



The Eagle Press



January 2024

Soaring High with Eagle Pride!

A Note from the Principal

Dear Eastbrook Families,

5, 4, 3, 2, 1.... Happy New Year! I can't believe it is 2024! Although the holiday season has come to an end and the New Year resolutions and goals we have made are in full swing! As the hustle and bustle of the holiday season is gone, it is an excellent time for us to take a step back and reflect upon the priorities of life, recommit and refocus to assure that appropriate time and effort are committed to these priorities.

The second half of the year will be in full swing and January will be a busy month! We have the FAST assessment beginning January 9th. We cannot wait to see how much our students have grown. At the end of January, we have our awards ceremonies. Please take note of the dates and times.

Finally, have you joined our Eastbrook Elementary School and Elementary PTA pages on Facebook? You may see a picture of your child's experiences this year and postings as it is a great way to stay update-to-date with current information.

All the best,

Mrs. Herndon



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IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

January 8—Welcome Back Students! 52/ Q3 Begins!	
January 8-26- PreK-2 FAST PM2	
January 9-SAC Meeting	7:30am
January 9-5th Grade Field Trip (Tuttle, Spoon, Morris)	
January 10—Make Up Hearing Screenings/Rescreens	
January 11-5th Grade Field Trip (Lobdell, Shyy)	
January 11—3rd Grade FAST Reading PM2	
January 11—PTA Board Meeting	5:30pm
January 12—4th Grade Field Trip	
January 12-3rd Grade FAST Math PM2	
January 15-No School -Martin Luther King Jr. Day	
January 16-4th Grade FAST Reading PM2	
January 17-4th Grade FAST Math PM2	
January 18-5th Grade FAST Reading PM2	
January 19-5th Grade FAST Math PM2	
January 20—Running Club Meet at Indian Trails MS	
January 22-26-Celebrate Literacy Week	
January 23-3rd Grade Awards Ceremony	9:15am
January 23-5th Grade Awards Ceremony	10:15am
January 23-Gen. PTA Mtg & Literacy Night	6:00pm
January 24—5th Grade Write Score Assessment	
January 24-4th Grade Awards Ceremony	9:15am
January 24-1st Grade Awards Ceremony	10:15am
January 25—4th Grade Write Score Assessment	
January 25-Kindergarten Awards Ceremony	9:15am
January 25-2nd Grade Awards Ceremony	10:30am
January 26- Grade level Assemblies	
January 27—Running Club Meet at Lk Howell HS	
January 30-NAEP Assessment for Select Students	
January 30-Eagle Excellence Lunch	

Eagle Press: Primary Classes

K Happy New Year from the Kindergarten Team! I hope everyone had a safe holiday and break and we are excited to start the second half of the school year. We will be having the Quarter 2 sight word party on January 12th at 2:00 to celebrate our success in learning Quarter 1 & 2 words. It will be a movie, popcorn, and hot cocoa party. Students must know 80% of their sight words or 19 out of 23 to attend. Begin practicing Quarter 3's words!

In Phonics, we have learned all of our letter sounds and will now be using those skills to write words and sentences independently. We encourage 'kindergarten' spelling by listening for the sounds. You will notice them spelling words 'wrong' based on the sounds they hear – Do not correct them if it makes sense phonetically. For example, they may spell snowman like this – “snomn” This is okay and actually an important stage in the writing process!

In math, we will finish up our addition unit and begin subtraction. This is a tricky concept for Kindergarteners, so begin talking about 'take away' in conversations to expose them to the concept. For example, you may say something like this: “We made 10 cookies yesterday. Uh oh, it looks like Dad ate 2. Let's count how many we have now.” When we talk about math concepts in every day situations, it helps students to understand it more thoroughly when it comes to homework or classwork time.

Please mark April 5th on your calendars – We will have our field trip to the zoo this day. More information to come as we are currently working out bus pricing. A permission form will be coming home with your child soon.

Thanks again for all of your support as we embark on the second semester of Kindergarten!

1 Happy New Year, First Grade Families! We hope you had a restful and joyful holiday. We are recharged and excited to get back to learning! We will spend some time reviewing routines and procedures to ensure a smooth transition back to school.

