



The Tiger Times

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By addressing the needs of all children, East Side's community is committed to empowering our children to excel academically and become respectful, productive members of a global society.

Note from the Principal

Dear Parents,

This has been a very busy and long couple of weeks as East Side and other Cobb County schools have been dealing with the aftermath of the recent rainfall. We were fortunate at East Side not to experience any major flooding or damage to our school. I must say with the age of our school I was worried at one point during the storm that the school would disintegrate. We had several leaks in classrooms and hallways, but all have been repaired. Our students made it home safely, which is the most important thing to all of us.

I have been absolutely amazed (not surprised) by the outpouring of concern, help, and donations that Clarkdale Elementary School teachers, families, and students have received. I tried to place myself in the shoes of Clarkdale's principal and cannot imagine the range of emotions that she must be feeling as she continues to work to make her school community feel safe, secure, and comfortable in new environments. I have no doubt that the two schools who are housing her staff and students have worked hard to make the transition a good experience for them.

This unfortunate incident gave me comfort and pride in witnessing and knowing that we live in a community that embraces opportunities to make a difference or support others in a time of need. I witness this love and compassion in our school as we work to support one another in difficult times.

I want personally to thank our teachers and PTA for the contributions of gift cards and school supplies to Clarkdale teachers and students. We also had two Foundation Board members who personally donated money to Clarkdale in the name of East Side's Foundation.

Finally, I want to close by expressing my appreciation to those parents who have already made donations to East Side's Foundation. These Funds have gone a long way over the past several years in making improvements towards curriculum enhancements, facility improvements, and technology support and upgrades.

Already several teachers are working to submit to the Foundation grant proposals that impact student achievement at all grade levels.

Thank you for your continued support. I will keep you informed regarding any new updates related to our new school. I hope that many of you had an opportunity to attend the unveiling of the blueprints this past Tuesday in the cafeteria. We will have other informational meetings in the near future.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Mavity

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From the PTA Co-Presidents

We would like to start off by saying a huge "THANK YOU" to all our families that participated in the Sally Foster fundraiser. We exceeded our goal and we couldn't have done it without your support! It is the parental support that makes this school so unique and we are grateful for all the efforts you lend to advancing our culture of excellence. What a privilege to work with such an amazing community of teachers and families!

On that note, we would also like to express our appreciation to all of you who joined the PTA. We have secured our 'Platinum Level' membership award for the third year in a row and this would not have been possible without you. And if you haven't joined the PTA yet, it is still not too late to lend your voice to advocating for our children. Remember, the PTA is bigger than just East Side. Last year, the PTA advocated for 'saving our school nurses' and we won that fight. It is important to keep the issues that are important to our children in front of our lawmakers and joining the PTA is an effective way to accomplish that.

Our school year is in full swing with all sorts of exciting events. Adventures in Art is up and running and our students are learning about great artists like Matisse, Monet, and Michelangelo. We had our first Screen-Free week at East Side. Although the weather made abstaining from TV a challenge, many people put the effort forward to get our kids unplugged from video games and thinking creatively about how to use their time. Sunshine Math has started and over half our students participate in this PTA-sponsored program. The Fall Festival is our biggest family fun day of the year and it is always a joy to see children and families laughing and playing together.

Many other exciting things are still to come! Reflections entries are due on October 19th. Encourage your children to participate in this PTA funded program that celebrates creativity and the imagination of our youth. Several PTA fun days are right around the corner so check your calendar for activities your children can participate in with other East Side families when they are out of school. Red Ribbon Week is at the end of October. This is a week when we encourage children to make smart choices and we educate them about saying "no" to drugs and saying "yes" to a full and healthy life! The book fair is November 16-20th. Stop by and see what your children are interested in reading. This is a great time to buy early holiday gifts and you can support the school media center at the same time.

Finally, we would like to thank all our parents that sacrifice their time and talents to making our school such a success. From the volunteers that bake for the Fall Festival, to the parents that sit on the PTA board, to the moms and dads that serve as room parents- we send out a sincere 'thank you'. Our school would be so much less if it wasn't for your commitment to improving the lives of our children.

Happy fall and thank you for your continuing support,

Irene Barton and Toria Peterson, PTA Co-Presidents.

