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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 Highlights

As we enter the final stretch of the school year, we want to thank you for your continued support, encouragement, and partnership. May is a busy and exciting month filled with celebrations, final projects, and important milestones for our students. In this newsletter, you'll find updates about end-of-year events, graduation, finals, and more. Please take a moment to review the information carefully to help your student finish strong. We are so proud of all the growth our students have shown this year and look forward to ending the year on a high note together!

Upcoming events

5/26/25 - Memorial Day, No School

5/27/27 - Online classes and Alternative Credit due for graduating seniors

5/29/25 - Family dinner for incoming freshmen at 5:30 pm

6/2/25-6/5/25 - Finals Week, Half Days, release at 12:00 pm

6/6/25 - Last day of school (digital day)

6/7/25 - Graduation at 1:00 pm



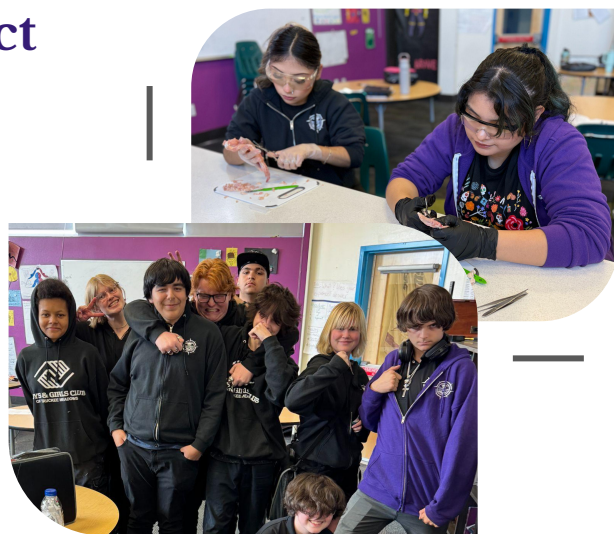
Classroom Spotlight

In Ms. Kristin's Strategies class, students build important life skills through the imaginative world of *Dungeons and Dragons*. While the game is fun and engaging, it also teaches cooperation, teamwork, problem-solving, and communication. Students take the lead—creating characters, designing storylines, and guiding gameplay—while Ms. Kristin serves as a facilitator, supporting their ideas and helping them reflect on decisions. This student-run class empowers learners to think critically and collaborate with their peers. It's a unique way for students to strengthen leadership skills and creativity in a setting where everyone's voice matters.



Science Book Study -Final Project

This quarter, science students are completing a *Friday Book Study Project* during their digital school days. Each student has selected a nonfiction book related to their course—either Physical Science or Anatomy and Physiology. Topics range from space, chemistry, and engineering to health, medicine, and biographies of scientists. The goal is to build science knowledge, reading comprehension, and real-world connections through independent reading. Each Friday, students must complete an assignment in Google Classroom based on their book. These assignments count toward their grade. Please check in with your student weekly to ensure they are staying on track with reading and assignments.



Supporting Success at Home

As we enter the final quarter of the school year, many students begin to lose motivation—especially when it comes to completing school work at home and staying caught up on assignments. At this point in the year, it's more important than ever for students to stay focused so they can finish strong and earn the grades they've worked hard for.

The Child Mind Institute offers several helpful strategies to make homework go more smoothly. Start by creating a consistent routine in a quiet, distraction-free space. Set a regular time for school work, and consider using timers or short breaks to help students stay on task without becoming overwhelmed. Parents are encouraged to focus on effort over perfection—praise your student for staying focused and trying, even if the work isn't perfect. Try to offer support without doing the work for them, as encouraging independence builds confidence and responsibility.

These strategies are especially useful for Friday assignments, when students are working independently at home. To check if your student is missing any work, log in to [Infinite Campus](#) to view their current grades and assignments. Regular check-ins and a structured space to complete school work at home can make a big difference in helping your student finish the year successfully.

We know the last stretch can be challenging, but your support at home really helps students stay on track. You can read the full article from the Child Mind Institute by [clicking here](#).

— Student Interview —



Kacie
Junior

Kacie has been a Girl Scout for 11 years, joining in kindergarten when her mom encouraged her to make new friends. She has loved earning badges that teach new skills and attending Camp Wasio II, where girls from different troops enjoy crafts and archery. One of her proudest accomplishments was earning her Bronze Award, where she and a friend built a gaga ball pit at their former elementary school. During this year's cookie season, Kacie shared that her best sales tip is simple: smile and have fun! Her favorite cookies are Peanut Butter Patties. At Encompass, Kacie is also a dedicated cheerleader. Though she wasn't interested at first, she saw how much fun it looked and decided to try. Now, her favorite memories are traveling to away games with the team. From Girl Scouts and cheer, she has gained leadership skills, confidence, and a strong "cheer voice." Whether it's camping, cheering, or leading, Kacie has grown into a strong, outgoing, and determined student.

The Boys & Girls Club

The Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows provides excellent leadership and career-building opportunities for teens through its Teen Program. Starting at age 14, students can join the Leader in Training (LIT) program, which helps them develop leadership skills and prepare for future goals. The Club also offers summer jobs for teens, allowing them to gain valuable work experience. With summer approaching, families are reminded that teens can continue attending the Club to enjoy programs like art, recreation, and academic support. For more information, please contact Anita in the Teen Center at penningtonteens@bgctm.org.



End of the Year Reminders

As we close out the school year, here are some important reminders for students and families:

iPad Collection: Encompass Academy will collect all student iPads for summer maintenance and updates. Seniors iPads will be collected May 27-28. Seniors must turn in their iPads in order to get their diploma on graduation day. Students in grades 9-11 will return their devices during finals week, June 2-5. Please ensure all important files (documents, photos, videos) are saved to Google Drive before collection.

Senior Events: A letter was mailed home and posted in the Class of 2025 Google Classroom with key details about senior events, including Senior Sunset, graduation practices, and graduation. Seniors should also review the included checklist to make sure all tasks are completed.

Uniform Donations: Seniors may have free dress from May 27-30 if they donate their gently used Encompass uniforms. Other students may also donate outgrown uniforms (no free dress). Please bring donations to Kristen.

Graduation: Graduation is on June 7, 2025, at 1:00 PM in the Encompass gym. A reception will follow at 2:00 PM. Graduates must arrive by 11:30 AM. Doors open for guests at 12:30 PM. Families—please email Laure at laure@encompassacademy.org by May 29 with your guest count so we can plan seating.



Adam Khan
Principal

Message from the Principal

As we approach the final stretch of the school year, the warmer weather and anticipation of summer can make it challenging for students to stay focused. At Encompass, we've spent the year helping students develop *Endurance*—the ability to push through challenges and stay committed to their goals. Now is the time to put that into practice and finish the year strong. Please support your student by encouraging consistent attendance, completion of assignments, and a positive mindset as we close out the quarter. We have exciting end-of-year activities ahead, and we're especially looking forward to celebrating the incredible accomplishments of our seniors. Their hard work over the last four years deserves to be recognized, and we're proud to finish this year strong with the entire Encompass community.