



SYRACUSE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Jaime Alicea, Superintendent of Schools

Expeditionary Learning Middle School

Kevin Burns, Principal

August 28, 2020

Dear Expeditionary Learning Middle School Families:

I hope that you have enjoyed a restful and relaxing summer. As we approach the Labor Day holiday, I would like to welcome you to an exciting and engaging school year at Expeditionary Learning Middle School.

I am looking forward to leading the administrative team at ELMS this year. I invite you to be an active member of our sixth, seventh and eighth grade community of learners through active participation in our PAC (Parent Advisory Council), ELMS Curriculum/Commitment Signing Night (Open House), Student Lead Conferences, 8th Grade Passages, Celebration of Learning, and Expedition Nights. Our professional staff is dedicated to providing a meaningful and challenging educational experience for all of our students. We are committed to the mission of the Syracuse City School District and Expeditionary Learning Middle Schools' Vision.

ELMS students will work effectively within a diverse setting to positively impact their school and community as "upstanders" rather than "bystanders" and demonstrate a strong desire to achieve in high school, college, and career.

Expeditionary Learning Middle School will foster more than academic engagement and achievement. Beyond developing critical thinking, problem solving and collaboration skills, our students will show leadership through civic engagement and social responsibility.

I look forward to building relationships between parents, teaching staff and our students as we work together to achieve educational excellence. It is going to be an outstanding year.

On **Monday, September 14, 2020** our school year will begin **remotely** for ALL students.

On **Monday, October 5, 2020** Hybrid (in-person) students will start In-Person learning on either Monday and Tuesday or Thursday and Friday. The student day begins at 8:45 am and concludes at 3:40 pm. Transportation information will be sent at a later date by the SCSD Transportation Department.

Visit ELMS' website at www.scsd.us/elms for updated information.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have thoughts, ideas, questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin Burns".

Kevin J. Burns, Principal

ELMS 2020-21 School Supply List

- **1 - 3-RING BINDER***
- **1 PACKAGE OF LOOSE LEAF LINED PAPER (IN BINDER)***
- **8 TAB/SECTION DIVIDERS***
- 5 packages of blue or black pens
- 5 packages of pencils
- Highlighter
- **PENCIL POUCH*** that clips into 3-ring binder
- 1 two-pocket folder for HOMEWORK (durable)
- Erasers
- Reinforcement tabs
- Personal water bottle for fieldwork
- Sketch Book (6th & 7th)
- No need for spiral notebooks
- A ruler
- Colored pencils or markers

If needed, ***BOLDED items** are available at the office. Email rsmart@scsd.us to make arrangements to pick up.

ELMS Communication Tools

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