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## **Graduating Seniors 2019**

Congratulations, as you look forward to your **Graduation on May 24, 2019!** This letter is to make you aware of what the next few months will look like in the life of your EKA Senior!

**Cap and Gown**, as well orders for graduation are due in by **November 16, 2018**. Please make sure you turn these forms into the front office, along with \$125. (or payment plan of \$65 due on November 16, 2018 and \$60 due on December 7, 2018)

Our **Senior Photo shoot** will be taken on **Wednesday, March 13, 2019**. We will be heading out to the Wetlands for this session. Photos will be taken in groups and individually. Each senior will receive a 5X7 Individual Photo Keepsake of his or her choice. Additionally, photos will be made available for purchase, if desired, through DesertBloom Photography (more information to follow).

**Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal** will be on **Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>** at **8:00 am sharp!** Please do not be late! Senior Grad Walk 2019 will follow Graduation Rehearsal.

**Graduation Announcements** are available for purchase through Jostens at [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com). Please make sure you choose "Explore Knowledge Academy" as your school when ordering announcements. **Senior Apparel** is also available for purchase on the Jostens website.

It is time to start thinking about your **Senior Displays!** Each senior will be given room to display their memorabilia at the graduation ceremony. Suggestions for displays are: family pictures, senior pictures, trophies, awards/certificates of honor, yearbooks, etc.

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### **Parents!**

**Senior Slideshow Photos** are needed! The senior slideshow is shown during the graduation ceremony. Senior Photos from the photo shoot will automatically be added into the slide show, however, photos of your seniors growing up are a fun addition. Photos of seniors can be submitted via email (must be in jpg format) to [seniorphotos@ekacademy.org](mailto:seniorphotos@ekacademy.org) or actual photos may be submitted to the secondary front office in an envelope. Photos must be clearly labeled with the student's name. Please limit photos to 10 (ten) per student.

Please remember that each student must successfully complete all necessary graduation requirements in order to participate in graduation.



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## High School Graduation Information

Date: Friday, May 24, 2019  
Location: Explore Knowledge Academy  
5871 Mountain Vista  
Las Vegas, NV 89120

Time: 1:30 pm – Graduation Ceremony Starts  
10:00 am – Mandatory Student Arrival!

All students who wish to participate in the graduation exercises must wear a cap and gown purchased through Explore Knowledge Academy. Purchasing the EKA Graduation Package for \$125 will include the following:

- Cap and Gown
- Two-Color Tassel with Year-date
- Diploma Cover
- Professional Senior Photo Session
- 1-5X7 Professional Senior Photograph
- Senior T-shirt

It is necessary that we begin ordering our graduation attire now. Please submit the following information along with your payment to the front office by **November 16, 2018**.

**\$125** (full payment)

or

**\$65** (initial payment, then remaining payment of **\$60** due on December 7, 2018)

Thank You,

Abbe Mattson  
Superintendent

**\*Note: Participation in graduation is contingent upon your student meeting all requirements no later than May 10, 2018.**

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Advisor \_\_\_\_\_

Shirt Size (adult)   S      M      L      XL      2XL

Your height: \_\_\_\_\_ ft \_\_\_\_\_ in      \_\_\_ cash      \_\_\_ check      \_\_\_paypal

# Senior Photos

<b>Field Trip:</b>	Wetlands	<b>Date of Trip:</b>	Wednesday, March 13, 2019
<b>Arrival Time:</b>	7:30 AM	<b>Return Time:</b>	1:00 PM
<b>Advisors:</b>	High School	<b>Grade(s):</b>	Seniors
<b>Cost Per Student:</b>	*included in Graduation Package	<b>Fee/Permit/Release Form Due Date:</b>	Tuesday, January 9th by 4:00 PM

**THE DETAILS OF THE DAY THAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ARE BELOW**

Students participating will need to be dropped off at 7:30 AM at the Wetlands which is located at 7050 Wetlands Park Ln, Las Vegas, NV 89122. Students will meet at the Visitor Center. EKA Staff members will transport students back to campus before 1:00 PM. By signing this form you are giving permission for your student to be transported back to EKA from the Wetlands by an EKA staff member on Wednesday, March 13, 2019, for the Class of 2019 photo shoot. Please see attachment for photo details.

