



EMMETT O'BRIEN - CONDOR "FLY"ER

Week of: August / September 2 -6 - 2019

GOOD HOUSEKEEPING

SKILLS USA NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The new elected officers for 2019-2020 EOB Chapter Skills USA are:

President:	Ainsley Panza	Treasurer:	Evan Mansfield
Co-President:	Christopher Kulas	Historian:	Emily Arriaga
Vice President:	Kinga Cieslik	Parliamentarian:	Nicholas Benoit
Secretary:	Ashley Arriaga	Reporter:	Travis Hunter
Chairperson:	Elisabeth Lundequist		

Christopher Kulas attended the 2019 Skills USA National Conference in Louisville, Kentucky. He placed 32nd in the Pin Design Contest.



We would like to welcome our newest staff members to our EOB Family!!!!



Michelle Dunn
Asst. Principal



Chef Gary Costa
Culinary Arts Instructor



Elizabeth Dudley
Art Instructor



Michael Howley
Carpentry Instructor



Qi Kuang
Math Instructor



Melanie Solis
P.E. / Health Instructor

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

During Professional Development this year, Principal LeBouthillier presented 2018-2019 school data to the faculty and staff. Emmett O'Brien continues to grow and improve each year. Building a sense of community is one focus for the 2019-2020 school year. The faculty practiced a S.W.O.T. protocol brainstorming strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (challenges or barriers) for the school and faculty. The faculty also shared personal stories of what lead them to be educators. The faculty also participated in a full day of Explicit Direct instruction training that provided many useful tools for teachers to implement in their classrooms that will increase student engagement. Student and Faculty handbooks and revisions were also reviewed by Assistant Principal Mr. Oczkowski. Assistant Principal Mrs. Dunn Presented on Professional Learning Communities, norms, and how to tale PLC minutes using a google form.

Congratulations to EOB!!!

Last school year, EOB had a number of accomplishments. Work placed Learning opportunities for students increased from 31 to 55. Our student chronic absenteeism decreased from 11.23% to 8.59%, we made significant strides in the CT Physical Fitness Assessment (female students passing all four sections of the test went from 45% to 49%; male students passing all four sections of the test went from 38% to 75%) and number of parents taking the School Connectedness survey increased from 14 % to 37.8%. WAY TO GO EOB!!!!

September is Attendance Awareness Month

September is *Attendance Awareness Month* across the country. Student absences from school greatly influence instructional time that is proven to have a significant impact on the students' academic success. Frequent absences create considerable problems for students, especially in the technical school environment, as students must complete the academic curriculum in 91 days (instead of 182), as well as complete a second shop/career curriculum. At Emmett O'Brien we have a Student Assistance Team (SAT) whose responsibility is to support students in working through any barriers that interfere with their success. We have designed interventions and support strategies to assist students when their attendance is impacting their academic progress and career-readiness expectations.

Hairdressing Visit

On Tuesday the 3rd of October the sophomore and junior Cosmetology program received education from **Pretty in a minute**. The students were exposed to high quality professional tools and new trendy techniques. The seminar ended with them having the opportunity to practice with the tool. The guest artist Trevor Hunt who has been in the profession for about 5 to 6 years was very exciting and a great kick off to our year.



LOOKING AHEAD

➤ **Thursday, September 5th**

- Freshman Parent Night & Back to School Night-Grades 9 and 12

c.c.: Mr. Jeffrey Wihbey, Superintendent
Mr. Richard Cavallaro, Asst. Superintendent

PFO

Mrs. Kathy Radin – the treasurer of the Parent Faculty Organization had set up a “Welcome back” breakfast given by the PFO to welcome the EOB staff back for a fantastic and successful 2019-2020 school year. Mrs. Radin encouraged all staff to join the PFO and as of the first week back to school we have 84% of Teachers and 100% of Administration who have joined....way to go EOB!!! She also discussed how successful the Bingo Nights were last year and they will continue this school year.....our first one this year will be on September 11th in Café 141 and we have 40 people already signed up! They have 17 scheduled bingos for this year with the school. The PFO also has various other fundraisers that they are involved in throughout the school year as well senior awards in which they gave out \$3,450 last year.



Happy Retirement Lucy!!!!

We said “until we meet again” to Lucy Hallaran, Principal LeBouthilliers Secretary. Lucy has been at Emmett O’Brien for 16 years. She will be missed! Adios Luciana!!!!



Mrs. LeBouthillier, Mr. Oczkowski and Mrs. Dunn spoke to our students about what is expected for the start of the school year. Our students participated in a question and answer round with Administration. They listened very intently and showed that they are very eager for another great start to the school year.