In reading, we will continue working on story elements and retelling the story. We will also discuss the topic and relevant details in a nonfiction text.

In phonics we will continue to work on long vowel sounds as well as vowel teams. We will also be introducing long vowels. It is a new quarter so

please start practicing quarter 3 sight words!

In Math, we will be starting the unit on data and graphs. Please practice reading pictographs and bar graphs at home as well as continuing to practice our addition and subtraction within 20.

In science, students will learn to differentiate between living and non-living things found on Earth's surface (animals, plants, water rocks, and soil) and make observations of their different characteristics and environments.

In Social Studies, we will start discussing geography. Working hard in iReady Reading and Math continues to be a focus in our classrooms.

As we get back into the swing of things, please continue to check your child's folder for important information and maintain frequent communication with your child's teacher. Please continue to complete homework, practice sight words and practice retelling skills in reading each week. As always, contact your child's teacher with any questions or concerns—we are happy to assist you!

2 Happy New Year Parents! We are so excited to start the 2nd half of our 2nd grade school year.

A quick reminder that our 2nd round of F.A.S.T testing will take place this month. Please see the reminder in the weekly newsletter email.

In reading, we will work on Narrative Non-fiction Texts. We will continue to work on text features (photos and captions) to help understand texts as well as the author's purpose. The second half of the year we will begin working very hard on long vowel teams. (ai, ay, ea, ei, a_e). Some grammar skills we will cover will be contractions, synonyms, and verbs.

In math, we will be reviewing 2-digit addition and subtraction and adding on 3-digit addition and subtraction. The students will learn more strategies that will help them to become efficient mathematicians.

In science we will start our unit on Rocks and Soil. The children will learn about the different types of soil.

In Social Studies we will study history and important people that contributed to the history of the United States.

We are so excited about the second half of the 2023-2024 school year.

Thank you again for your support,

Eagle Press: Intermediate Classes

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Welcome back! We hope that everyone had a relaxing and restful break.

Our first focus in Reading will be to identify the central idea and explain how relevant details support that idea in the text. Students will continue to identify different characters' perspectives in a text and determine the meaning of unknown words. They should be able to explain how text features contribute to the meaning of a text and identify the text structures of chronology, comparison, and cause/effect in texts. Students are encouraged to read each night and take A.R. (Accelerated Reader) tests.

In Math, students will finish up their Division unit and then begin Geometry. Please continue to encourage your child to practice their multiplication facts to gain fluency.

In Science, we will begin The Sun's Light and Heat Unit and move into The Sun and Stars Unit.

In Social Studies, we will learn about Economics.

Please encourage your child to read nightly and complete homework on time. We look forward to our field trip to the Environmental Center on February 7th. Thank you for your continued support,

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Happy New Year!

We are happy to be back and are ready and eager to get back into the groove of things! We are going to be very busy busy these next few months!

In ELA this month we will be working on fine tuning those writing skills to prepare for our second Write Score Assessment. Please continue to encourage our students to read, read, read and take those AR tests.

In Social Studies, we are continuing to learn about the Florida Natives and the explorers that came to Florida in search for a new land. Just a reminder that our St. Augustine field trip is on January 12th.

In math, students will be learning about factors, multiples and divisibility rules. All fourth graders should continue to practice their multiplication facts. Lets see which class will be the first to reach the moon in our Race to the Moon Challenge! Fourth grade RAMP students will be working on multiplying whole numbers and decimals. The goal is for students to be able to multiply multi-digit numbers using the standard algorithm with fluency. As

the unit goes on, students will be multiplying multi-digit numbers with decimals to the hundredths place using estimation and implementing strategies that they have already learned. Please continue to practice those multiplication facts daily so that they are able to recall them fluently.

In science, we will be continuing to learn about the Earth, moon and stars.

Thank you for all you do!

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Happy New Year!

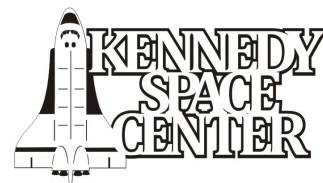
We are half way through 5th grade and on the slide to 6th grade. Our expectations of our students will continue to grow as we prepare to launch to Middle School.