**All Graduation Fees Must be Paid In Full in order to attend this activity.**

**Your child will be unable to attend the field trip without this permit.**  
**Permit MUST be turned in on time. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

I request that my child \_\_\_\_\_ be allowed to participate in the:

**Senior Photos @ Wetlands**

Home Phone # _____	Work Ph #: _____
Emergency Contact: _____	Cell Ph #: _____

**(Please check which applies)**

My **CHILD** will be attending the field trip \_\_\_\_\_

I **DO NOT** want my child to take part in this activity \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that my child will be chaperoned by a responsible adult while away from the school, who will take reasonable precautions to protect my child from harm and injury. I understand that this is a supervised activity. I waive and release all claims against Explore Knowledge Academy Charter School employees arising out of my child's failure to remain under such supervision.

If at any time my child's behavior is incompatible with the standard for student behavior, his/her further participation may not be permitted. I understand that if I do not participate in the field trip that my child will be expected to comply with rules, standards and instruction for student behavior. In the event that my child is injured, becomes ill, or is involved in an accident while away, I understand that a chaperone or EKA staff will seek medical attention for my child and the school will contact me as soon as possible, and that I will be financially responsible for medical treatment. I further agree to hold Explore Knowledge Academy Charter School and its employees and agents harmless in the event of any injury or illness.

**Student's Advisor:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Enclosed Amount: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Office use only:    Amount: \$                      Cash                      Check #                      Paypal                      Received By:

# Disneyland Grad Nite 2019

## May 10-11, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Disneyland Grad Night is right around the corner. We will leave the EKA campus on Friday, May 10th and return the morning of Saturday, May 11th. The cost of the trip is \$250 which includes park entry and transportation. It does not include food or souvenirs. Your student will be given multiple fundraising opportunities to assist them in paying for the trip. In previous years, students were able to pay for the entire trip through fundraising.

In order for us to make our reservations, we need confirmation on who will be attending and a deposit from every senior family. You may pay for the trip in full of \$250, by January 18th, 2019 or EKA is offering the following payment plan:

January 18, 2019 - NON-REFUNDABLE deposit of \$100

February 15, 2019 - \$50

March 15, 2019 - \$50

April 12, 2019 -\$50 (Final Payment)

Any fundraising money that students have earned will be deducted from the total amount owed.

Note: Only Second Semester chocolate sales contribute to the trip. Any fundraising dollars earned that are over and above the cost of the trip will be given to the students in cash at Disneyland for spending money.

**All fundraising opportunities will end on Friday, April 5, 2019. The trip must be paid in full by Friday, April 12, 2019 for students to attend.**

Please Note: Students will NOT be permitted to drive home after the Disneyland trip. They will have been awake all night and we do not want to risk their safety. Please make arrangements for them to be picked up at the school the morning of the 11th. We will have all students contact their families from the bus as soon as we reach the state line.

# Disneyland Resort Grad Nite 2019

Field Trip: <u>Disneyland Resort Grad Nite</u>	Date of Trip: <u>May 10, 2019 - May 11, 2019</u>
Depart Time: <u>Friday, May 10th at 10:00 am</u>	Return Time: <u>Saturday, May 11th at 8:00 am</u>
Advisories: <u>2019 Seniors</u>	Grade(s): <u>12</u>
Total Cost of Trip: <u>\$250.00</u>	Permit/Release Form Due Date: <u>Friday, January 18, 2019</u>

**THE DETAILS OF THE DAY THAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ARE BELOW**

**Students are *NOT* required to attend classes on Friday May 10, 2019 but MUST arrive no later than *9:30 am* on May 10, 2019. Students *MUST* be picked up no later than *8:00 am* on Saturday, May 11, 2019**

Your student will be given fundraising opportunities for the cost of this trip. A NON-REFUNDABLE deposit of \$100 is due on January 18, 2019. The 2nd payment of \$50 will be due on February 15, 2019. The 3rd payment of \$50 will be due on March 15, 2019. Final Payment of \$50 will be due no later than April 12, 2019. Any fundraising money that students have turned in during the Second Semester will be deducted from the total amounts owed. Any fundraising done through chocolate money over and above the cost of the trip will be giving to the students in cash for spending money on the trip.

