



Monthly Newsletter



Nolan B. created a Flipgrid that showed connections to nature with a worm and mulch project for his 6th grade study of Exploris Core Values

Inside the Issue

LOTTERY SEASON

Learn about the details and how to help others learn about and apply for Exploris!

REOPENING CHECKPOINT

Please take our survey!

CLASS HIGHLIGHTS

Check out some of the wonderful things happening in our classrooms!

PUTTING THE "PLUS" IN PLAN C

Our C+ plan means teachers and students who are comfortable with some small in-person meet ups have been meeting for some crew social time or some extra academic support from time to time. Last week, a few students from Leah's 7th grade crew met on a very rainy day and visited Berkeley the Squirrel, a new sculpture in Nash Square.



LOTTERY



Know Someone Who Would Like to Join Us at Exploris?

Our annual lottery for open seats will open soon! Please stay tuned for announcements about virtual tours and open houses for interested families, and share them with friends who might find Exploris a great match for their students.

The Lottery Application Deadline will be February 5, 2021 at 4 pm. Valid applications received by this deadline will be included in the lottery. Any applications received after this deadline will be placed on the waiting list in the order they were received.

The lottery will be held on Friday, March 5, 2021. Results will be posted in SchoolMint accounts. Students who receive an offer should note there are TIMED WINDOWS for accepting and completing registration. Any student receiving an offer either through the initial lottery or through the wait list will have a limited time to accept or decline the offer. Should a parent decline the offer, the open seat will be offered to the next chronological applicant on the waiting list and these guidelines will apply.

Parents/Guardians must return all registration/ enrollment materials required by deadline and students must be present on the first day of school secure your seat at The Exploris School.

Questions? Please contact Info@Exploris.org.

Right Column: More wonderful examples of our Core Values from the 6th grade Flipgrid project





Open House Week

A big shout out to all of our educators and support staff for putting together informative sessions and to our families for attending! Grade level recordings will be shared by teachers for anyone who missed a session, and you can click on the links below to hear from some of the administrative, counseling, and specialty programs!



The Exploris School

OPEN HOUSE WEEK ~ SEPT 21-25, 2020

CLICK BELOW FOR RECORDINGS FOR SCHOOLWIDE SESSIONS

[Counseling](#)

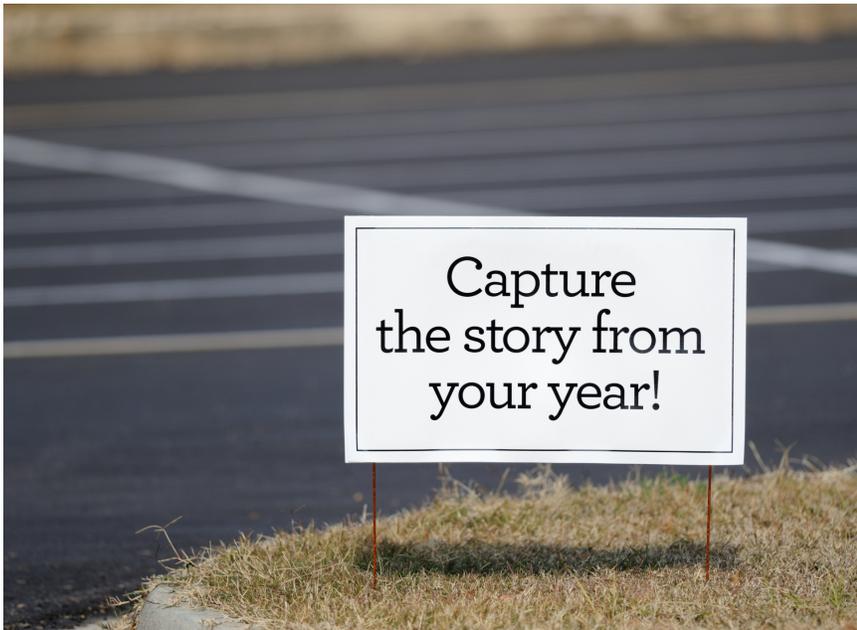
[Elementary Global Arts](#)

[Middle School Global Arts](#)

[Leadership](#)

**GRADE LEVEL
RECORDINGS**

Will be shared by
teachers



COUNSELOR CORNER

After Fall Break the counseling team will be training 6th-8th graders again this year how to use the “Say Something” anonymous reporting app. This training will help students identify warning signs for school violence as well as potential issues of bullying and self-harm. Here are resources for parents about the program.

- [Parent Letter](#)
- [Parent Brochure](#)

The training will be by crews and will be approximately 40 minutes with video and discussion through Zoom led by our counseling team. If you have questions or concerns regarding this training please reach our directly to counselor@exploris.org

Reminder Technology or food insecurity needs- we are here to help and you can email us.