ELA- Unit 4 asks the big question, "How do we decide what's important?" The intent of Unit 4 is to build student knowledge around the Big Idea, how do we decide what's important. The students will read several selections over the course of six weeks about the different ways that you can determine what is important and how you can make a difference.

MATH 5- Students will be able to develop an understanding of how to add and subtract fractions and mixed numbers with unlike denominators by using equivalent fractions.

SCIENCE- In these lessons, students will learn that our galaxy is the Milky Way, a spiral-shaped galaxy that is made of gas, dust, stars, and the objects orbiting those stars. They will understand the general characteristics of all 8 planets (Inner planets are small, have relatively thin atmospheres, few or no moons and Outer (gas giant) planets are large, have thick atmospheres, many moons, and rings) and learn the differences between stars (Sun), planets, moons, asteroids, and comets. We are all looking forward to our field trip to the Kennedy Space Center.


SOCIAL STUDIES- Students will be studying the American Revolution. Some concepts they will explore are the causes and effects of events that caused tension to grow between the colonies and Britain. They will compare arguments for and against colonial independence from Britain, describe the main ideas of the Declaration of Independence and they will be able to explain the course and consequences of the American Revolutionary War.



Music Recorders are now on sale in the music room for \$10. All 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders will be playing recorders during music class starting this month. If your child has one from last year, he or she is welcome to use it. Recorders purchased at local music stores are also permitted. Dollar store recorders are discouraged because they have an inferior sound. Challenge your student to play a song that is **not** Hot Crossed Buns.



PE After the holidays the PE program will look to get things going again with tons of fun will Coach Russell and Nittolo! Capture the flag, Gator Ball and Tower Take Down are set to be on track for this month. We are excited to see all the students back out on the field soaring.

GROW HEALTHY KIDS PRESENTS: 

ELEMENTARY CROSS COUNTRY

2023-2024 EAST DIVISION MEETS:

JAN 20 INDIAN TRAILS MIDDLE SCHOOL
Hosts: Eastbrook & Layer
415 Tuskawilla Rd., Winter Springs

JAN 27 LAKE HOWELL HIGH SCHOOL
Hosts: Choices & Red Bug
4200 Dike Rd., Winter Park

FEB 10 HAGERTY HIGH SCHOOL
Hosts: Carillon, Geneva, Lawton, Partin, & Walker
3225 Lockwood Blvd., Oviedo

Caregivers: Please arrive at 8 am for warmups and bring water for your runner. 1st heat (6 & Under Boys) will start at 8:30 am sharp. You are not permitted to run with your child at the school meets.

SIGN UP FOR THE SMILE MILE!

MAR 09 SMILE MILE @ BLUE JACKET PARK
Hosts: Track Shack Youth Foundation
2501 General Rees Ave., Orlando
\$11 registration fee through FEB 25th @ TrackShack.com/smilemile

Track Shack Youth Foundation is GROW's Presenting Sponsor and helps many of our teams.

Art Corner 

Happy New Year! I hope you had a fun and art-filled winter break! This month we are going to work with clay. All grade levels will learn and practice essential hand building techniques with stoneware clay. All hand-built pottery is made using slabs, coils, and/or pinching. Your child will take home their finished sculpture in February. Thank you for your continued support,



Eastbrook Food Pantry

If your family is in need of food, please email **Mrs. Hickey** at alice_hickey@scps.k12.fl.us

We will prepare a bag for you and send it home with your child each Friday. You can also pick it up each week if you prefer.

This support is available to all families and your request for assistance will remain private.

