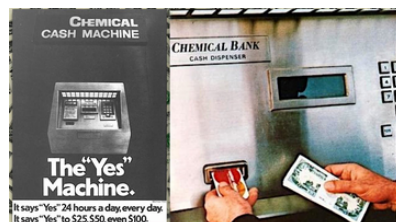


**1940** - The Lascaux Cave Paintings, about 17,300 year old, were found in southwestern France.

**1949** - University of Chicago Chemistry Professor Willard Libby announced his discovery of Radiocarbon dating.



**1972** - Bobby Fischer, the youngest chess grandmaster in history, defeated the USSR's Boris Spassky at the World Chess Championship. He was the first American to compete in the tournament.



**1969** - The first ATM in the US was installed at the Rockville Centre, New York branch of Chemical Bank.

**1682** - English astronomer Edmund Halley discovered the comet now named after him. It is visible from Earth about every 75 years; it will next be visible in 2061!

**1930** - The Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company (now known as 3M) began marketing Scotch transparent tape.



**1954** - The USS Nautilus, the first atomic-powered submarine, was commissioned by the US Navy.



**1998** - Google was founded by Stanford University students Larry Page and Sergey Brin.

