



The Torch Newsletter

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Principal's Note:

Mrs. Shroff

Founding Families,

In the spirit of November and the season of gratefulness, thank you for allowing us the incredible and humbling gift of knowing and to educating your child. Over the past two-and-a-half months of school, we've gotten to know each of your children- their funny personality quirks, their interests, their strengths, and their dreams. This past month, we got to dream with them on Career Day, celebrate with them on Multicultural Day, dress like them on Twin Day, and laugh with them on Halloween Costume Day. We celebrated with an Ice Cream Social when we reached 100,000 correctly solved problems on IXL, and we had our first Spelling Bee and Grateful Pen Pals at Community Circle. We also had our first round of Student Surveys, and are proud to report that 98% of our students agree or strongly agree that they are learning a lot at Emblaze Academy and 96% agree or strongly agree that their teachers really care about them.

Your child's education is the most important and precious thing in the world- it's the key to their future. We know that you took a risk on us as a new school and we're forever grateful to you for doing so.

Kristen Shroff



Upcoming Events

- 11/9/18 Friday – Student Survey Day
- 11/12/18 Monday – Veteran's Day/No School
- 11/14/18 Wednesday – Assessment Cycle 2
- 11/15/18 Thursday – Assessment Cycle 2
- 11/16/18 Friday – Assessment Cycle 2
- 11/19/18 Monday – Multicultural Potluck & Trimester Showcase
- 11/20/18 Tuesday – Grateful Pen Pal & End of Trimester 1
- 11/21/18 Wednesday – Thanksgiving Break/No School
- 11/22/18 Thursday – Thanksgiving Break/No School
- 11/23/18 Friday – Thanksgiving Break/No School
- 11/26/18 Monday – Emblaze Data Day/No School
- 11/27/18 Tuesday – 2nd Trimester Begins
- 11/30/18 Friday – "Scholar Dollar Auction 1"



Our Mission: Through rigorous curriculum and high-quality instruction, provided within an invested and ambitious school community, **Emblaze Academy Charter School** prepares all students in grades five through eight to thrive in high school and graduate from the college of their choice.

The Bronx is on Fire...

**Enrollment is open for 2019/2020!
90 seats available for 5th grade.
Please help us spread the word.**

Families currently enrolled, you do not need to re-apply!

Community Circle Special Topics

11/2/18	Grateful Pen Pals + Spelling Bee
11/9/18	Student Surveys
11/30/18	Scholar Dollar Auction #1
12/7/18	Trimester 1 Honor Society
12/14/18	Student/Teacher Basketball Game
01/4/19	Career Day

Trimester 1 Showcase & Multicultural Potluck

- **Date: 11/19/2018; Time: 5:30-7:00pm**
- **All student electives will share-out their projects and experiences in co-curricular activities.**
- **Catered Food will be provided!**
- **All are welcome to bring a cultural dish and contribute to our family feast, if interested.**

What are we learning?

- **Literature:** We're reading *Esperanza Rising*, learning about the Great Depression and migrant farm workers, and focused on standards 3 (character & plot development) and 6 (point of view). After Thanksgiving, we're starting *The Watson's Go to Birmingham* and focusing on the intentional choices authors make.
- **Writing:** We just finished a research essay in which we analyzed two texts, two web sources, and one video answering the question "How were Ancient Polynesians able to traverse large bodies of water and find land without modern navigational tools?" Up next is a study of the Andes Mountains and Amazon Rainforest and an essay answering: "How does the geography of a location impact the lives and culture of its people?"
- **History:** We just wrapped up our cycle called "Citizenship in Athens and Rome: Which was the Better System?" And are moving into "Education in Sparta: Did the Strengths Outweigh the Weaknesses?" We're focused on central idea in document analysis and evidence analysis in essay writing.
- **Math:** We just finished up long division and are about to start volume.
- **Science:** We're studying patterns of Earth and Sky. We just finished a series of investigations to answer the question: Why don't we see a lot of stars in the daytime? And are moving into why is the sun up sometimes, but not other times?