***Fundraising ends on April, 5, 2019.***

***Any shortage will need to be paid no later than Friday, April 12, 2019 by the student's family.***

**STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN THIS TRIP ARE REQUIRED TO RIDE A CHARTERED BUS**

**CASH- Exact change only / CHECK- One check per form / Paypal / No receipts will be written**

Your child will be unable to attend the field trip without this permit.  
Permit **MUST** be turned in on time. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

I request that my child \_\_\_\_\_ be allowed to participate in the:

## Disneyland Resort Grad Nite 2019

Home Phone # _____	Work Ph #: _____
Emergency Contact: _____	Cell Ph #: _____

(Please check which applies)

My **CHILD** will be attending the field trip \_\_\_\_\_

I **DO NOT** want my child to take part in this activity \_\_\_\_\_

I **DO NOT** want my child to take part in fundraising for this event / I wish to pay in full for trip \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that my child will be chaperoned by a responsible adult while away from the school, who will take reasonable precautions to protect my child from harm and injury. I understand that this is a supervised activity. I waive and release all claims against Explore Knowledge Academy Charter School employees arising out of my child's failure to remain under such supervision.

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Student's Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Office use ONLY: Amount: \$	Cash	Check #	Paypal	Received By: _____
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## \*UPDATED\* SENIOR EVENTS CALENDAR 2018-2019

DATE	EVENT	DEADLINE TIME	LOCATION/PERSON
November 16 <sup>th</sup>	Senior Graduation Money Due (\$125) (*or 1 <sup>st</sup> payment of \$65)	by 4 pm	Secondary Front Office
December 7 <sup>th</sup>	Final Payment Graduation Money Due (\$60)	by 4 pm	Secondary Front Office
December 10 <sup>th</sup>	Senior Gallery Walk	All Day	Building C
January 18 <sup>th</sup>	Senior Grad Night Permission Slip Due (\$100 non-refundable deposit due)	by 4 pm	Secondary Front Office
February 15 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Payment (\$50) Senior Grad Nite due	by 4 pm	Secondary Front Office
March 15 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> payment (\$50) Senior Grad Nite due	by 4 pm	Secondary Front Office
March 13 <sup>th</sup>	Senior Photos	7:30 am	Wetlands Park
March 15 <sup>th</sup>	Prom King/Queen Nominations	by 4 pm	Ms. Mattson's email
March 19 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup>	Prom King/Queen Campaigning		Buildings B and C
April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Childhood Photos due to Ms. Hope	4 pm	Ms. Hope's email / office
April 5 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day to turn in Fundraising Money	4 pm	Secondary Front office
April 5 <sup>th</sup>	Prom	7 – 9:30 pm	Dragon Ridge Country Club
April 12 <sup>th</sup>	Final Payment (\$50) Senior Grad Nite due	4 pm	Secondary Front Office
April 26 <sup>th</sup>	Senior Songs Finalized	4 pm	Ms. Hope's email
April 26 <sup>th</sup>	Senior/Grad Speakers Letters Due	4 pm	Ms. Mattson's email
May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Rose Order Placed	4 pm	Ms. Hope's email
May 10 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup>	Senior Trip	10:00 am Depart/8:00 am return	Disneyland, CA
May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Graduation Determination Day (Seniors must be passing all classes this day to graduate)	4 pm	
May 14 <sup>th</sup>	Senior Questionnaires Due	4 pm	Ms. Mattson
May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Senior Presentations	All Day	Multi-Purpose Room C
May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Senior Graduation Rehearsal	8:00 am	Multi-Purpose Room C
May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Senior Walk	8:00 am	Multi-Purpose Room C
May 24 <sup>th</sup>	Senior Display Set Up	10:00 am	Multi-Purpose Room C
May 24 <sup>th</sup>	Senior Reporting for Graduation	10:00 am MANDATORY!	Science Lab Building C
May 24 <sup>th</sup>	Graduation Ceremony	1:30 pm	Multi-Purpose Room C