PTA Fun Day

When: Wednesday, October 21st (Early Release Day)
Where : Brunswick Zone
2749 Delk Road
Marietta, GA
(770)988-8813
Time: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm



For only \$11, you can enjoy up to TWO hours of bowling, bowling shoe rental, two slices of pizza and a soda. It's a terrific way to spend time with friends and family. There is no need to preregister – just show up and pay at the door – (cash or check only please)

Come have a GREAT TIME bowling with all your friends!

Red Ribbon Week 2009 is Coming!

October 26 – 30

East Side's annual Red Ribbon Week is a great way for everyone to get together and present a unified and visible commitment toward the creation of a Drug-Free America by encouraging healthy, drug-free, and violence-free lifestyles among the youth.

This year's theme is: Celebrate Life Without Drugs!

The Week Before: Students will have fun making red paper hands stating what they do to celebrate life. The hands will be hung to create 'Hands across East Side.'

Monday: Red Ribbon Week Kick-Off! Wear something Red! Everyone will receive their red ribbons to wear all week. Students and faculty will be on the track following morning announcements. Parents please join in the fun as we say no to drugs with our traditional No Circle!

Tuesday: Don't Let Drugs Turn You Inside Out! Wear some clothing inside out

Wednesday: Team Up Against Drugs! Wear a team or activity shirt

Thursday: We Don't Mix With Drugs! Wear mismatched clothing

Friday: Put a Cap on Drugs! Wear your favorite cap or hat

We are looking forward to a great Red Ribbon Week!

East Side Book Fair

November 16 -20

This year's book fair will follow the suggested Scholastic Books fall theme of "Destination Books – Read Around the World." Because East Side is so fortunate to have students from all over the world this seems to be a perfect theme for the East Side extended family. Should any parents have clothing particular to their native country we would love to see you in costume on family night (November 19, 6:30 to 8:30 PM).

We will be collecting loose change to purchase books for a charity. We have been able to provide \$1,000 worth of books to Children's Health Care of Atlanta on a number of occasions.

Volunteer artists, designers, art critics, judges, architects, engineers, cashiers, tour guides, Wish List assistants, and readers are needed. Volunteers receive a 10% discount on book purchases.

For volunteer sign-up and/or information please contact Jill Herring by email at jjherring321@yahoo.com.

Arts in Education Coming Soon!

Be sure to ask your child about their magical math program on Early Release day, October 21st. We are expecting Arthur Atsma to captivate, educate and motivate East Side with his program "Math, Measure, Movement and Magic". What better fun than to teach math, physics and geometry in a magical way!

Sally Foster Update

Thank You East Side Families for your "Gifts"!!

We so appreciate all the families who participated in our Sally Foster fundraising campaign this year. Your gifts of time and enthusiastic support made the difference! We had 491 students either sell giftwrap or make a donation – very close to 50%! The highest selling grade was 1st grade followed closely by Kindergarten. Thanks to all of these efforts, the PTA exceeded its fundraising goal! We will use these funds to support all the programs that were mentioned in the literature that came out with the sales packets (classroom stipends, teacher web pages, website, student planners, Tiger Times). In addition, these monies fund our Appropriations, Arts in Education, Health & Wellness, Parental Involvement, Youth Services and many other programs that you and your child benefit from. Just one example - we are now able to offer the Celebrate Calm workshop (see page 13 for details) at no cost to parents and guardians.

Our products are scheduled for delivery on the afternoon of Tuesday, October 13. Where feasible, it will be sent home with your child. If your student was a super seller and has several boxes, we ask that you come into school early one morning or in the afternoon that week to collect your boxes. We need to clear our hallways as quickly as possible.

Thank you again for your support!

Counselor's Corner

Building Readers



Tips for Reading Success

Read-aloud time – Making the most of it!

Why is reading aloud to your child the number one suggestion from reading experts across the country? The answer.....it builds the desire to read – in only 15 or 20 minutes a day. Whether your child is already reading or hasn't yet begun, now is the perfect time to start reading aloud regularly.

Pass on the pleasure.

Your child will enjoy good books – their humor and warmth – when he/she feels that you enjoy reading, too. Find times to read aloud when you aren't rushed or stressed. Try to choose books you both like.

Read slowly.

Lots of people are used to reading books from cover to cover without stopping. It's better to read slowly, pausing to answer your child's questions and listen to his/her comments.

Look for meaning.

As you're reading, ask your youngster questions, such as "What's happening on this page?" Once you finish reading, talk about the characters and what happened to them. These talks will help your child understand what's going on in the story. *Hint: Keep it light and fun.*

Build Vocabulary.

