

# THE WHISTLE STOP

## ESMOND STATION NEWSLETTER



### School Information

Phone: 879-3402

Attendance 879-3403

Health Office  
879-3410

[es.vail.k12.az.us](http://es.vail.k12.az.us)

Transportation/Bus  
Issues 879-2475

Bus Routes:

<http://www.infofinderi.com>

School Hours:

8:20-3:15

Half Day Hours:

8:20-12:25

### Important Dates to Remember

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| Jan.1   | Happy New Year!                            |
| Jan. 7  | Return to School                           |
| Jan. 15 | PTSA Bingo Night                           |
| Jan. 17 | NJHS Induction<br>Ceremony<br>9:00-10:00am |
| Jan. 17 | PTSA Meeting<br>6:30-7:30                  |
| Jan. 19 | Future City<br>Competition                 |
| Jan. 21 | Martin Luther King, Jr.<br>Day - No School |
| Jan. 25 | MS Glow Dance                              |
| Jan. 30 | Half Day - Inservice                       |

January

Dear Esmond Station Families,

I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year! Hopefully you were able to enjoy the Holidays with friends and family. We are off to a terrific start to 2019 at Esmond Station. We have some wonderful family events planned and would love to see all of you at them. Here are a few:

- Bingo Night on January 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-6:30.
- 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance on January 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:30.
- The Father/Daughter Country Carnival on February 1<sup>st</sup>.
- The Mother/Son Event on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

We will also be focusing on maintaining our high level of academics at Esmond Station. Please check Powerschool often to see how your child is progressing academically. If you have any questions regarding your child's grades, please feel free to reach out to their teacher, or to myself, and we will be happy to discuss things with you. And as hard as it is to believe, the AZMerit testing is just around the corner. We will be working hard to ensure that our students do the best job possible!

Thank you for reading and please stop by the office if you ever have any questions or concerns.

Your partner in education,  
Matt Penland  
Principal

# Frequently Asked Questions

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you for doing your part to follow our new policy to come into the office and sign your child in when they are late to school. We also appreciate those of you who make sure to call the office to notify us when your child is absent. Both of these actions on your part help us to make sure we are reporting our attendance correctly to the state of Arizona, which improves our school rating and keeps our state funding as high as possible. Most of all, this helps us to ensure the safety of our students.

Over the past month, we have received several **frequently asked questions**. We hope you will find the following information helpful:

1. Why is the front gate sometimes closed when I pull up to drop off my child, even though my clock says it's only 8:19?

*Every clock is slightly different. Our front gate will not be closed before 8:19 (according to our clocks here) on any day. Students need to be in their classroom at 8:20 when attendance is being taken. If you arrive, and the front gate is closed, even if it's only 8:19, your child will not be able to make it into his/her classroom before 8:20, which means he/she is late and needs to be signed in.*

2. Why do I need to come sign my child into the office if we're just a couple of minutes late?

*When the front gate is closed, children need to be accompanied by a parent/guardian in order to be signed into school late. It doesn't matter if you are 20 seconds late, 2 minutes late, 2 hours late, etc. We understand that mornings can be hectic and that children will be late to school sometimes. We just ask that when this happens, you come sign them in. This lets us know that you knew where your child was when they were not at school, thus helping us to ensure the safety of our students. If students enter campus alone, we will assume that their parents did not know where they were, and we will call their parents and ask them to please come sign them into school.*

3. Why did PowerSchool notify me that my child is absent when I already reported their absence to the office or when I know my child is at school?

*If you are signed up for automatic notifications from PowerSchool, you will receive notifications any time a teacher makes changes to your child's attendance. If you had already reported your child's absence to the office, the teacher still has to go in and mark them absent that day. The only time you would need to be concerned about contacting the school regarding your child's absence is when you receive a phone call from the school asking you to report their absence. You will not receive a phone call if you report your child's absence before 8:30 in the morning. If you know your child is at school and you receive a PowerSchool notification that they are absent, that means that they were not in their seat when the teacher took attendance, and the office will then go in and change the absence to a tardy once your child arrives at school.*

4. What is the best way to report my child's absence?

*Please call the office to report your child's absence. It is best if you can notify the office before 8:30 or 9:00 a.m. on the day they are absent. If you know in advance that they will be absent, it is helpful to let the office know at least a day or two before their absence. When you call to report your child's absence, it allows us to excuse the absence. Unexcused absences affect school funding, and can affect your child's academic career if they become excessive.*

5. Why did I get an email telling me I need to complete an open enrollment application?

*Any student who does not live within the Esmond Station attendance boundaries needs to have an open enrollment application completed every school year. There is no need to be concerned about your child not being accepted under open enrollment from year to year. That being said, we do need parents to complete the form each year in order to sign off on the open enrollment policies for Vail School District. Now that this form is online, the district will be screening all open enrollment applications for accuracy, and will want to see that parents are being compliant with the open enrollment policies that are in place. 8th grade students who are going to high school next year will go through the high school choice process in order to get into their school of choice.*

6. What do I need to do if my child cannot participate in PE?

*If your child will not be able to participate in PE due to an injury, health issue, etc., we must have a note from the parent/guardian or from the child's doctor giving permission for them to sit out or do a different activity during PE. If your child needs to miss more than one day of PE, you will need to specify the number of days missed in the note or provide a new note each day. If you write a note for the same issue several days in a row, we will ask for a doctor's note to verify his/her injury or health issue.*

Again, thank you so much for all of your efforts that help us to keep our students safe and our office running efficiently! If you have any additional questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

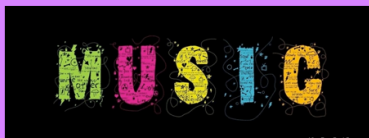
The Esmond Station Office Staff:

Kara Talley- Office Manager

Kim Smith- Attendance Clerk

Diane Rodriguez- Office Clerk

Shawn Ortega- Health Aid



Hello from the Music Room!

