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Encompass Academy Newsletter

Encompass Academy's Mission:

Guiding students to bright futures by focusing on academic achievement, personal pathways, enrichment, and social-emotional learning.

The Encompass FIRE

Encompass Scholars show the following qualities:

Fearlessness

Integrity

Resourcefulness

Endurance

May Ahead

Welcome to the May edition of the Encompass Academy Newsletter!

As we move through the final stretch of the school year, this is an important time for students to stay focused, remain consistent, and build momentum toward finishing strong. It's natural for students to feel restless as summer approaches, but this push matters.

May also brings opportunities to celebrate and connect, including performances, showcases, and end-of-year milestones.

Classroom Spotlight

Students in Art have been exploring the concept of texture, learning the difference between real (tactile) texture and implied texture through drawing. This week, students extended their learning outdoors through our partnership with Family, visiting the garden to collect texture rubbings from natural surfaces.

Through this hands-on experience, students are learning to observe closely, describe textures, and apply value to create the illusion of texture in their artwork—skills that strengthen both artistic technique and creative thinking.

Upcoming events

5/7/26 - Ignite Spring Arts Department Showcase at 5:30

5/14/26 - Family Dinner for Incoming Students at 5:30 pm

5/14/26 - Senior Sunset at Newlands Park · 7pm, 700 California Ave

[Click here for our full calendar of events.](#)



Gun Storage Safety

In accordance with Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 348.243 2(m), the Washoe County School District will, twice per academic year, inform a pupil's parent or legal guardian of any state requirements related to the storage of a firearm. The District will also inform a pupil's parent or legal guardian of the crimes and penalties described in subsection 5 of [NRS 202.300](#) and section 4 of SB 394 as signed into law in 2023. That information can be found here [Safe Firearm Storage Guidance and Resources](#)



[Mobile Crisis](#)

Immunization Requirements for Incoming 12th Graders

As we prepare for the next school year, we want to remind families of an important state of Nevada immunization requirement. All students **entering 12th grade** must receive the **Meningococcal ACWY (MenACWY) vaccine, also known as MCV4, before the first day of school for the 2026-2027 school year.**

The **MenACWY vaccine protects against meningococcal disease**, a serious bacterial infection that can lead to life-threatening conditions such as **meningitis and bloodstream infections**. The **CDC recommends** that preteens receive the MenACWY vaccine at ages 11-12, followed by a booster dose at age 16 to ensure protection during the highest-risk years.

We encourage parents to check their child's immunization records and schedule any necessary vaccinations with their healthcare provider. **Proof of vaccination will be required before students can start 12th grade. Please submit immunization records to Laure via email (laure@encompassacademy.org) by 8/12/26.**

For more information about the MenACWY vaccine and meningococcal disease, visit the CDC's official page: [Meningococcal Vaccination](#).

Student Interview

Kilee Maniscalco, a student at Encompass Academy, is known for bringing energy, kindness, and school spirit wherever she goes. Involved in band, basketball, and craft club, Kilee loves trying new things and discovering what she enjoys. "I try new things as much as I can," she shared. "If I like it, I might keep doing it more."

One of Kilee's favorite recent memories was performing at the Ignite Arts Showcase, where she sang, played piano, and cheered on other student bands. "It was exciting yet scary," she said. "It felt fun and successful. Everyone was cheering, and everyone got our Rick Roll joke!"

What makes Encompass special to Kilee is the strong sense of support and community. "Best. Place. Ever," she said when asked to describe the school in three words. "Everyone is so supportive. Teachers help with a lot of things—even if you're in a sad or bad mood."

Kilee also takes pride in lifting others up. "I support kids even when they feel like they're not wanted, and even when I'm hurt," she shared. Looking ahead, Kilee isn't rushing toward summer break. "I'm not looking forward to summer," she said. "I'm looking forward to coming back."