Look for new or unusual words in a story and talk about them. Example: "Curious George was confused. That means he didn't understand. Have you ever been confused?" Then, you can add the new vocabulary word to a special word list.

Make library books irresistible.

If you have a pile of unread library books sitting around your home, try displaying them like librarians do. Prop them up on counters and windowsills. Use ones with exciting covers. You may be surprised by how quickly your child picks them up.

Source: *The Parent Institute* (www.parent-institute.com)

Recycling Efforts At East Side

Did you know that East Side students carry their classroom's recyclable paper, cardboard, and plastics to the cafeteria every Friday where it is bagged by parent volunteers who haul it to the dumpsters? This effort has been ongoing for years at East Side, but participation is at an all-time high, and we have up to 9 large garbage bags of paper each week!

We encourage you to recycle your paper and cardboard in the blue Pratt Industries dumpsters by the bus entrance at East Side. This includes newspapers, magazines, flattened cardboard boxes, telephone books, cereal boxes, envelopes with or without plastic liners and papers with or without staples.

We have plastic bins in the cafeteria, teacher's breakroom and kindergarten workroom for collection of plastic bottles. We understand there are times when you or your student may be using a disposable water bottle and these bins are there to capture and divert those products from the waste stream.

What else do we recycle at East Side? Stacked plastic bins are located in the hallway outside the Media Center to accept your used sneakers, used toner/ink cartridges, and empty & rinsed Capri Sun pouches.

Parent volunteers gather the sneakers regularly and deliver them to Big Peach Running Company on Johnson Ferry Rd. Ultimately, the shoes are shipped to Third World countries, where even a worn shoe is appreciated. (So please leave the laces on!) Other volunteers collect the empty ink and toner cartridges and exchange them for coupons at local office supply stores. This helps defray some of the costs of PTA supplies like paper and bags used for recycling.

Our newest initiative is Capri Sun pouches which are collected and shipped to Terracycle, a company that uses the pouches to make cute purses and pencil pouches.

As individuals, it doesn't seem that we discard many of these items frequently, but jointly, as a community of nearly 1000 families, we generate enough to make these collection efforts worthwhile. The two blue dumpsters are both often full by week's end. We collect at least 300-400 pairs of sneakers each year! The ink cartridges generate a few hundred dollars in coupons. And so far, we have already collected a few hundred Capri Sun pouch collections this year. Please join us in our efforts to recycling efforts. Together, we can make a real difference!

America Recycles Day

Saturday, Nov. 15 marks the 11th annual America Recycles Day (ARD), hosted by the National Recycling Coalition. ARD is dedicated to encouraging Americans to not only increase their recycling habits through education and initiatives but also to purchase products made from recycled materials. Twenty years ago, only 1,000 curbside recycling programs were available in the U.S. Today, over 10,000 curbside programs help over 82 million tons of materials have another chance at a useful life, saving billions of gallons of energy and millions of dollars in energy every year.

So, what's the big deal, you wonder? What does it matter if I buy a bottled plastic water, drink it and then toss the bottle in the trash can? I'm just one person throwing one bottle away. Think about this – what if every person in America did that on just ONE day? We'd have **307 million** plastic water bottles in the waste stream. Ever heard of the [Great Pacific Garbage Patch](#)? Spend three minutes with your family learning about it at <http://www.mnn.com/earth-matters/translating-uncle-sam/stories/what-is-the-great-pacific-ocean-garbage-patch> and then think about it the next time you throw away a plastic bottle.

The world has changed a lot in the past century. From individually packaged food servings to disposable diapers, more garbage is generated now than ever before. The average American discards **4.3 pounds** of garbage **every day**. That's over 1,600 pounds a year per person! This garbage, the solid waste stream, goes mostly to landfills, where it's compacted and buried. Only about one-tenth of all solid garbage in the United States gets recycled. And as the waste stream continues to grow, so will pressure on our landfills, our resources and our environment.

Then think about this - the world's population is currently 6.7 billion and is projected to grow to approximately **9.5 billion** people by mid-century. That's just 40 years away! Our K-12 students will only be entering the prime of their lives, and they will have to grapple with this "legacy" that we are leaving them. It's reasonable to think that citizens in other countries will want the same kind of durable and nondurable consumer products that many Americans enjoy – cars (even just 1 per family), climate-controlled housing, convenient one-time use products, packaged foods, etc. Where will we put all of this stuff when we're done with it?

