EASTOVER 101

Eastover Elementary School is a small, welcoming neighborhood school that opened in 1935 and is a designated historic landmark. At Eastover, our students are part of a balanced, diverse population, and class and grade size tend to be smaller than the CMS average. The teachers and staff are truly part of the Eastover family — some have been here as long as almost 20 or 30 years! Eastover enjoys a true neighborhood school feel — many of our families live within walking or biking distance, and it's not uncommon to see children playing on the playground and families connecting long after the final dismissal bell rings.

STAGGERED ENTRY FOR KINDERGARTEN

To help our youngest learners transition smoothly into their new school environment, all kindergarteners begin the year with a staggered entry schedule. During the first three days of school, each child will attend only one of those days. Families will receive a message in mid-August indicating their child's assigned day. After the staggered entry days, students will be placed into their permanent classrooms, and all kindergarteners will attend school together on Friday. This approach allows our teachers and staff to:

- Conduct informal assessments in a calm, welcoming setting.
- Provide more personalized attention to each child.
- Begin building strong relationships from day one.

UNIFORM POLICY

Eastover was the first school within CMS to adopt a uniform policy. Uniforms strengthen school unity and foster a sense of pride among our students. Students wear white collared shirts or official Eastover shirts with navy shorts, pants, jumpers, dresses or skirts. Sweaters or jackets worn in school during the school day must be white or navy. Uniforms can be purchased at any retail center with our colors, and the PTA also sells many uniform-approved spirit wear items during the year.

OUR VISION

"Eastover Elementary is dedicated to creating an innovative, inclusive, student-centered environment that supports the development of independent learners."

QUICK FACTS

- Opened in 1935
- Grades K-5
- Schedule 8:15am - 3:15pm
- Mascot: Sir Soar
- Average 400 students
- 20 classroom teachers
- 5 specials teachers
- 6 teaching assistants
- 1 EC teacher
- Principal: Rosey Carter
- Asst Principal: Anika Baker

MEALS AT SCHOOL

Free breakfast is available to all students in the cafeteria from 7:45 am to 8:15 am. Students may pack lunch or purchase lunch in the cafeteria for $2.75. Monthly lunch and breakfast menus can be found on the CMS website. Once we have settled into a regular school schedule, we welcome parents and guardians to sign up for a slot to join your child for lunch in the cafeteria.

AFTER-SCHOOL CARE

CMS offers a tuition-based after-school program for working parents. It is offered weekdays until 6:00 pm and has earned a five-star rating. There are a limited number of spots available, so register early. You can find more info at www.cmsk12.org or by calling the ASEP office at 980-343-5567.

EASTOVER PTA

Eastover's PTA supports the school community by fostering a healthy relationship between families, teachers and staff, by cultivating community partners, and by organizing a variety of activities for prospective, new and current families. The Eastover PTA raises nearly $200,000 each year to support school-wide initiatives, including chess education for all students in grades K through 5, an Academic Support Team with two certified teachers providing enrichment learning, and funds to provide books, technology, supplies and services that keep the level of instruction and enrichment at Eastover top-notch. The PTA provides support and appreciation for all of the staff at Eastover throughout the year in addition to planning a variety of family-friendly events outside of school.

SCHOOL EVENTS

At Eastover, we love to encourage relationship-building and community through our PTA-planned events, which provide wonderful opportunities for students to create memories with their classmates and families. We kick off the school year with Popsicles on the Playground for new families, the SOAR Summer Reading program and our Eagle Parent Party. Once school is in full swing, we have Donuts with Grownups, Book Fair & Bingo Night, our winter dance, the Students vs. Staff Basketball Game, our spring talent show, Beat the Eagle, and a variety of spirit nights at local restaurants and sports events.

SCHOOL CLUBS

- P3 Soccer
- P3 Basketball
- Limelight Theatre
- Little Sticks Lacrosse
- Charlotte Chess Center
- Arts+ Arts Lab
- Chorus (3-5)
- Girls on the Run (3-5)
- Let Me Run (4-5)
- Library Helpers (4-5)
- WEE5 News (5)
- Student Council (5)
- Safety Patrol (5)

VOLUNTEERING

Eastover families have an incredible spirit of participation, and we offer a variety of ways to support Eastover's teachers, events and committees. Volunteer opportunities range from one-time commitments, like an hour at the Book Fair, to ongoing volunteer opportunities, such as a weekly Reading Buddy. Many positions can be handled from home on your own time, while others provide opportunities to connect personally with Eastover parents, teachers, students and staff. Whether you like to coordinate events, work behind the scenes, tutor children, help once a week or at one event… there's an opportunity for you!

MEN OF EASTOVER

Men of Eastover is a group for the dads, granddads, and other male volunteers of the Eastover community to become more involved in the activities of the school. An arm of the PTA, this group coordinates volunteers and manages a variety of activities around the school including manning the morning car rider line, Donuts with Grownups, a book drive, grounds maintenance and dressing up as our beloved mascot—Sir Soar. The group also hosts quarterly social events to bring together and build the Men of Eastover community throughout the year.