Special Schedule for Finals Week

Finals Week Details: June 1–5

As we wrap up the school year, please note that Monday–Thursday will be half days, with finals taking place Tuesday and Wednesday. Thursday includes our end-of-year celebration at Idlewild Park, with students released from the park at 12:00 PM unless returning to campus with staff. Friday will be a full digital school day. Please note that lunch service will be limited to bagged lunches **by request** Monday–Wednesday, with lunches provided Thursday. There will be **no after-school supervision** all week, so please plan transportation accordingly.



The Link Between Movement and Focus

As students move through high school, long periods of sitting, screen time, and mental effort can make it harder to stay focused and engaged. Research shows that movement isn't just good for physical health—it also plays an important role in attention, memory, and learning. Even short bursts of movement can help reset the brain. A quick walk, stretching between assignments, or simply standing up and moving around for a few minutes can improve concentration and reduce mental fatigue. Physical activity increases blood flow to the brain, helping students feel more alert and ready to learn.

Parents can support this at home by encouraging short movement breaks during homework time or inviting teens to take a walk, shoot hoops, dance to a favorite song, or help with something active around the house. Movement doesn't have to be intense to be helpful—consistency matters more than intensity.

For teens, especially those managing stress, anxiety, or attention challenges, movement can be a powerful tool for regulation and focus. Building movement into daily routines can help students return to tasks with more energy, clearer thinking, and improved motivation.

Research Connection: A systematic review published in the *Journal of Science and Medicine in Sport* found positive links between physical activity, cognitive performance, and academic achievement in adolescents. Read the study on [PubMed](#)

Message from the Principal

As we head into the final stretch of the school year, I want to take a moment to thank our students, staff, and families for the energy, growth, and resilience that have shaped this year at Encompass Academy. It has been incredible to watch our students grow academically, socially, artistically, and as members of our school community.

These final weeks matter. Finishing the year strong means showing up, staying engaged, completing assignments, and taking pride in the progress made all year long. Small choices now can make a big difference in ending the year with confidence and momentum.

As we begin looking ahead to summer, I encourage families to help students stay active, curious, and connected. Summer is a great time for reading, creative projects, music, outdoor movement, volunteering, learning a new skill, or simply building healthy routines that support well-being. Growth doesn't only happen in the classroom.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. Let's help our students cross the finish line strong and head into summer feeling proud of what they've accomplished.

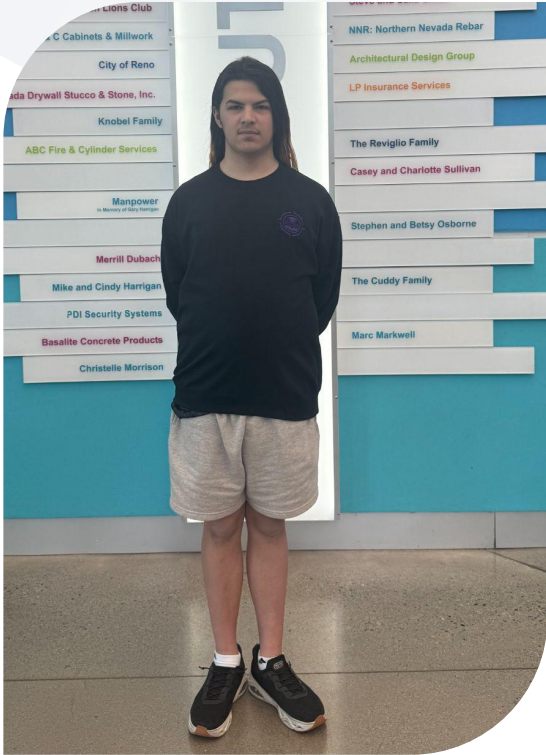


Adam Khan

Principal

F.I.R.E Students of the Week

Each quarter, teachers nominate students who exemplify our F.I.R.E. values—Fearlessness, Integrity, Resourcefulness, and Endurance. At the start of this quarter, our focus shifted to Resourcefulness. Each week, one nominee is selected and honored as our F.I.R.E. Student of the Week. At the end of the quarter, all winners will be entered into a raffle for a special prize! Congratulations to our March Students of the Week, pictured below!



Tiger
Freshman



Abraham
Freshman



Adan
Sophomore



Shawn
Sophomore