♡ Thank you! ♡

**Thank You
Action Church
for your
continued
support!**





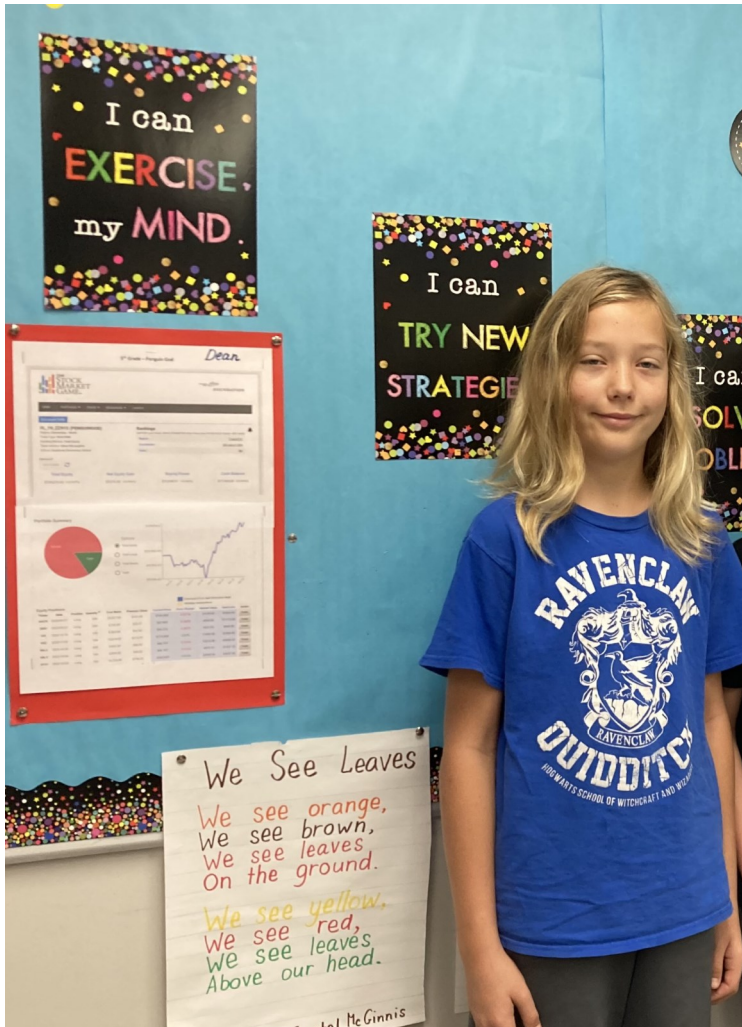
AWESOME EAGLES



Soaring High with Eagle Pride!

Congratulations to Dean Brady!!

The SIFMA Foundation announced Dean as the second place winner for the elementary North Florida division in the Stock Market Game! Way to Go, Dean! We are proud of you!



THE STOCK MARKET GAME™

We are so proud of all of our Eastbrook students who participated in the Stock Market Game this year. You are amazing! Thank you to Dr. McLaughlin for leading you on this learning venture!



Congratulations to our **Eagle Expectations Award Winners** for December. We are proud of you!

Joseph Uddo	Kindergarten
Caius Severson	First Grade
Easton Fredrick	Second Grade
Lily Kunkle	Third Grade
Valen Hasegawa	Fourth Grade
Luis Alvarez Osuna	Fifth Grade

A HUGE Thank You to our wonderful custodian, Mr. Henry, for assisting the Dual Language & Spanish Club with their Holiday Program.



We appreciate you!

SAVE THE DATE

Eastbrook Elementary Presents.....
GRADE LEVEL AWARDS CEREMONIES

Tuesday, Jan. 23rd
9:15 a.m. - 3rd Grade
10:15 a.m. - 5th Grade

Wednesday, Jan. 24th
9:15 a.m. - 4th Grade
10:15 a.m. - 1st Grade

Thursday, Jan. 25th
9:15 a.m. - Kindergarten
10:30 a.m. - 2nd Grade

Invitations will be distributed to students receiving an award after winter break.



NEWS

Comprehension Questions to ask at home

Questions to ask before you read

• Can you look at the pictures and predict what will happen in this book? • What makes you think that? • What characters do you think might be in the story? • Do you think there will be a problem in this story? Why or why not? • Does the topic/story relate to you or your family? How? • What does the cover tell you about the book? • What are you curious to find out about this book? • What do you want to learn?

Questions to ask while you read

• What do you think will happen next? • What is the problem in the book? • Why do you think the character did that? • When you were reading this part, what were you picturing in your head? • What can you tell me about the story so far? • Can you predict how the story will end? • Why do you think the character did? • What would you have done if you were the character? • How would you have felt if you were the character? • As you read, what are you wondering about? • Can you put what you've read into your own words?

