

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 features a heavy focus on project-based group work across all core disciplines, and is implemented by an exceptionally innovative, collaborative and dedicated teaching staff.



2015-16 Pilots Family. Photo: Eric Londgren Photography

We prioritize physical health with a dynamic PE program. 90-minute block periods are broken up by recess and lunch, so that students have opportunities for movement and socializing. A daily Advisory class allows for homework check-ins and further community building.

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

Restorative Justice is at the heart of our successful social-emotional learning program. Designed to put the student's voice at the center, it emphasizes community, discipline and empathy.

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 \$150,000 in 2015-2016!

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

FACILITIES

- 1 Chromebook for every 2 students
- Mac and Windows labs
- Staffed library
- Full-size gym with stage and new floor/paint
- Brand new, 60' x 75' yard turf field with safe "TPE" fill
- Panther Playhouse for Music and Drama
- Vegetable Garden
- Expansive, shaded courtyard for lunch and socializing
- Bike & skateboard lockers



Soccer 2016. Photo: Eric Londgren Photography

HOME OF THE PANTHERS!



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SOCIAL EMOTIONAL ENGAGEMENT

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

Positivity
Respect
Independence
Determination
Empathy

- Grade-level “families” create a small school atmosphere and allow teachers to collaborate more effectively.
- 6th Grade is in a separate wing for the transitional year to middle school.
- Daily Advisory Class connects students to their peers and builds an empathetic learning community.
- Restorative Justice is our student discipline and community-building strategy, emphasizing both empathy and character development.
- Student-led lunchtime clubs are a fun way to meet new friends around shared interests.
- Panther PRIDE tickets are awarded to students who demonstrate the PRIDE values in action.
- All-school Student Council
- Full-time, on-site counselors
- On-site Special Ed and Inclusion programs



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ACADEMICS

EBMS offers a rigorous and innovative academic program. With multiple tiers of teacher leadership, including literacy and math coaches, our highly collaborative teaching staff has been on the leading edge of Common Core implementation for several years.

- Emphasis on Culturally Responsive Teaching and Academic Differentiation ensures we serve each and every student.
- Teachers use Blended Learning across all core disciplines, with a balance of traditional instruction, peer collaboration and in-class work on Chromebooks.
- Learning is cross-disciplinary; for example, students studying Ancient Rome in History may create a travel brochure for Roman ruins in English.
- Block scheduling allows for focused, in-depth learning.
- Compressed 8th Grade Math and Algebra allows entry to Geometry as a high school freshman.
- Peer Tutoring pairs successful 7th and 8th graders with students who could benefit from extra 1:1 tutoring.
- Communication is facilitated by Schoology, a collaborative online tool used by teachers, students, and parents.

ELECTIVES:

Music (Band, Strings, Orff World Music)
 Visual Arts
 Spanish
 Gardening, Cooking and Nutrition
 Leadership
 Journalism
 Dance, Spoken Word, Poetry
 Mad Science, Engineering/Makers

PE SPORTS:

Calisthenics, Field Hockey, Archery, Mr. Reed’s famous Boot Camp, and much more!

AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS:

Football, Soccer, Volleyball, Basketball, Track & Field
 ...Softball and Baseball to be added in 2017!

THE ARTS

EBMS offers a rich program of arts, featuring both in-school electives and free after-school classes. It is led by dedicated professionals who impart to their students a love of music, theater and visual arts infused with a strong work ethic.



Yoshi’s and King Lear, 2016. Photos: Eric Londgren Photography

MUSIC: Under the direction of 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.

- Band, Strings, and ORFF World Music
- Jazz Lab and Jazz Band
- OUSD MUSE with mentors from the Oakland East Bay Symphony
- Oakland Youth Chorus
- Camp Cazadero Annual Music Retreat
- Opportunities to perform at Yoshi’s, A’s Games, the Paramount Theater, competitions and festivals

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

- Full-length production of Shakespeare’s “King Lear” (Spring 2016)
- In-depth design and dramaturgy study of Shakespeare’s “Othello,” in partnership with Cal Shakes (Fall 2016)
- Full-length production of “Othello” (Spring 2017)

VISUAL ARTS: This in-school elective, featuring teaching artist-in-residence, Sam Weinberg, offers an exciting, inclusive experience for those interested in the visual arts.

- Curriculum spans cultures, eras and mediums
- Field trips to museums, art high schools and colleges