

# EASTPORT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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**JOSEPH A. STEIMEL**  
*Superintendent of Schools*



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*Principal*

April 21, 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are excited to extend to you an invitation to our second annual Leadership Day, a pivotal event marking an exciting milestone in our Leader-in-Me program. This day promises to be an engaging and enlightening experience for both you and your child, as we delve into the core principles of leadership and personal development.

As you may know, our Leader-in-Me program is designed to empower students with essential leadership skills, fostering their growth as responsible and proactive individuals. Leadership Day serves as a platform for our students to showcase their progress and demonstrate how they are applying these principles in their daily lives.

During this event, you will have the opportunity to:

1. Witness student-led presentations: Our young leaders will proudly share their insights and experiences, highlighting the impact of the Leader-in-Me program on their personal and academic journey.
2. Engage with faculty and staff: Connect with our dedicated educators and learn more about how the Leader-in-Me philosophy is integrated into our curriculum and discover ways to support your child's leadership development at home.
3. Celebrate achievements: Join us in celebrating the achievements of our students as they showcase their leadership skills and accomplishments. Your presence and encouragement will mean the world to them.

The schedule is as follows. Each grade level presentation should run for approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes. Our initial meeting place will be the gymnasium.

<b>Grade 3</b>	<b>April 25, 2025</b>	<b>12:00 pm</b>
<b>Grade 4</b>	<b>April 25, 2025</b>	<b>1:30 pm</b>
<b>Grade 5</b>	<b>April 25, 2025</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>
<b>Grade 6</b>	<b>April 25, 2025</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>

We believe that parental involvement is essential in nurturing the leaders of tomorrow, and your support is invaluable to the success of our program. We encourage you to mark your calendars and prioritize attending this special event with your child. If you can't attend, please let your child's teacher know and we will ensure that your child has someone to review their progress with.

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In addition, as we will discuss at our Leadership Day, we previously administered a Measurable Results Assessment (MRA) in the Spring of 2024 to set goals for 2024-2025 as well as to learn more about key areas of strength and areas of needed growth in our school. This year we are administering another MRA to again analyze these areas and plan for 2025-2026. The data from this MRA will also help us track the impacts of the Leader-in-Me program and implement key practices more fully. For us to have a holistic picture of what is going on in our school, we are asking all staff members, parents/guardians, and students in Grade 4 and up to participate. Below is additional information about this process and content of the surveys.

*Parent Participation*

If you decide to participate, a QR code to the survey will be provided at Leadership Day and will also be sent out via ParentSquare. The survey is completely anonymous and voluntary, but we do hope to get feedback from one member of every household. The parent/guardian survey takes about 10 minutes to complete and will ask questions about your child's experience in our school. If you have more than one child attending the school, you will be asked to think about the oldest child's experiences as you answer questions related to his or her growth.

*Student Participation (For students in grade 4 and above only)*

We will ask all students in grades 4 through 6 to complete a 10–15-minute survey (no identifying information will be requested or collected) that will be confidentially administered in school. Students will be able to skip questions and stop anytime they choose. Students who do not wish to participate in the survey or stop participating, or whose parents choose to deny permission for their participation (see page 3), will be provided with an appropriate alternative activity (e.g. quiet reading) while the surveys are being administered.

Results will be summarized and available to the leadership of our school through a password-protected, data-encrypted website. Some group-level results from the MRA may be shared at public meetings like the monthly PTA meeting or with stakeholders like district administrators or community groups that support our school.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to celebrating Leadership Day with you and your child!

Sincerely,

Thomas Fabian  
Principal  
Eastport Elementary School

If you have a child in grade 4 and above and DO NOT want them to participate in the MRA Student Survey, please fill out the following form and return it to your child's teacher by Friday, April 25, 2025.

Measurable-Results Assessment (MRA) Denial Form

My signature indicates I do not want the student(s) named below to participate in the MRA Student Survey.

Students Name(s):

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Parent/Guardian Name:

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Parent/Guardian Signature:

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