How and why we have so much "stuff" is the subject of an entirely separate article and leads to the first "r" in the environmental stewardship mantra – "reduce". There are many easy ways (and some slightly-harder choices) to reduce the amount of goods and materials that flow into and out of our homes through lifestyle changes, but we are always going to have some "stuff" that needs to be disposed of. We should make every effort to recycle these products that we've been unable to reduce or reuse. We are including information in this edition about recycling efforts at East Side for scrap paper, athletic shoes, toner cartridges, juice pouches and plastics. There is so much more that we can and should do as individuals and members of the global community to reduce the stream of trash that we are sending to our landfills. All trash companies in Cobb County must offer curbside recycling now – check with your vendor if this has not been offered to you. We encourage you to seek out places that will accept other goods that can be recycled – styrofoam, aluminum, plastic shopping bags (which should be very minimal!), cosmetics containers/ bottles and cell phones. A few biggies that should never be thrown away in the regular trash stream due to their propensity to leach chemicals and other toxins into the ground – paints, electronics, compact fluorescent lightbulbs, batteries, tires, motor oil and refrigerators. Check out <http://solidwaste.cobbcountyga.gov/recycle.htm> for more information on proper disposal of those.

The other compelling reason to recycle is that we have finite resources to keep making new products. Here's some information from the National Recycling Coalition to put it in perspective:

Last year the amount of energy saved from recycling aluminum and steel cans, plastic PET and glass containers, newsprint and corrugated packaging was equivalent to:

- The amount of electricity consumed by 17.8 million Americans in one year.
- 29% of nuclear electricity generation in the U.S. in one year.
- 7.9% of electricity generation from fossil fuels in the U.S. in one year.
- 11% of the energy produced by coal-fired power plants in the U.S.
- The energy supplied from 2.7% of imported barrels of crude oil into the U.S.
- The amount of gasoline used in almost 11 million passenger automobiles in one year.

In order to make recycling economically viable, there must be a market for recycled products. If people buy them, companies will be encouraged to make them, and the whole system works. So "close the loop" and buy products (office paper, paper towels, tissues, plastics are just a few examples) with recycled content.

Please let the Environmental Education Committee know if you have any questions about how to properly dispose of or recycle products. We are always looking for "green parents" to join our Friday recycling teams and assist with other projects around campus.

Sources and for further information

National Recycling Coalition - <http://www.nrc-recycle.org>

www.thestoryofstuff.com

www.earth911.org

MotherNatureNetwork - <http://www.mnn.com/>

Clean Air Council - <http://www.cleanair.org/>



From the Health and Nutrition Committee

Get Your Running Shoes On!

East Side's Annual Jingle Jog is coming up on Saturday, December 5th. This 1 mile event is fun for kids and parents alike. Start training now by doing some running or walking each week. To help you get started, here's a list of other kid-friendly events in the area:

Big Pumpkin 5K Fun Run

Saturday, October 31, 2009. World Harvest Church, 320 Hardscrabble Road, Roswell, GA 30075. 8:30 AM Benefitting World Harvest Church Youth Missions Fund
Register at Big Peach Running Company 1062 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta, GA 30068, 770-579-0444 or download form at http://www.bigpumpkinrun.com/PDF/BPR09_form.pdf

Acworth Turkey Chase 5K Fun Run & 2K Walk

Saturday, November 21, 2009. Main Street in Downtown Acworth. The 5K Fun Run will begin at 8:00 a.m. and the 2K walk at 8:15 a.m. on. There will be a "Little Pilgrim" Trot for children up to age 5 beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Main Street.

For more information, to register and for sponsorship opportunities visit www.acworth.org/aprd or call 770-917-1234

Gobble Jog – Marietta

Thanksgiving Day (November 26, 2009) event featuring a 10K run/walk, 5K, a 1K, and the Tot Trot (for kids 5 and under). Historic Marietta Square. Benefitting MUST Ministries. 8:00 AM - 10K Run 9:15 AM - 1K Run/Walk 9:30 AM - 5K Run/Walk 10:30 AM - Tot Trot
Register at Big Peach Running Company 1062 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta, GA 30068, 770-579-0444 or download application at http://www.gobblejog.org/docs/gobblejog_application.pdf?112809

East Cobb Park was devastated by the flood

The main playground and the grass fields were flooded which washed away benches and all of the playground mulch, and uprooted plants and shrubbery. At the highest point, water was 4 feet above the park's bridge connecting to Fuller's Park. Trees have fallen on the bridge and knocked out part of a fence surrounding the playground.

