

ELITE ACADEMY

“Better together”

WORKSHOP DATES & TOPICS

- ✳ **From Referral to Eligibility**
 March 25, 2026
 Understand how concerns turn into evaluations and eligibility decisions.
- ✳ **Anatomy of an IEP**
 April 8, 2026
 Break down each section of the IEP and what it actually means for your child.
- ✳ **Measureable Goals**
 April 22, 2026
 Learn what strong goals look like and how to tell if progress is real.
- ✳ **IEP Meetings**
 May 6, 2026
 Prepare for meetings, understand roles, and learn how to participate with confidence
- ✳ **Dispute Resolution**
 May 6, 2026
 Explore your options when disagreements come up. This includes mediation, complaints, and due process



Community Reference Spotlight

Special Education Workshop Series

IEP meetings can certainly feel daunting, but there are numerous resources available to support families.

The *Parent Educational Advocacy Training Center (PEATC)* is providing webinars this spring to help families understand the special education process, their rights, and the tools needed to assist students in preparing for further education, employment, and independent living.

We encourage families to seize this opportunity to effectively support their student both at home and in school.

When families better understand the process, better support can grow.

Details:

When: Wednesdays at 6:30PM EST

Where: Virtual on ZOOM

Register: tinyurl.com/4sw8rnz4 or scan the QR code



History Feature

International Women’s Month

March is *International Women’s Month*. During this month, we honor women’s contributions to history, culture, and society.

International Women’s Day is celebrated worldwide on March 8 each year. The theme this year is **Give to Gain**. This theme emphasizes the power of reciprocity and support. The belief behind this theme is that when people, organizations, and communities give generously, opportunities and support for women increase.

Giving is not subtraction; it is intentional multiplication.

Women’s Day Around the World

Italy

Men present women with small yellow mimosa flowers, symbolizing strength and femininity

China

Government orders for most women to receive a half-day, and it is a popular day for shopping promotions

Australia

Variety of panel discussions, breakfasts, and events featuring prominent women in their fields

Romania

Men recognize their mothers, grandmothers, and other important women by gifting cards and flowers

Germany

Protests, marches, and conferences are held to discuss gender equality issues, wage gaps, and women’s rights

Argentina

Organized marches and protests demand equal pay and stronger policies against gender-



Elite Feature

Director of Student Services

We are excited to announce the addition of our new school counselor and Director of Student Services, Ashley Lane!

Ashley holds both a bachelor’s and a master’s degree in social work, equipping her with the vital skills needed to support our students’ diverse needs. She also brings teaching experience from the middle school level.

With a genuine passion for working with children, Ashley is dedicated to helping them overcome life’s challenges. She is an advocate for educational equity and firmly believes that every child deserves access to a quality education, regardless of their background.

In addition to her social work and teaching experiences, Ashley was a collegiate basketball player at Westfield State, where she earned recognition as a 3x academic team member and a 2x conference champion.

We are thrilled to have her join our team!

Math Feature

Pi Day

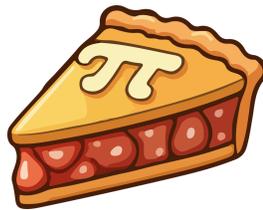
Pi Day is a fun holiday that celebrates the number pi (π), which is a special number in math. Pi is pronounced like "pie," which makes it even more fun because it also reminds us of the delicious dessert!

What is Pi?

Pi is a number that starts with 3.14 and goes on forever without repeating. It's used to help measure circles. For example, if you want to find out how big around a circle is, you can use pi.

History of Pi Day

Pi Day is celebrated on March 14th because the date 3/14 matches the first three numbers of pi: 3.14. The first Pi Day was organized by a physicist named Larry Shaw in 1988 at a science museum in San Francisco. The idea was to make math fun and interesting for everyone.



Welcome Spring!

The first day of spring is on March 20. On this day, day and night are almost exactly the same length, and it marks the beginning of warmer weather and blooming flowers.

This spring, go outside to play and have fun in the fresh air. Try flying a kite in a park or having a picnic with your family. You could also plant some flowers or vegetables and watch them grow as the days get sunnier. Another exciting spring activity is going on a nature walk to look for signs of spring, like blossoming trees, chirping birds, or even tiny bugs waking up after winter.

Enjoy the beauty of the outdoors, and embrace new beginnings!

Art Highlights



Artist: Milaysia



Artist: Dominic



Artist: Cam



Artist: Jaylen



Artist: Shayla

Important Dates

- March 23** Report Cards
- March 27** Half Day
- March 30** Spring Break
- March 31** Spring Break

***Students return to school April 7**

"Spring is proof that there is beauty in new beginnings."
Matshona Dhlwayo