Questions to ask after you've read

• Can you remember the title? • In your opinion, was it a good title for the book? Why or why not? • Were your predictions about the story correct? • Why do you think the author wrote this book? • What is the most important point the author is trying to make in his writing? • What was the moral (or lesson) in the story? • What was your favorite part in the story? • If you could change one thing in the story, what would it be? • Can you retell the story in order? • If you were , how would you have felt? • Is there a character in the story you are like? How are you alike? • Did you like the book? Why or why not?

Teach your child to achieve any goal by following four steps

January is a time for taking stock and setting goals. Many adults make some type of New Year's resolutions. Then two weeks later, most realize that they haven't followed through. Kids are no different.

This year, show your child how to achieve a goal. First, encourage your child to choose a goal that can be reached in a short time frame. Then, help your child follow four steps for achieving the goal:

1. State the goal. "My goal is to learn my multiplication facts." Ask your child to write it down and hang it in a prominent spot.
2. Plan how to meet the goal. "I will make flash cards and study them for 15 minutes every night. I will ask Dad to quiz me on Fridays."
3. Talk about the goal with others. This builds commitment to the goal. Your child should tell the teacher about the goal, too.
4. Do each step in the plan, one at a time. If problems come up, talk about possible solutions. Perhaps your child is too tired to review flash cards after a long day of school. It might work better to study them in the mornings while eating breakfast instead.

Notice effort and progress each step of the way and celebrate together when the hard work pays off!

**"Set your goals high,
and don't stop till you
get there."**

—Bo Jackson



ELEMENTARY

January Menu



Manage your meals online at:
MySchoolBucks.com

COST: Breakfast \$2.50 & Lunch \$3.25

Apply for Meal Benefits for free and reduced-priced meals at: **SCPSmealapp.com**

BREAKFAST

All Meals Include An Entrée, Fruit,
100% Fruit Juice and/or Milk

= This Contains Pork
 = Limited Time Only
 = Vegetarian Option

MONDAY

Waffle & Chicken Tender
or Yogurt & Granola
or General Mills® Cereal
& Cheese Stick

TUESDAY

French Toast Sticks
& Sausage
or Yogurt & Granola
or General Mills® Cereal
& Cheese Stick

WEDNESDAY

Chicken Biscuit
or Yogurt & Granola
or General Mills® Cereal
& Cheese Stick

THURSDAY

NEW! Fresh Baked Mixed
Berry Scone & Yogurt
or Yogurt & Granola
or General Mills® Cereal
& Cheese Stick