Private donations largely created the park and are now critical to restore the park to its previous state. To receive the latest news and see ways that you can help with the recovery efforts, please log onto www.eastcobbpark.org.



Legislation & Advocacy Committee News

Representatives from East Side PTA joined with other volunteers to attend the Georgia PTA Advocacy Conference on September 25 at the Georgia Capital. People may not know that PTA remains active on the legislative advocacy front at both the state and national levels even during non-election years. Since 1897, the PTA has worked to improve the lives of children and their families by speaking with a unified voice on behalf of young people's education, health, safety and well-being. Times and issues may have changed, but advocating for children remains a critical responsibility of PTA. On behalf of all children, PTA members **Speak Out, Plead For, Intercede, Defend, Summon, Protect, Raise their voices and Advocate.**

The theme for the day was "Advocating During Tough Economic Times." Both State Rep. Ben Harbin, Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee and State Rep Ed Lindsey, Vice Chairman – Appropriations (Vice Chair - Education Subcommittee) addressed the budget challenges facing our state and their impact on education. Forty-six percent of Georgia's \$17 billion budget goes to K-12 education and unfortunately, they do not see a return to more prosperous times any time soon. What does this mean for us at the local level? Quite simply, less money. The State Budget will be the single most important issue that Georgia PTA tracks during the 2010 legislative session and we will keep you abreast of current developments not only on it, but also on other issues that impact our children, through E-News, Tiger Times and our website.

Every one of us can be an effective advocate. Have you ever spoken with your child's teacher about your child's progress or challenges? Have you led a Fit in Third or Fifth class to promote healthy lifestyles? Did you learn about last year's SPLOST referendum to make an informed decision? Then, you are an advocate! The process is always the same: determine the issue, research the issue, organize for action and develop the message. Bigger issues may require the use of media and communicating with decision makers. The process is not always easy, and dedication and perseverance are usually required. Sometimes success is achieved quickly, sometimes slowly. The most important thing is not to give up.

If you are not currently a PTA member, please join us and take advantage of important resources available to members. Any questions or comments? Want to do something more? Please contact your East Side PTA Legislative Committee Chairs at LegislationandAdvocacy@eastsideelementary.com





Junior Writers Announced For 2009-2010

The Junior Writers Programs proudly announces the new roster for the 2009-2010 Tiger Tales section of the Tiger Times. Please welcome the following to our Editorial Staff:

Hannah Fry, Payton Gregory, Garrett Guinther, Lakshya Karnati, Mary Kate Peterson, Karishma Pradhan, Ritva RajeevGowda, Emily Smith, Matt Smith and Jack Steber.

This team will be led by Mrs. Werbke, Miss Larson, Kim Fry and Julie Marino.

Please look for articles written by our new journalists beginning in the November Tiger Times Newsletter!

Memory Books

Buy your Memory Book now and SAVE!! October is the LAST month to purchase a memory book for \$25.00!! If you would like to purchase one, please send an email to nparam@bellsouth.net. Please put Memory Book in the subject line and include your child's name, grade and teacher in the body of the email. A form will be sent home with your child. Any orders received after October 31st will be \$30.00! DON'T WAIT!!

Celebrate Your Talents and Win

Enter the PTA's Reflections Program

Join in and create entries
based on the 2009 theme

"Beauty Is"

Film/Video Production • Dance Choreography • Literature
Photography • Visual Arts • Musical Composition

East Side Deadline for Entries: Monday, Oct. 19th

Reflections has gone Green!

Look for complete rules / entry form links in your E-news and East Side's Website
Copies of Rules and Entry Forms can be found in the metal wall file outside the front office.

Questions? Call or Write Lia Jordan 770.579.4646 / cordesign@att.net

PTA Building the Future!

Hooray! Hoorah! We now have 1,100 PTA members!

We are trying to reach our goal of 1,250 East Side PTA members. We are almost there and need your help. If you have not already joined, please do so today!

Why should you join???

- You can support student activities at East Side without having to volunteer.
You get a voice in state and local advocacy efforts.
PTA provides support to teachers and instructional programs.
Great membership benefits from local businesses.

(Visit the PTA website for a complete listing of Benefits.)