- Parent Connection Sessions:
- October 15th at 12:30 and 8:30 pm
 - Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/93849276883>
 - In case you missed last month: [Click here](#)

A YEARBOOK FROM HOME?

We’re here to share some exciting news with you regarding the 2021 yearbook. Yes, we are having a yearbook, and guess what? You’re officially on the yearbook staff! Yes, you read that right! This year, more than ever, we ask that you join us. This is going to be an unbelievable book and one that will be treasured forever.

What are some ways you could help us achieve this task? Consider:-Follow us on Social Media. We will post invites to share your pictures on various topics. Just use this link to send us photos. <https://images.jostens.com/415464714>

When you see an email regarding the yearbook, open it! Complete the form requesting information and pictures. Easy! If you or a parent you know takes pictures at student events, please let us know. We want to feature every student in various aspects of their life. Look for those moments when they are just playing with their pet, working in their virtual learning space, playing their instrument, or enjoying a family meal. Other options include students participating in sports outside of school, virtual club meetings or events, theatre performances, art projects or just candid photos of your kids. You get it! Send us pictures of everything so your student can be included.

We are also arranging for school pictures on campus in staggered individual appointments later this fall, so please stay tuned for more details on that process and opportunity.

This yearbook is unique in that it will be created by the whole school. Thank you in advance for being a part of this historic year. Don’t forget to reserve your copy at www.jostensyearbooks.com or call 1.877.767.5217.

The book is on sale for the lowest price of the year until 10/23. Questions? Please reach out to JFrancesca@Exploris.org



PARENT INFO

More Counseling Updates



TITLE 1 IMPORTANT INFO

Important information regarding Title I: This is the first year The EXploris School has applied for Title I funds. As part of Title I, we are committed to connect with our families to ensure success for all students. Please read the following document that contains information about what Title I is, the 2020-2021 Parent Family Engagement Policy, and Parent's Rights and information regarding ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act). This document will soon be posted on our website as well under the "Student Services Tab"

[**Title I Information Document**](#)

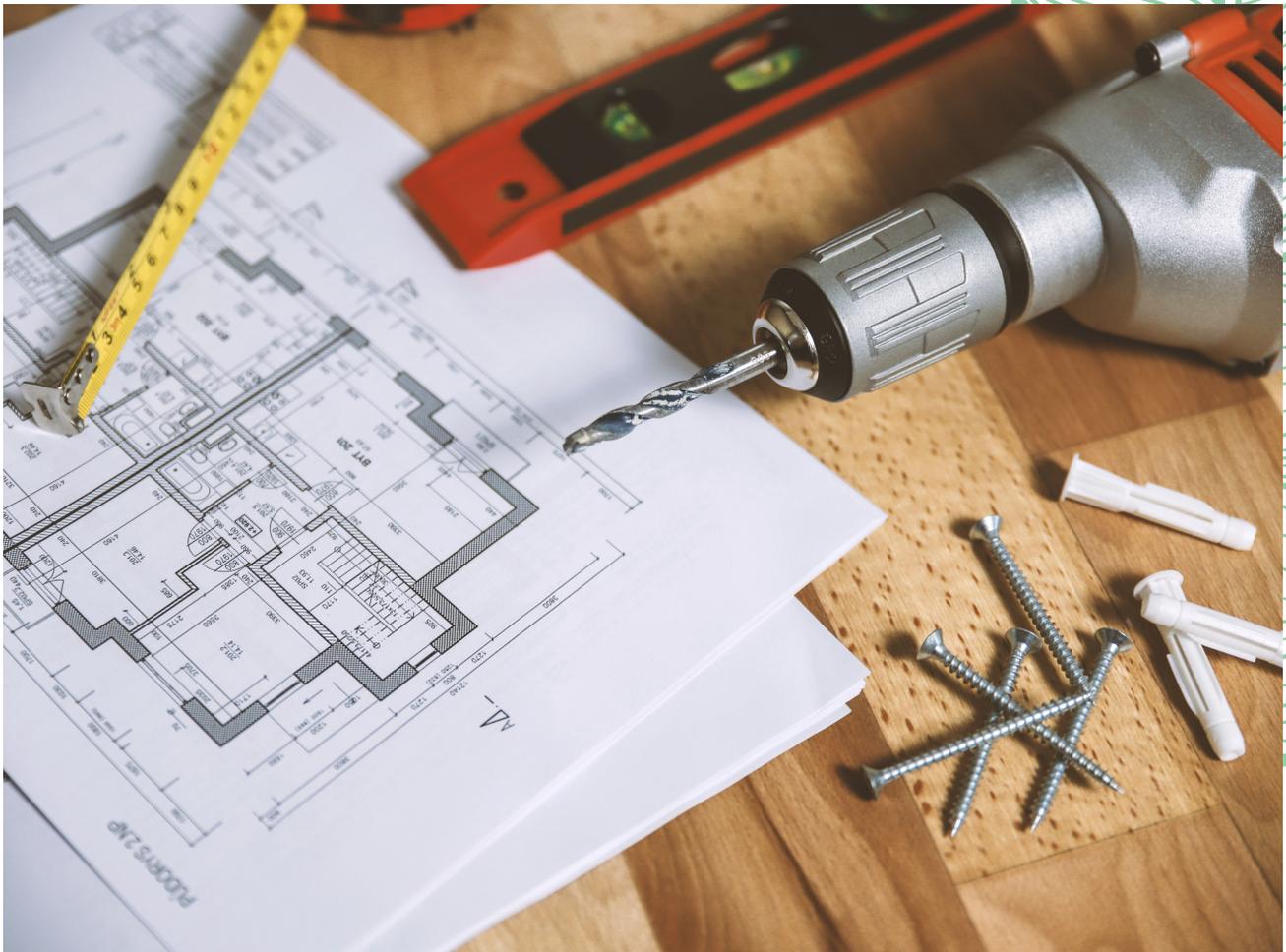
WANT TO HELP?