For those of you with students enrolled in Concert Band and/or Choir, our next Band & Choir Performance will be at Vail Pride Day on February 16th!

Here are the details:

Saturday, February 16th 2019

THURBER HALL (Located at the Pima County Fairgrounds)

Call Time: 11:00am

Performance Time: 11:30am - 12:15pm

Attire: Band/Choir Shirt, Jeans, Closed-Toe Shoes

\*Note - Beginning Band will NOT be performing at VPD. Just Concert Band

Our Esmond Concert Band and Choirs will be joining the Bands and Choirs os Acacia Elementary, Ocotollio Ridge Elementary, and Old Vail Middle School for their Vail Pride Day Performance.

Be sure to mark it on your calendars now!

Thank you for giving your child the gift of music!

-Ms. Stark

Crystal Stark

Director of Music

Esmond Station K-8

520-879-3430



**Hello Everyone!**

**Happy New Year!**

**I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday!**

**I am in FULL Vail Pride Day preparation! Our theme this year was “Music and Art” and students explored popular musicals, Folk Music and world instruments. We had a great time understanding how art can relate to other subjects and what performing art careers are available. Students really enjoyed creating artwork inspired by “Mary Poppins” “Greatest Showman” “Suessical” “The Lion King” “Wicked” “STOMP” “Cats” and “The Little Mermaid.”**

**I am really excited about another Vail Pride Day!  
Esmond Students have worked very hard this year!  
If you have any questions please let me know!**

**Thank you!**

**Ms. Heidi  
520-879-3440**

**[udovichh@vailschooldistrict.org](mailto:udovichh@vailschooldistrict.org)**

## **ESMOND STATION PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

*Mr. Petty 879-3431, [pettyw@vailschooldistrict.org](mailto:pettyw@vailschooldistrict.org)*

**Jump Rope 4 Heart will be happening in the beginning of March. We will have an assembly in February to kick off the event. The prizes will be in by April or early May. All students will be receiving a packet.**

**In PE we are working on teamwork through a variety of games and skills for grades 5-8. Grades 1-4 will be working on hand-eye coordination skills.**

**Please make sure your students have appropriate footwear. Students who are not wearing sneakers that are snug on their feet, will not be able to participate. As the weather is changing; please remember, we will sometimes be outside for PE. Don't forget to put sunscreen on, wear a hat, and drink plenty of water.**

# Esmond Station Facebook Page!

If you use Facebook please “LIKE” our page. There will be important information, updates and fun things that are happening at school.

Just click the link below:

Thank you!

<https://www.facebook.com/esmondstation>

Click below for current Vail School District Breakfast & Lunch Menus

[Elementary Menus](#)

[Middle School Menus](#)

Be sure to click on

Esmond Station/Vail Academy  
for our middle school menu.

## **We love volunteers!**

**If you have any questions regarding volunteering here at  
Esmond Station please contact**

**Gigi Annunziato**

**Volunteer Coordinator**

**879-3403**

**Wright Flight will be every Monday of this Quarter  
Starting January 21st!**



**Parent Night- Informational  
Q/A on January 14th @  
5:30-6:00 pm**

# OFFICE DEPOT/OFFICE MAX SCHOOL ID INFORMATION



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SCHOOL NAME

**Esmond Station**

SCHOOL ID

**70232057**

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## **Message from PTSA**

The PTSA has an ongoing fundraiser with **Schoolstore.com**. When your school's families and friends shop at their favorite online stores through **SchoolStore.com**, everybody wins! Online retail sales are approaching \$200 billion this year, and 80% of all Americans are online. **SchoolStore.com** is an online shopping mall where over 350 nationally-known merchants have agreed to give a percentage of sales to K-12 schools. Companies like Walmart, Sears, Target, Disney Store, Family Book Store and Barnes & Noble participate.

Help your school by making everyday purchases from the nation's top online merchants...with NO COST and NO RISK for your school.

Be sure to locate our school (Esmond Station) when shopping, and make a difference for Esmond Station PTSA.

Thank you for all of your support!

# Quarter 3 Sports Schedules

## Girls Basketball

Date	Opponent
Jan. 23	@ Desert Sky
Jan. 28	vs. Vail Academy @ Desert Sky
Feb. 4	@ Old Vail
Feb. 6	@ Rincon Vista
Feb. 11	@ Corona Foothills
Feb. 13	vs. Vail Academy @ Desert Sky
Feb. 18	@ Corona Foothills
Feb. 20	@ Rincon Vista
Feb. 25	@ Desert Sky
Feb. 27	@ Old Vail

## Boys Soccer

Date	Opponent
Jan. 23	@ Desert Sky
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