

WELCOME TO EDNA BREWER MIDDLE SCHOOL!

Edna Brewer is an inclusive school community where social and emotional learning are prioritized. Proudly, Edna Brewer is one of the most diverse schools in Oakland with students from every corner of the city representing many different cultural backgrounds.

Our rigorous academic program is led by our highly collaborative and innovative teaching staff. Our teachers lead the way in implementing Common Core and Blended Learning, while using technology and small groups.



2013-14 Pilots Family. Photo: Eric Londgren Photography

We prioritize physical health, featuring a rigorous PE program. 99-minute block periods are broken up by recess and lunch, so that students have opportunities for movement and socializing.

Edna Brewer offers robust enrichment activities in Music, Art and Drama—three programs that we continue to expand from year to year with the support of an incredible PTSA and a staff that is dedicated to the arts.

Restorative Justice is our successful social/emotional learning program, designed to put student voice at the center. It emphasizes community, discipline and empathy. The standard for an Edna Brewer teacher is “warm demander”.

We are proud of our thriving school community. We care about children and learning, and we strive to offer a balanced educational experience in a positive and inclusive environment.

Enjoy your tour and Go Panthers!

Aubrey Layne, EBMS Principal

PTSA

EBMS is proud to have an active PTSA!

The PTSA's goals are to support students' academic and extracurricular needs, and to foster open communication between parents and Edna Brewer's dedicated teachers and staff.

Our PTSA raised over \$100,000 in 2014-2015!

Funds support: peer tutoring, field trips, music, arts, drama, science supplies, classroom supplies, school beautification, the PRIDE Store and much more! Our PTSA supports community building through fun events such as Burgers & Bingo, 6th Grade Welcome Picnic and All Brewer Day.

FACILITIES (Turf field expected 2016)

- Staffed Library
- In-class Chromebooks (in addition to Mac & Windows Labs)
- Gym (new paint & floor) with stage
- Playhouse for music & theater
- Garden
- Shaded courtyard for lunch and socializing
- Bike & Skateboard lockers



Music in the Parks. Photo: Terri Phelan

HOME OF THE PANTHERS!



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SOCIAL EMOTIONAL ENGAGEMENT

EBMS emphasizes social and emotional health. We strive to create a safe and inclusive community built on the core values of Panther PRIDE:

Positivity
Respect
Independence
Determination
Empathy

- As both a community-building and student discipline strategy, Restorative Justice emphasizes character-development and empathy.
- Weekly Advisory Class activities connect students to their peers and build an empathic learning community.
- Grade-level “Families” create a small school atmosphere & allow teachers to collaborate more effectively.
- 6th Grade is in a separate wing for their transitional year to middle school.
- Student-led Lunchtime Clubs are a fun way to meet new friends around shared interests such as sports, books or movies.
- Panther PRIDE tickets are awarded to students who demonstrate the PRIDE values in action. Tickets can be used at the PTSA Sponsored PRIDE Store and in the classroom.
- All-School Student Council.
- Full-time, on-site counselor.
- Autism Inclusion and Special Ed programs.



Volleyball. Photo: Eric Londgren Photography

ACADEMICS

EBMS offers a rigorous and innovative academic program. With multiple tiers of teacher leadership, including literacy and math coaches, EBMS has been a leader in Blended Learning & Common Core implementation.

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler spent a day at EBMS in 2013, learning about how we’ve implemented Blended Learning. We’ve been featured in the NY Times and Christian Science Monitor.

- Blended Learning across all core disciplines using a balance of traditional instruction, peer collaboration and in-class work on Chromebooks.
- Teaching and learning is cross-disciplinary—for example, students learn about Ancient Egypt in History & create travel brochures in English.
- 3rd year of Common Core implementation: This year’s focus is on Academic Conversations fostering productive & analytical discussions about text.
- Compressed 8th Grade Math & Algebra allows entry to Geometry as a HS freshman.
- Block Scheduling encourages focused and in-depth learning.
- Peer Tutoring pairs successful 7th & 8th graders with students who could benefit from extra 1:1 tutoring.
- Schoology is our collaborative online communication tool used by all teachers, students, parents & staff.

ELECTIVES:

Band, Strings, & Orff
 Visual Arts & Drama
 Spanish (3 years for students to enter HS Spanish 2)
 Chemistry/Physics
 Speech/Debate & Leadership
 Dance/Spoken Word
 Media & Technology
 Cooking/Nutrition/Garden

AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS:

Football
 Soccer
 Volleyball
 Basketball

PE SPORTS include:

Field Hockey, Archery
 & Mr. Reed’s famous Boot Camp!

THE ARTS

EBMS offers a rich program of arts led by dedicated professionals who infuse a love of music, theater and visual arts along with a strong work ethic.



Photo: Terri Phelan



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MUSIC: Under the direction of Music Director and 2014 teacher of the year, Zack Pitt-Smith and Strings Conductor Stephanie Holmes, EBMS’s award-winning music program attracts students from all over the city.

- Jazz Band (by audition)
- OUSD MUSE Vivo (Strings by audition) meets at Brewer with mentors from the Oakland East Bay Symphony.
- Camp Cazadero Annual Music Retreat
- Opportunities to play at Yoshi’s, A’s Games, Paramount Theater, numerous competitions and festivals, including Music in the Parks at California’s Great America.

THEATER: Led by English teacher Ms. Jana Maiuri, the Brewer Theater program engages 6th-8th grade students in acting, writing and stage management.

- Shakespeare’s “Midsummer Night’s Dream” (Spring 2015)
- Shakespeare’s “Twelfth Night” in collaboration with Cal Shakes (Spring 2014)
- Students adapted Summer Brenner’s Oakland Tales in collaboration with Word for Word (Fall 2014)

VISUAL ARTS: We are creating an exciting and inclusive experience for creative students and those interested in visual arts:

- Curriculum spans cultures, eras and mediums.
- Field trips to museums, art high schools and colleges.
- Visiting guest artists in the classroom.