We are still looking for Grade Level Parent Guardian Liasons to help support grade level teachers and families. For more information on what this entails click here. We need help finding a few more volunteers for the following grade levels:

1st Grade
2nd Grade
3rd Grade
4th Grade
5th Grade
7th Grade
8th Grade

If you are interested please contact Michelle Duncan, Counselor, and PTO representative asap at michelled@exploris.org

Facilities Update



The Facilities Committee has been working hard on the ongoing process of finding us a new k-8 home. We have narrowed down our search to 3 promising properties and are beginning feasibility studies for each, while still in the process of resolving our Kindley St. Property. Check out the recent article in the News & Observer for more background and history on that project. All three new properties are not directly in downtown Raleigh, but are a few miles from our current locations and feature promising items like creeks and bus route access so we can continue our creative uses of nearby resources.

N&O Article

Exploris Re-opening

Checkpoint One



FAMILY SURVEY

Please complete by
Friday, October 9th

Questions about school reopening across North Carolina? Check out [this FAQ from the Department of Public Instruction!](#)

Our Transition Plan

In keeping with our reopening plan, our Fall Break is our first checkpoint to see if conditions have improved enough that we can return in some capacity to on-site learning. This survey is your chance to have input into that process and to let us know your needs, concerns, and thoughts for moving forward.

Please know that we are using all public health recommendations, CDC, NC DHHS, and public policy guidelines as well as recommendations from the NC Department of Public Instruction and data from similar schools across North Carolina as we make decisions. Our priorities are the health and safety of our students and staff and providing quality, connected academic programs. We want to invite you to be collaborators to help us make the best possible decisions.

We recognize the frustrations and limitations involved in remote learning, as well as the fears and dangers associated with the community spread of Covid 19, and want to make choices that best serve and protect our entire school community-- students, staff, and their families. These decisions are difficult and weighty and by the very nature of the problems, it's likely that no single decision will meet everyone's wishes. We can't stress enough how much we have appreciated your trust and your support as we work to find the best balance between academics and protection.

CLASS HIGHLIGHTS

Take a peek inside some of our digital classrooms!



1ST GRADE

1st grade students have been learning about place value by drawing, grouping, and using manipulatives to make double digit numbers. We know the concept is a biggie, and we are so proud of their determination!