- It's only \$4.00 per individual or \$8.00 per family membership!
(That's less than taking your child to the movies!)

Please detach and complete the form below. Place in an envelope labeled "PTA Membership" and put it in the PTA Mailbox in near the front office. Thank you.



PTA Membership Form 2009-2010

Student(s) Name _____

Teacher _____ Grade _____

PTA Memberships (Issue in the following Name(s))

1. _____ 2. _____

_____ \$4.00 individual membership _____ \$8.00 family membership

Please make checks payable to East Side PTA.

Thank you for joining our PTA and helping to "Build the Future." You are an important piece!

Please contact Ginger Guinther at 770-509-2656 or Robin LeVine at 770-578-0605 with any questions.

Teacher of the Year Pep Rally!

Two, four, six, eight, who do we appreciate? Mrs. Stephens, that's who! Please come and support Mrs. Stephens, our wonderful Teacher of the Year on Tuesday, October 27. She will be honored with a breakfast in the morning hosted by the Cobb Chamber of Commerce and the local business community.

Following the breakfast, Mrs. Stephens will be walking across the stage to receive her award at the Pep Rally held at the Roswell Street Baptist Church, 774 Roswell Street, SE, Marietta, GA 30060. The rally will start promptly at 11:00am, doors open at 10:30 am. We encourage you to bring poster-size signs or banners to recognize her. Parents can transport their child there and back to school. It will be a unique experience for the children and a great way to show Mrs. Stephens how much she means to East Side Elementary! If you are interested please contact Danielle Meihofer at 770-937-9349 or complete the form below and drop in the PTA mailbox.

We would like to invite you and your child to celebrate our wonderful Kindergarten Teacher, Mrs. Stephens, at the Cobb Chamber of Commerce
**Teacher of the Year
Pep Rally**

*Tuesday, October 27, 2009
Roswell Street Baptist Church
774 Roswell Street, SE, Marietta, GA 30060
10:30am*

We are looking for 10-15 students to cheer for Mrs. Stephens as she proceeds across the stage. Students are encouraged to bring poster-size signs or banners to honor her (no glitter is permitted.)

Students must be to the Roswell Street Baptist Church by 10:45 a.m. for the rally and must be transported there.

Yes, my student _____ would like to participate and I will take him/her there.

No, my student will not be participating.

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____
Teacher: _____ Parent's Name: _____
Phone Number: _____ Email address: _____

Please respond by October 21, 2009
If you have questions, please call Danielle Meihofer at 770-937-9349.

Celebrate Calm Workshop

10 Secrets to A Stress-Free Home & School
Workshop for Parents & Teachers



**Wednesday, November 4,
2009**

7:00pm – 9:00pm

Dodgen Middle School
1725 Bill Murdock Rd

- **Create a calm home—eliminate yelling and arguing.**
- **Improve focus, attention and behavior in school.**
- **Eliminate defiance and disrespect.**
- **Create stress-free discipline and homework time.**
- **Build confidence, vision and internal motivation.**

Join us for a humorous, practical workshop with nationally recognized expert Kirk Martin, who has trained over 70,000 parents and teachers. Helpful in reducing anxiety and stress in all families. Let's make this school year stress-free!

There is no need to register. Just bring friends and neighbors—we'll have a great time, have several "Ah-hah" moments and leave with a dozen practical tools that will help immediately.

Visit www.CelebrateCALM.com to learn more.

East Cobber Parade 2009!

Fun was had by all who attended the parade on Saturday, September 12th as we cheered on our Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Deborah Stephens, and Professional of the Year, Mrs. Amy Whatley. Thank you to parent Sean Carroll for driving our incredible administration, Ms. Mavity and Mrs. Gurr. Although it was a hot day, it did not stop our many teachers who carried the East Side banner and the students and parents who walked along with them, waving to friends and neighbors and passing our candy to the parade watchers. Thanks to the many East Side families who came out to show their support for Mrs. Stephens, Mrs. Whatley and our school team. Go Tigers!



