



# BULLDOG BRIEFS

Edgar Middle School Newsletter

September 11, 2023



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## Picture Day

- Picture Day is Monday, September 18
- Easier online ordering on mylifetouch.com.
- Our School ID is: EVTWMCPGK

## Pick-up/Drop off

- Thank you so much for following the new traffic pattern in dropping off and picking up students.
- Please remember to pull close to the cones on the right-hand side so your student may exit and enter the car safely.

## Upcoming Dates

- September 18- Picture day
- September 21- Back to School Night
- September 25- Yom Kippur-Schools Closed

## PTC Fundraiser

- Click the picture below for the link.



## Attendance

- Regular and punctual attendance is considered an indicator of College and Career Readiness and is a strong contributing factor to a student's success in school.
- Frequent absences may lead to poor academic work, lack of social development, and possible academic failure. No single factor may interfere with a student's progress more quickly than frequent absences or tardiness.
- To report an absence, please call the office before 7:50 am to inform us your child will be absent.
- A student is considered tardy if he/she is not in his/her homeroom seat when the bell rings. Students who are late to class or school three or more times in a marking cycle will be subject to disciplinary consequences.
- Notification letters will be sent home when students accrue excessive absences from school.

## The Zone

### After-school Program @ EMS

- Did you know most middle school students spend up to 20 hours of unsupervised time each week? The Zone turns that unsupervised time into time well spent with positive in-person social interaction, engaging activities and academic coaching. Our registration and pricing recognizes your unique family situation; sign up monthly, a few days per week or once in a while.
- To find out more about our program and how to register, visit our website:  
<https://www.emsthezone.com/>
- If you have a specific question regarding The ZONE program, please contact Roseanna Misuraca at [rmisuraca@metboe.k12.nj.us](mailto:rmisuraca@metboe.k12.nj.us) or call our office at 732-321-5085.

## Attention 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

- Author Varsha Bajaj of American Girl's *It's Showtime, Kavi* is visiting and speaking with the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders on September 21<sup>st</sup>. Win a chance to have lunch with her! Details are below:

### **Meet the Author Varsha Bajaj of American Girl's *It's Showtime, Kavi*!**

#### **Edgar Middle School Contest for 5th and 6th Graders**



Storytelling is a special way that people all around the world connect with each other. We tell stories for different reasons, like making each other happy and learning about people who are like us or people who are different than we are.

Stories in books can change how we think and show us many things about life. They can show us our own lives and also what other people go through. When there are enough books that show us things we can relate to and things that are new to us, we can see that it is great to be different and similar to others, because that's what makes us human.

Edgar Middle School is hosting a contest to celebrate how we're alike and how we're different in the Brainy Borough. American Girl chose Kavi Sharma, a 12 year-old girl who comes from India but lives in Metuchen, as their "Girl of the Year" for 2023. Like Kavi, we all have our own stories about living in Metuchen in 2023- some things might be similar to Kavi, and some may be different. We are excited to hear what you have to say!

#### **For the contest:**

Tell your story about growing up in Metuchen! Show what makes you special and talk about why our community is important. Choose an exciting moment in your life or several to share!

You can write a story or a poem, make a video, create something artistic- the product is up to you! If you are choosing something written, please limit to 1,000 words. Please use the rubric criteria below to guide your work.

*You must be in 5th or 6th grade at Edgar Middle School to enter.*

**The deadline for submissions is September 15th.**

Submit in-person to Principal Azevedo or via email to  
Mx. Manzano at Lmanzano@metboe.k12.nj.us

**The winners will have lunch with  
Varsha Bajaj, the author of *It's Showtime, Kavi*!**



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## PTO

- Click the picture below for the link to join.

**givebutter.com/PTO-2023-2024**



**Join the  
PTO**

**\$20 per family**





## See Something Say Something



## Prohibited Behaviors

All members of the school community must report concerning behaviors when there is an intent or plan threatening violence, aggression, or harm which includes any of the following prohibited and concerning behaviors:

- ★ Engaging in violence
- ★ Threatening violence or aggression (intent or plan)
- ★ Weapon to school or attempt to bring
- ★ Bullying or harassing behavior
- ★ Fearful victim or third party; disruption to activity
- ★ Continued intent to carry out threat
- ★ History of threats, aggression or violence
- ★ Immediate danger or imminent safety concern
- ★ Sexual harassment, assault, domestic violence, dating violence
- ★ Staff, parent or student perceives threatening circumstances
- ★ Administrator unable to determine if a situation poses risk to school personnel or community
- ★ Any other Indicators suggesting the possibility of a targeted attack against an individual or the school

## How Do I Report the Situation?

### IN PERSON

Inform the administration, school counselor, or teacher.

### EMAIL

Moss - [mossseesomethingsaysomething@metuchenschools.org](mailto:mossseesomethingsaysomething@metuchenschools.org)

Campbell - [cesseesomethingsaysomething@metuchenschools.org](mailto:cesseesomethingsaysomething@metuchenschools.org)

Edgar - [emsseesomethingsaysomething@metuchenschools.org](mailto:emsseesomethingsaysomething@metuchenschools.org)

High School - [mhsseesomethingsaysomething@metuchenschools.org](mailto:mhsseesomethingsaysomething@metuchenschools.org)

### ReportIt App

Use the QR Code on the posters around the school or on the school webpage tab on each homepage. This will bring you to the app to report the situation on your phone/device.

### HIB Form

Use the HIB Form posted on the school's webpage to report the information, specifically if it reflects Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying behaviors.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!