3RD GRADE

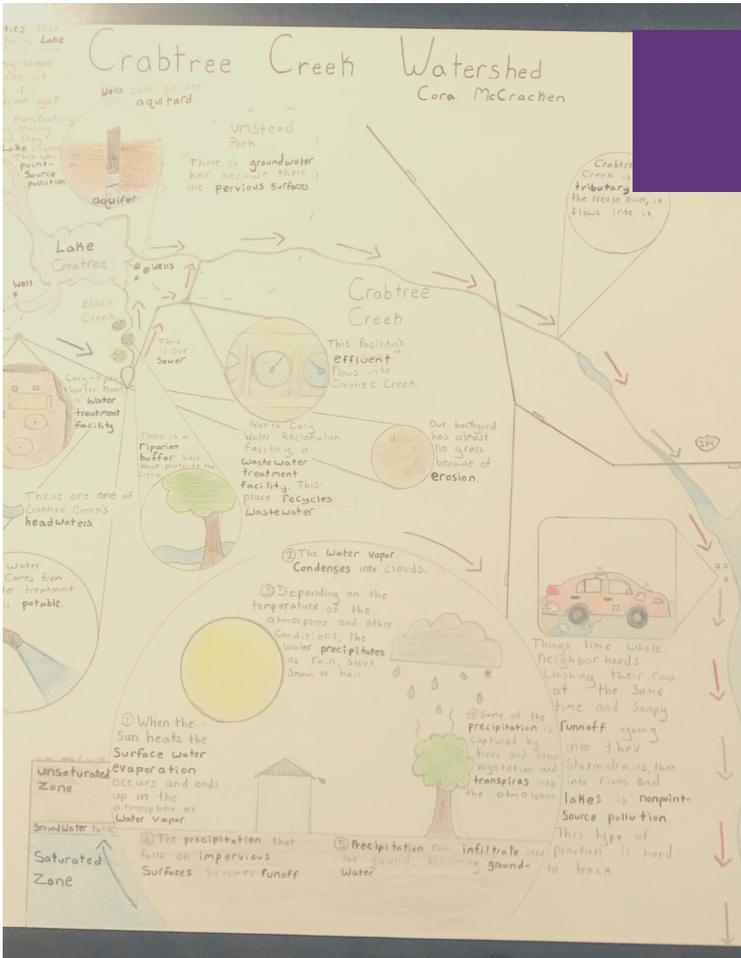
Students have been learning about the various properties of matter. Check out some of the work they did from their "States of Matter Choice Board"



7TH GRADE

7th graders have been building Rube Goldberg Machines at home and learning physics along the way. They also have been writing poetry, check out our PADLET where they've started collecting and sharing their work. (LEFT: Some of Leah's crew also met Reginald the Pig!)

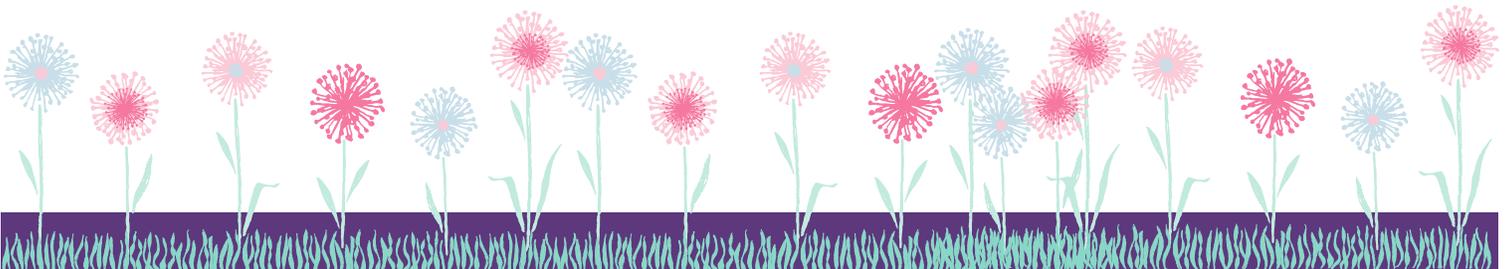
8TH GRADE



8th graders have the flow of virtual learning! In our Hydrosphere study they met a number of water experts including Omar Idriss a Sudanese refugee, Ed Buchan City of Raleigh Environmental Coordinator, Matt Star the upper Neuse riverkeeper, and Kelvin Brown and the Little Rock Wastewater Treatment Plant team. Please go to [this gallery](#) to see students' Watershed Maps which include the flow of their stormwater from their home to the ocean, human-made drinking and sewage water systems, and over 30 vocabulary terms.

GARDEN CLUB >

*Big news! We have established a Garden Team for Exploris. The team members are: Callie, Lisa, Michelle D, Rachel, Sadie. This team has been hard at work this trimester crafting a sustainable garden plan for Exploris. They have also been weeding, harvesting summer vegetables, and sowing fall crops. If you would like to be involved, **please sign up for a Sunday Afternoon garden magic!***





CHECK OUT THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!



OCTOBER 27TH

The Exploris School Board will meet from 4:30-6:30 pm. Watch our website and emails for links to the virtual meeting room.



NOVEMBER 1ST

Daylight Savings Time Ends! Remember to "fall back" and reset your clocks!



NOVEMBER 5TH

Our next Exploris PTO meeting will be on Thursday, November 5th from 6:00-7:30 pm. Watch ExplorisPTO.org for links to the virtual meeting room



Fall Break!

OCTOBER 5TH-9TH

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Contact Us!

General Questions: Leadership@Exploris.org

Student Needs: Michelle Duncan, School Counselor
Counselor@Exploris.org

(social/emotional, free/reduced price lunch, food or housing insecurity)

PTO: PTOpres@Exploris.org

Tech Issues? please email your crew teacher with as many specifics as possible

Don't forget to subscribe to your class blog or newsletter and be sure to check your email daily for updates, reminders, and opportunities!