Sunshine Science

The Science Committee is trying to streamline the weekly Sunshine Science sheets. This effort will entail reworking the content for all the weekly sheets for all grade levels. The objectives of this effort are:

1. Align the weekly Sunshine Science curriculum with subject matter covered in the East Side Science lab
2. Streamlining the worksheets will help us go "green". Some existing worksheets can be as long as 5 pages. This will cut down on the printing costs.
3. Standardizing on a single sheet per week (Word/PDF document) will help us go electronic in the future
4. Easy on parents by reducing the experimentation part in the weekly sheets

In order to accomplish this, **the Science Committee is looking for parent volunteers.** A lead volunteer is needed for each grade level. This person will take on the task of establishing and authoring the content for the 10 weekly sheets for that grade. This will entail researching into grade appropriate science content, and authoring weekly quiz sheets in MS Word. Ms Ranger and the home room teachers will be available as resources. If you are interested, please send an email to the Science Committee Chairs – Rajiv Virmani or Rajesh Singi at Science@eastsideelementary.com and indicate which grade level you would like to volunteer for. We look forward to building the new Sunshine Science model!

The Science Committee

5th Grade Picnic



Attention All 5th Grade Parents!

Do you want to help plan the 5th Grade Finale and Picnic? This fun event is planned for May 20, 2010 and is eagerly anticipated by all 5th graders, teachers and parents. You'll be there to help celebrate your child's advancement to middle school – why not help with the event?

Please join us for a kick-off meeting Thursday October 22nd at 6:30 pm. The meeting will be held at 3801 High Green Point in Indian Hills. r.s.v.p to Michele Reale at michelereale@comcast.net by October 19th with your email address and we'll send you directions.

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• Have you remembered to send in your \$20 contribution to the 5th grade picnic? If
 • not, please clip this and send in with your contribution. All funds go directly toward
 • the expenses of the event.
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• Childs Name: _____
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• Teacher: _____
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• Checks payable to ESE PTA. Please drop check and this notice in the PTA mailbox in the front
 • hallway. Email michelereale@comcast.net if you are unsure if you have paid.
 • Thank you for your cooperation.
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Fall Festival Poster Decorations

A big thank you to all of our budding artists who helped decorate the halls of East Side with their Fall Festival themed posters. The posters were colorful and brought a great seasonal feeling to the school. We would like to recognize these students for their artwork. Thank you all for your hard work!!!

Kindergarten: Sydney Nabinger, Sarah Grace Simons and Gigi Holihan

1st Grade: Kalyssa Speth and Annie Steinwart

2nd Grade: Shelby Holihan, Ellen Chamberlian, Gavin Butler and Serena Patel

3rd Grade: Lexi Towle, Ava Zegers and Nicole Fanning

4th Grade: Casey Barton, Zachary Sjostrom and Ray Fanning

5th Grade: Raj Patel

Important Dates to Remember

Oct. 19: Bus Driver Appreciation Day / Reflections Entries Due

Let your creativity shine for this National PTA program! Rules and entry forms are located at <http://eastsideelementary.com/resources/pta-forms/>

Oct. 21 (1:00 - 3:00 pm): Early Release Day & Fun Day at Brunswick Zone

It's our first Early Release Day and that means let's have some fun at Brunswick zone on Delk Road.

Oct. 22 (3:00 - 8:00 pm): East Side Day at Caribou Coffee

Grab a book and head on over to Caribou Coffee for East Side Day!

October 26-30: **Red Ribbon Week** Make the pledge to live a drug-free life

October 27 (6:30 pm): Rally and Film Premier on the Marietta Square and Strand Theater hosted by Cobb Alcohol Task force.

Nov. 3: Student Holiday & Fun Day at Chuck E Cheese

Nov. 5 (6:30 - 7:30 pm): 5th Grade Music Program

Nov. 12 (5:00 - 8:00 pm): Domino's Pizza Family Night

Take the stress out of dinner and let Domino's do the cooking. Use flyer here <http://www.eastsideelementary.com/folder/62/Dominospizza.pdf>

Nov. 15: America Recycles Day

November 16-20: **Scholastic Book Fair**

Nov. 17 (5:00 - 8:00 pm): Eat-Out Night at Six Beans

Treat yourself to a delicious, homemade meal with all fresh and natural ingredients. Check out the menu at www.sixbeans.com

November 23-27: Thanksgiving Holidays

Stay at Home and Enjoy Dinner with Your Family Night



Let Six Beans help take some of the stress out of the hectic school night scramble. We do all the work so you can relax! Let Six Beans prepare delicious food for you from all-natural wholesome ingredients - non-processed real food - no preservatives, or processed ingredients of any kind. No phony baloney here!

The next PTA Eat-Out Night is November 17th. 6% off ALL sales on that day (not just from East Side families) will be donated to the East Side Elementary PTA.

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