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From the Principal's Desk

Happy Chinese New Year to all Elite Prep Academy (EPA) community members! As we usher in the Year of the Dragon, a symbol of power, strength, and good fortune, I welcome all new students joining us this spring semester. Your enthusiasm and vitality have infused our EPA family with joy and vibrancy, making you an integral part of our close-knit community.



Theme of the Month

Starting Fresh in the New Year

As we enter the New Year, the concept of "Starting Fresh, in the New Year" is a source of inspiration urging us to embrace beginnings. This time encourages self-reflection and personal growth, motivating us to let go of habits and establish goals that align with our core values and aspirations. It presents a moment to revitalize our well-being, reevaluate our ambitions, and strengthen our connections with those around us. By prioritizing our mental health, dedicating ourselves to pursuits, and nurturing meaningful relationships, we cultivate a sense of rejuvenation that benefits us and the communities we are part of. Let's approach this year with optimism and an open mind, ready to welcome transformations into our lives.



We are excited to welcome Mr. Mark Floden to our faculty and residential life team. In his dual role as a science teacher and dorm parent, Mr. Floden brings a wealth of teaching experience and a profound commitment to the well-being of our students. His expertise in science education and his passion for mentoring students in their academic and personal development make him a tremendous asset to our academy. I eagerly anticipate Mr. Floden sharing his extensive teaching experience and deep care with us, assured that he will inspire our students in numerous ways.

As we begin this new year, let us embody the qualities of the dragon: embracing innovation and transformation with courage, leveraging our strengths to achieve our ambitions, and demonstrating resilience in the face of challenges. This year, let's renew our dedication to supporting and uplifting each other as we pursue knowledge and growth, fostering an environment where everyone is encouraged to excel.

Here's to a year of prosperity, learning, and community at Elite Prep Academy, where we all feel empowered to reach new heights.

School News

Chinese New Year Celebration! Students from the Cultural Club at Hopatcong High School joined us in our festivities.



We've revitalized our club programs at EPA, boasting over 10 active clubs.

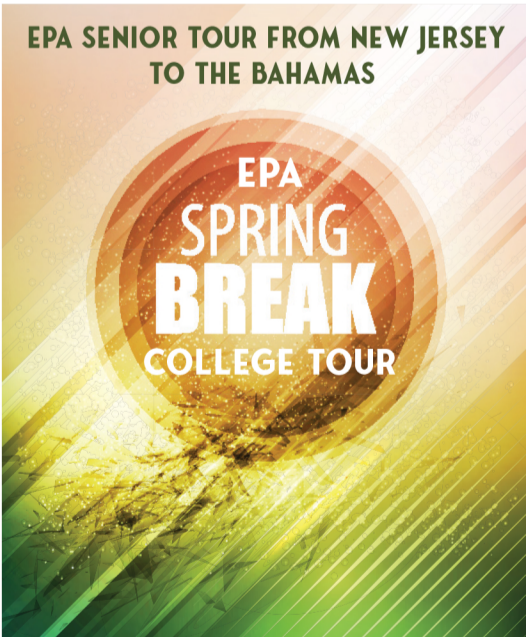
We're excited to introduce a brand new initiative named the Life Skills Character Academy (LSCA), which is designed to assist students in developing essential life skills and fostering strong character traits.



EPA students came together for a volunteer project, filling over 500 food bags for local elementary students and weekly supplies for families in need, in partnership with county social services. The activity quickly became a fun, engaging event, fostering a sense of camaraderie among the students. This initiative not only supported the community but also highlighted the impactful role of youth volunteerism.



Upcoming Events



Student of the Month



This month, we spotlight an exceptional student, Fiona (Mengxi Li), who has exemplified remarkable leadership during our recent Chinese New Year celebration. Fiona took the initiative to assemble an outstanding team of students under the guidance of Ms. Doris, to plan and execute the festivities. Fiona and her team created a memorable event that beautifully showcased the rich cultural heritage associated with the Chinese New Year. The show and presentation were a testament to our students' hard work and served as a perfect representation of what Elite Prep Academy stands for. Her ability to inspire her peers, organize a complex event, and present our school community in the best light speaks volumes about her commitment to excellence.

Congratulations, Fiona, on being named Student of the Month!

Spotlight: Teacher of the Month Eddie Naseem



Congratulations to our Math teacher, Eddie Naseem. In his combined 34 years of instructing expertise, at both the College and High School levels, he has always considered teaching more as a mission to educate and motivate the students, rather than a profession. Eddie has worked as Adjunct Lecturer in Mathematics, Math teacher at Susan Wagner High School as well as Coordinator for the Alliance for Minority Participation at Discovery Institute, College of Staten Island. He began working at EPA in 2014 and looks forward to another 3 decades of dedication and service.