

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.



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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, Drama, and Sports programs that we continue to expand from year to year with the support of the PTSA.

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 (Parent Teacher Student Association)!

The PTSA supports students' academic and extracurricular needs while fostering open communication between parents and Edna Brewer's dedicated teachers and staff.

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

FACILITIES

- 1 Chromebook for each and every student
- Mac and Windows computer lab
- Staffed library
- Full-size gym with stage and new floor
- New 60' x 75' yard turf field with safe "TPE" fill
- Panther Playhouse Theater for Music and Drama
- Vegetable garden
- Expansive, shaded courtyard with benches, tables, and permanent student art installations.
- Bike & skateboard lockers



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 classes are in a separate building for this important transitional year.
- 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 provide a fun way to meet new friends around shared interests.
- An all-school Student Council gives voice to the student body.
- Full-time, on-site counselors provide support and guidance.



ACADEMICS

EBMS offers a rigorous and innovative academic program. An early implementer of both Common Core and the Next Generation Science Standards, EBMS has for several years been on the leading edge of education reform.

- Our highly collaborative teaching staff benefits from multiple tiers of teacher leadership.
- We employ Culturally Responsive Teaching and Academic Differentiation to ensure that our curriculum serves 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.
- Curriculum is often cross-disciplinary: students studying Ancient Rome in History may create a travel brochure for the Roman Forum in English class.
- Block scheduling in 90 minute classes allows for focused, in-depth learning in all subjects.
- “Schoolology,” a collaborative online tool used by teachers, students and parents, provides real-time assignment/grade information and facilitates communication.
- Students can choose from a wide range of electives to supplement their core classes. These include:
 - Music (Band, Strings, ORFF World Music)
 - Visual Arts
 - Spanish
 - Gardening and Plant Science
 - Leadership
 - Creative Writing/Online Newspaper
 - Computer Science/Design/Product Development
 - Mad Science, Engineering/Makers, Art in Science
 - World Geography
 - Wood Shop

SPORTS

Flag Football, Soccer, Volleyball, Basketball, Softball, Baseball, Track, Cross Country, Golf, Ultimate Frisbee, and Cheerleading are all offered after school.

THE ARTS

EBMS proudly features a rich arts program of both in-school electives and free classes after school. 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.



MUSIC:

Under the direction of OUSD 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. Some highlights:

- Band, Strings, and ORFF World Music electives
- Jazz Band, Steel Drums, Guitar, and DJ Music Production offered after school
- OUSD MUSE program with mentors from the Oakland East Bay Symphony
- Oakland Youth Chorus classes on campus
- Opportunities to perform at Yoshi’s and A’s games

THEATER:

Led by English teacher Jana Maiuri, the Brewer Theater program engages interested 6th-8th grade students in acting, writing and stage management after school. The Spring 2018 program will feature a full-length production of Shakespeare’s “Measure for Measure” in its original language, with all-student performances, costuming and stagecraft.

VISUAL ARTS:

Full-time Brewer Art teacher Lisa Perkins teaches an exciting, inclusive class for those interested in the visual arts. The curriculum spans cultures, eras and mediums, offering field trips to museums, art high schools and colleges.