

Welcome to October and Homecoming Week!!

2018

We are one month into our school year. As part of our focus this year, we are highlighting specific programs from the Eatonville Schools SEL Whole Child Initiative this year.

Our continued mission is “Together we commit to inspiring lifelong learners to create a better future. And our vision is “Our vision is for all students to graduate with the knowledge and skills to succeed in our community and the global society. We must inspire, allow innovation, create safe and strong academic opportunities to allow all students to realize success and thrive in the 21st Century workplace.

This mission includes the inclusion of various Whole Child Initiatives including healthy programs. Being healthy includes our commitment to allow children to be curious and use their imaginations.

According to the Center on Developing Child Harvard University,

Health is more than merely the absence of disease—it is an evolving human resource that helps children and adults adapt to the challenges of everyday life, resist infections, cope with adversity, feel a sense of personal well-being, and interact with their surroundings in ways that promote successful development. Nations with the most positive indicators of population health, such as longer life expectancy and lower infant mortality, typically have higher levels of wealth and lower levels of income inequality. In short, children’s health is a nation’s wealth, as a sound body and mind enhance the capacity of children to develop a wide range of competencies that are necessary to become contributing members of a successful society.

What is Creativity and How Important is Creativity?

Creativity can be defined as imagination or original ideas, especially in the production of an artistic work. That is the traditional thought of creativity, but, creativity is so much more than that. It is quite literally essential to everything that we do to be successful. Christine Carter of UC Berkeley says, “creativity helps us deal with change, problem solving, affects our social



and emotional intelligence, enhances our understanding of math and science, and is a key component to health and happiness.” You see what I mean, everything!

Can Developing Creativity Help Your Child Reach Their Potential?

There are so many things creativity can influence in a child’s lives. It doesn’t stop there. Benjamin Bloom has found that parent’s support and guidance of a child’s curiosity, as well as, supporting them in the things that they enjoy are by far more often an indicator of future success than anything else.

So, what does this mean? In simple terms it means exposing our children in Eatonville Schools to things that help them explore their curiosity and creativity which stimulates their potential. The thought is that if creativity is developed at an early age parents can help children reach their potential.

How to Foster Creativity

Creativity is typically not something that children are born with. While, that definitely happens, more times than not, a child’s creativity has been developed through his or her parents and his/her surroundings.

- As stated in our ESD WCI (Eatonville School District Whole Child Initiative) Goal for Healthy Kids: Each student enters school [healthy](#) and learns about and practices a healthy lifestyle.

[Healthy is the balance between academics and activities that support and engage the whole child. Through Social Emotional Learning, Health instruction & a variety of mental health services, Eatonville School District provides support for all.](#)

The various programs we have that assist in this goal are:

- Change to Bethel Food Service Program
- Robust PE
- Community Garden
- Athletics
- Good Samaritan Health
- 6th Grade Health & Lifestyles
- Recess
- Mental Health Support
- Walking the track at recess
- Right at School
- Field trips to Various sites: NWTrek, Colleges, Parks, Salmon Restoration..
- Music, Arts...electives
- Health Plans (Nurse)
- Family Fun Nights
- Healthy Youth Survey
- Salad Bars
- Milk Coolers
- Meals for Pre-School
- Water Bottle Stations
- Pre School at all Elementaries
- Relay Recess
- School Social Worker

- Robotics, Coding, Computers
- GRITS programs for MS and HS
- Science Fairs

Swim lessons free for all
Pool for community use
Rigorous science and math

We are so proud of the work that has been done over the last few years to offer such quality programs for your child. We love to share with the public about the schools and their programs.

November 7th is Eatonville School District's Focus on Education Day. We welcome all families in for a day of adventure visiting some of our prestigious programs. Please look for more information this month.

Enjoy the season of Homecoming and Go Cruisers!!

Eatonville Schools: A healthy place to imagine and dream! Thank you for the continued support!

Sincerely,

Krestin Bahr

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