

# Excelsior Summer Newsletter

## Coming UP:

- Friday, Aug. 19 at 6:00 PM- Back to School Bash all students and parents are welcome- light snacks will be offered
- Friday, Aug. 19 at 5:00PM Orientation for new students
- Monday, Aug. 22 first Day of School 8:00AM sharp
- Sept 6-9 Book Fair Extravaganza at EAPS
- Sept 9—Open House at EAPS

## Works in Progress:

EAPS is working on procuring a permit for the playground in order to renovate it. After the permit is issued, work will begin and parents will be updated.

EAPS is working on adding even more updates to its technological department that will help parents and students to interact with the school's staff through internet use.

If you are a parent who is able to provide your assistance with these projects, please call and let us know (954) 721-3471.

## *Update from the Superintendent*

For Excelsior Artz Preparatory School(EAPS), summer is a season that is marked by a balance of work and play. Indicatively, the summer camp is currently in full swing, with students making academic headway by engaging in 2-3 hours daily in classroom learning, then participating in an array of fun-filled activities, such as karate, intriguing science experiments, bowling, and skating. The EAPS staff and board members are also striking a balance between work and play by planning for the upcoming academic year and working in rotating shifts in order for all persons to receive adequate time off. In addition to planning that directly impacts our students' learning, the EAPS staff has been fol-

lowing up on some of last year's corporate goals. We happily announce the following updates: *the lower grade bathroom has been completely renovated, security cameras have been installed throughout the school, the website is becoming more interactive for parents' convenience, and I Pads have been donated to the students' computer laboratory.*

As we continue to use this summer model that helps us to replenish and grow, we want to continue to keep in touch with the entire EAPS family by keeping you abreast of current events. Please use



Ecclesiastes 3

*'To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:*

this newsletter, which can also be found on our website at [www.excelsiorprep.org](http://www.excelsiorprep.org) to stay in tune with the school. We pray that your summer will be a time of great relaxation and growth, and we look forward to reuniting with you in the fall.

God bless you.

Sincerely,

Kayann Baugh-Toney  
(Superintendent)



*"Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth, and subdue it."*

## *Welcome from the Principal*

It is my distinct delight and privilege to bring you summer greetings as the new Principal of Excelsior Artz Preparatory School! With great excitement and anticipation, we close out the 2010-2011 school year and welcome the new one!

Excelsior has made an indelible mark on the city of Tamarac and the surrounding communities for many years and will continue to be a beacon of light and hope in South Florida. In the rich tradition of our school, and in keeping with our school motto, we will continue to "...seek first the kingdom of

God..." with the full expectation of God's promise that "...all things shall be added..." unto us.

This year Excelsior will be stronger than ever. We are working hard to make improvements on many levels and will continue to build on our strengths: academic rigor and the pursuit of excellence, an uncompromised Christian and Biblical worldview, and a safe, nurturing environment for our children to grow and develop into the young men and women God has ordained them to be. With singularity of

vision and unity of hearts and minds, we will continue to work together to make the 2011-2012 school year the best ever! Thank you for your love, prayers, and commitment to making this school such a resounding success.

Enjoy the rest of the summer. May God keep you safe and bless you with favor, provision, and bounties beyond your imagination!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lorraine Phillips Tracey

Principal (EAPS)

EAPS

## *Orientation and a Back to School Bash (August 19, 2011)*

EAPS will host its usual orientation for new families joining our school. This year the orientation will take place on Friday, August 19, 2011, at the school from 5:00PM until 6:00PM. This function will provide new parents with the opportunity to procure information that is related to the school's policies and procedures. It will also help them to get a better understanding of the school's culture of academic success and tips to help their

children obtain success too. After the orientation, there will be a Back to school Bash for new and returning EAPS families. This lighter, fun-filled event will provide a sneak peek into the vision for the upcoming year, as well as set the tone for developing and strengthening a cohort of parents, teachers, and students. It will also take place at EAPS and will be from 6:00PM to 7:30 PM. At the bash, parents will have the

opportunity to socialize with other parents, meet their children's teachers, and procure necessary school information. Students will also benefit from attending the bash. They will get the opportunity to meet or become better acquainted with their teachers, socialize with their classmates, and have a good time! It will be an exciting way to get revved up and on the right track for the upcoming year.

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## *Enjoy the Benefits of Early Planning*

Transitioning from one season to the next can be a bit bumpy. EAPS wants to help parents avoid a bumpy start, by including in this newsletter information that can help parents and their children make a smooth, successful transition from summer break to a new school year. Enclosed you will find a supply list, a uniform

coupon, a 2011-2012 academic calendar, and a lunch order form. In addition to perusing these items, parents are encouraged to help their children begin transitioning by using some of the following tips:

1. begin creating new sleep patterns, which include a set bedtime.

2. Continue or begin spending time daily to read. Choosing a book from your child's book list will help kill two birds with one stone.
3. Discuss each other's expectations and help children to set goals and develop a strategies to meet them.