FRIDAY

Pancakes & Sausage
or Yogurt & Granola
or General Mills® Cereal
& Cheese Stick

LUNCH

All Meals Include An Entrée, Fruit, Veggies And/Or Milk



@RedAppleDining

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8	9	10	11	12
Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes & Dinner Roll Pizza Lunchedible Egg & Cheese Chef Salad Goldfish® Pretzels	Chicken Alfredo or Pasta Alfredo Fresh Cooked Broccoli & Breadstick Hummus Box Turkey-Ham & Cheese Chef Salad Goldfish® Pretzels	Oven Fresh Pizza (Cheese, Pepperoni or Italian Beef) Green Beans Smuckers® Uncrustables® Cheese Stick & Goldfish® Pretzels Egg & Cheese Chef Salad Goldfish® Pretzels	Soft Taco with Toppings Black Beans Hummus Box Turkey-ham & Cheese Chef Salad Goldfish® Pretzels	Chicken Sandwich or Cheese Pizza Mixed Veggies Smuckers® Uncrustables® Cheese Stick & Goldfish® Pretzels Egg & Cheese Chef Salad Goldfish® Pretzels
15	16	17	18	19
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY	NEW! Plant-based Chick'n Sandwich 100% All Beef Cheeseburger or Hamburger Roasted Corn Hummus Box Turkey-ham & Cheese Chef Salad Goldfish® Crackers	Oven Fresh Pizza (Cheese, Pepperoni or Chicken Alfredo) Mixed Veggies Smuckers® Uncrustables® Cheese Stick & Goldfish® Crackers Egg & Cheese Chef Salad Goldfish® Crackers	★ Grilled Cheese or Grilled Turkey-Ham & Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup Hummus Box Turkey-ham & Cheese Chef Salad Goldfish® Crackers	100% All Beef Hot Dog or Cheese Pizza Baked Beans Smuckers® Uncrustables® Cheese Stick & Goldfish® Crackers Egg & Cheese Chef Salad Goldfish® Crackers
22	23	24	25	26
Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes & Dinner Roll Pizza Lunchedible Egg & Cheese Chef Salad Cheez-It® Crackers	Orange or Teriyaki Chicken Rice or Lo Mein Fresh Cooked Carrots Hummus Box Turkey-ham & Cheese Chef Salad Cheez-It® Crackers Special Treat: Fortune Cookie	Oven Fresh Pizza (Cheese, Pepperoni or Italian Beef) Green Beans Smuckers® Uncrustables® Cheese Stick & Cheez-It® Crackers Egg & Cheese Chef Salad Cheez-It® Crackers	Nachos with Toppings or Nachos & Beef with Toppings ★ Pinto Beans Hummus Box Turkey-Ham & Cheese Chef Salad Cheez-It® Crackers	Chicken Sandwich or Cheese Pizza Mixed Veggies Smuckers® Uncrustables® Cheese Stick & Cheez-It® Crackers Egg & Cheese Chef Salad Cheez-It® Crackers
29	30	31		
Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes & Dinner Roll Pizza Lunchedible Egg & Cheese Chef Salad Goldfish® Pretzels	Spaghetti with Meat Sauce or Spaghetti with Marinara Fresh Cooked Broccoli & Breadstick Hummus Box Turkey-ham & Cheese Chef Salad Goldfish® Pretzels	Oven Fresh Pizza (Cheese, Pepperoni or Chicken Alfredo) Green Beans Smuckers® Uncrustables® Cheese Stick & Goldfish® Pretzels Egg & Cheese Chef Salad Goldfish® Pretzels		



JANUARY PTA NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We hope all of our Eastbrook families and staff had a wonderful winter break! Thanks to all of our Eastbrook students who shopped in our Holiday House gift shop last month and we hope that your families enjoyed opening the special gifts they selected for you. We enjoyed seeing many families at our Second Annual Holidays Around the World event last month. A special thank you to the many volunteers and community groups who joined us for this event including Eastbrook's Jr. Beta Club, Lake Howell High School's Latin Legacy, students from Tuskawilla Middle School, Central Florida Accordion Club, Joy Ukulele Club of Central Florida, and Orlando Taekwondo & Kung Fu.

We are excited to kick off the second half of the school year and hope that you will join us for our upcoming events and activities. Join us for a Spirit Night at Chipotle in Casselberry on Friday, January 19th. On Tuesday, January 23rd we will hold our second General Meeting followed by our Literacy Night. Please join us for this brief meeting where we will discuss updates to our bylaws and budget and update members on plans for the rest of the school year. Literacy Night will feature a variety of fun activities, story time, and milk & cookies!

Thanks to everyone who has supported Eastbrook PTA so far this year, either by joining the PTA, purchasing spirit wear, contributing to a fundraiser, attending or volunteering for an event! We value your participation in any way you can. Do you think you're interested in becoming more involved in the PTA? Now is a great time to do so! Please email president@eastbrookpta.org for more information.

-Katherine Fabian
2023-24 PTA President

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are looking for several volunteers to help with a variety of events in the spring including the Prince & Princess Ball, Color Run, STEM Night, Wellness Night, Scavenger Hunt, Basket Bonanza, & Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week. If you are interested in serving on a committee to help plan and execute any of these events, please email president@eastbrookpta.org to let us know! Many hands make light work!



DECEMBER EDUCATOR OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Ms. Mayou who was selected as the PTA Educator of the Month for December! Thank you Ms. Mayou for helping make Eastbrook a great place to learn for our students and for supporting Eastbrook PTA!



UPCOMING EVENTS

January 19th: Chipotle Spirit Night, 5-7pm
January 23rd: General Member Meeting & Literacy Night, 6-7:30pm



OTHER WAYS TO SUPPORT

It's never too late to join the PTA! Scan the QR code to the right to join today! We also have business membership options!



LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!



Be sure to like Eastbrook Elementary PTA on Facebook to stay informed on all of the upcoming events!

