

# ELITE ACADEMY

*“Better together”*

## ELITE HIGHLIGHTS IN MARCH

### \* Student Transitions

Last month, we proudly celebrated two students as they made their transition back to public school. We are incredibly proud of their achievements and eagerly anticipate hearing about their future successes!

### \* Cookie Cart

The Rainbow Room debuted the Cookie Cart! Every Friday, students in the Rainbow Room prepare delicious, freshly baked cookies. Once they're ready, the students package them up and deliver them to each classroom for sale to their peers (cookies are purchased with earned bonus points).

### \* Welcome, Ms. Jessica!

We gladly welcome our new kitchen manager, Ms. Jessica to Elite Academy.

Ms. Jessica boasts years of experience from working in the busy cafeterias of Spotsy Public Schools! We are excited to have her join us.



Community Invitation

## Quarter 3 Awards Assembly

We are excited to celebrate our students at our third-quarter awards assembly on **Friday, April 17.**

This special event is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our students' achievements. Refreshments will be available for everyone to enjoy. The doors will open at 9:20, and the assembly will begin at 9:50.

Before and after the program, our dedicated teachers and support staff will be available to provide updates and discuss your student's progress.

We look forward to seeing you at the assembly!



**Date**  
Friday, April 17

**Doors open**  
9:20

**Assembly begins**  
9:50

*See you soon!*

History Feature

## Autism Acceptance Month

April is recognized as Autism Acceptance Month, a time dedicated to promoting inclusion, enhancing understanding, and celebrating the unique strengths and diversity of individuals with autism.

Initially established to raise awareness, this month now emphasizes the importance of

acceptance through improved support, inclusive education, and better representation in both policy and everyday life.



### Inside Look



Someone with autism may experience challenges in the following areas:

- Communicating and grasping the meaning of words
- Forming friendships or blending in with others
- Coping with changes in routine
- Managing loud noises, bright lights, or crowded environments

Individuals with autism may experience varying levels of difficulty in certain areas. Some may require minimal assistance, while others might need significant support with daily tasks and learning.

If you know someone with autism, the most effective way to assist them is by being patient and compassionate. If there's a classmate with autism, take the opportunity to get to know them! They may face unique challenges or approach tasks differently, but you might also discover that you share more common ground than you realize!

Sometimes the things that make us different are the things that make us strong.



Elite Feature

## Meet our new English & Craft Teacher

We are thrilled to introduce Ms. Zoe as our new upper school English and Craft teacher!

Zoe is a qualified mental health professional with a bachelor's degree in psychology and is currently pursuing her master's in clinical mental health counseling. Before joining Elite Academy, she served as a special education teacher in both King George and Fredericksburg City Schools.

One of Ms. Zoe's favorite aspects of teaching is getting to know her students and building meaningful relationships with them.

In her free time, she enjoys diamond art, reading, and spending time with her three beloved cats. We are truly excited to have Ms. Zoe join our team!

Academic Feature

## State Testing

State testing is right around the corner, and it's completely normal to feel a mix of nerves and excitement.

State assessments play an important role in evaluating **your** skills and knowledge in core subjects. Keep reading ahead for helpful tips to help you prepare effectively and ease anxiety.



## Preparation Tips



### Review material

Go through your notebooks and review past assignments. This can help you identify areas of improvement and can help you focus your efforts more effectively.

### Participate in review

Your teachers will help you prepare by reviewing key information in class. This is the perfect time to ask questions and to seek clarification.

Your participation in these review sessions are paramount.

### Ask for help

Don't hesitate to reach out to teachers or support staff if you're struggling with certain topics. They can provide insight and explanations.



## Art Highlights



By: Joshua A.



By: Alex L.



By: Cam S.



By: Leah W.



By: Dominic N.

## Important Dates

- April 17** Assembly
- April 13** STAR Assessments begin
- April 27** SOLs begin

***“Believe you can and you’re halfway there”.***

Theodore Roosevelt