



Dear Eastern Panhandle Preparatory Academy Families,

As we prepare to kick off the 2026-2027 school year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible growth and progress we experienced together during the 2025-2026 school year. It has been a true joy to work alongside our passionate students, dedicated staff, and engaged families to build a strong, supportive, and thriving school community.

This year, I am even more excited for what lies ahead. We welcome many new families to Eastern Panhandle Preparatory Academy, all of whom are eager to become part of our community. Even as our school continues to grow, we remain firmly committed to maintaining our small-town, family atmosphere where every student is known, valued, and supported.

Among the many exciting developments this year, I am thrilled to share the return of our Digital Literacy and Creative Media program, which will strengthen students' technology and 21st-century skills, as well as our Performing Arts program, which will provide additional opportunities for creativity, expression, and student engagement.

As part of our commitment to supporting families, we are pleased to offer:

Before Care: 7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Standard Student Arrival: Beginning at 8:30 a.m.

After Care: 4:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Please note that Pre-K dismissal will continue to occur earlier in the day, while Kindergarten through Grade 6 students will follow the regular dismissal schedule.

Important Dates for the 2026-2027 School Year

- **August 14:** Meet the Teacher Event
- **August 17:** First Day of School for Students
- **September 18:** Half Day for Students
- **September 24:** Parent-Teacher Conferences (Half Day for Students)
- **October 12:** Professional Development Day (No School for Students)
- **November 23-27:** Thanksgiving Break
- **December 21-January 1:** Winter Break
- **January 4:** Classes Resume
- **March 29-April 2:** Spring Break
- **May 28:** Last Day of School for Students (Half Day)

Be on the lookout for our complete 2026-2027 event calendar and additional back-to-school information throughout the summer. In the meantime, I encourage you to follow our official Facebook page for updates, reminders, and a glimpse into the vibrant daily life of our school.

As a proud EPPA parent myself, I know firsthand how special this school community is. Thank you for your continued partnership and for entrusting us with your child's education. Together, we will continue creating opportunities for students to learn, grow, and succeed.

We look forward to welcoming our Knights back on August 17 for another outstanding year at Eastern Panhandle Preparatory Academy!

Warmly,

Principal Blue

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