



**El Camino Real
Academy**
FAMILY NEWSLETTER
October 30, 2020



WELCOME

Hello ECRA families! I hope you are all staying nice and warm. This cold weather sure came in quickly. Here are some updates to wrap up October and prepare for November. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school at 505-314-2212.

NOVEMBER EVENTS

- November 5th : HOWL Assemblies
- November 11th : Veteran's Day (no school)
- November 12th : Math/Science Night
- November 23rd- 27th: Thanksgiving Break (no school)

ALL MEETING/EVENTS ARE VIRTUAL



FALL FESTIVAL

We hope you will all join the Fall Festival today. There will be spooky science, sharing of costumes, haunted houses, and more. Click on the grade level links below at 5:30 to join the fun:

K-6

7-12



KINDNESS CAMPAIGN

ECRA will be promoting kindness in our community throughout November. More details will be available soon on how you can help support this important cause.

WE CAN CHANGE
THE WORLD



with KINDNESS



EDUCATION
 is the **MOST**
 Powerful
 weapon for
CHANGING THE
WORLD.

Nelson Mandela

El Camino Real Academy
 NOW ENROLLING
 Grades K-12
 (tuition free)
 314.2212
 Hours: 8:00am - 5:00pm
 "Linking Learning to Life!"

ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW

GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MEANS...



ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

read well by the end of third grade



MIDDLE SCHOOLERS

pass important courses



HIGH SCHOOLERS

stay on track for graduation



COLLEGE STUDENTS

earn their degrees



WORKERS

succeed in their jobs

Too many absences—excused or unexcused—can keep students from succeeding in school and in life. How many are too many? 10% of the school year—that's 18 missed days or 2 days a month—can knock students off track.



Advancing Student Success By Reducing Chronic Absence

www.attendanceworks.org

P-EBT UPDATE

The NM Human Services Department has established [the Yes New Mexico portal](#) where parents and School Food Authorities (SFAs) can now access student information on the Pandemic-EBT program. Through the portal, parents and SFAs can look up their students' information and validate, update or change their address or request a new P-EBT card. A student ID number and some additional identifying data are required for access.



[Click here to go to the portal](#)



[Click here for instructions](#)

Drug Prevention Tips for Any Age

As a parent, you are the biggest influence in your child's life and having open, honest conversations is one of the most powerful ways to connect with your kids and help them develop into healthy adults. When addressing some more challenging topics – like nicotine, alcohol or drugs – it's not about having a one-time "drug talk," but rather tackling the subject through more frequent, organic conversations that evolve as your child gets older. Some things to keep in mind:

Keep lines of communication open and make sure you come from a place of love and compassion – even when you're having tough conversations.

Balance any consequences with positive encouragement.

Frequent touch points and teachable moments come up all the time – use these as natural opportunities to discuss substance use.

Click the image below to read the rest of this article from Partnership to End Addiction that includes scenarios and tips:



Virtual Halloween Events

Here are some more free events that are not sponsored by ECRA, but we thought you might enjoy.

Click the image for more information on a Halloween Party and Science Experiment:



Click the image for more information on a Virtual Day of The Dead Drawing Workshop:



iexplora!

Click this image to find out how to register for free Virtual STEM Nights at Explora!



If any family has a positive case of COVID-19, please contact Brenda Garcia or Jennifer Mercer at 505-314-2212 as soon as possible.

Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe!

Have a warm and wonderful weekend!