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Note from the Principal

Dear Parents,

We have much to look forward to as we prepare to open our new school. I write this letter after just having walked our new building. I am amazed by the size of it! I plan on spending time this summer walking the halls so that I can successfully navigate myself through the building by the time school begins. We have all begun to pack our belongings. Movers will arrive on May 27th and items will begin to be moved into our brand new East Side. I plan to be housed at Dodgen Middle School from around mid June to mid July. Our school telephone will be transferred to Dodgen should you need us for any reason.

Kindergarten Orientation was held last week and was a huge success. We have registered about 120 students which is about average for early registration. We will continue to have students register throughout the summer and the beginning of the school year. Fortunately, I did not lose any teachers this year due to the budget. The Cobb County Board of Education did a wonderful job working hard to save personnel so we have not seen nearly the cuts as last year at this time.

I want to thank Toria Peterson for her service to PTA and our school for the last two years. Her commitment to our school is unwavering. I always know that I can pick up the telephone and call upon our PTA for support of any kind. Susan Leingang has been president of our Foundation for the past two years. Her relentless efforts for encouraging donations during the Foundation's Capital Campaigns have enabled our school to have additional educational resources, tools, and programs that the county is unable to provide. Toria and Susan have done a terrific job in ensuring that the PTA and Foundation work together along with East Side's administration in accomplishing major school-wide goals. I thank PTA and Foundation for assisting the school in providing the Reading Workshop training through Columbia Teachers' College to our entire staff this school year.

I look forward to welcoming all of you to our new building in August. East Side will be celebrating its 60th birthday next school year. We will be planning an Open House/Birthday Celebration for the new school. This celebration will occur sometime after school begins. I would like to be settled well into the new building before we "show it off" to the community.

I hope you all enjoy a safe and restful summer.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth J. Mavity,
Principal



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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.

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From the Co-Presidents...

Another amazing year at East Side comes to a close and this one is even more poignant because it's our last in the original East Side building. But with change comes progress, and we're all excited about the new building taking shape behind us! The 2010-2011 school year was unique, as our school community had to continue building strong minds and bodies in the middle of a construction zone. Our theme for the school year was Rise to the Challenge and, as always, the East Side community did just that, taking on more responsibility and delivering great educational experiences for the benefit of our children!

The support for our PTA Boosterthon was incredible and helped to increase our Financial Resources so that we could invest in programs at every grade level. The overwhelming success of the Boosterthon allowed us to give each teacher additional funds to invest in their homerooms to spend on classroom activities and materials. One of the highlights of the year was becoming Georgia's only Columbia University Teachers' Workshop Project School. Together with the Foundation, we provided training through Columbia Teachers' College this winter to all staff. We were also able to fund over 20 PTA grants for individual teachers who were interested in unique learning experiences for their students, including Frog Publications Math Packs, Guided Mathematics Workshop, and Social Studies/Science Studies Weekly.

One of East Side's greatest assets is our Human Resources, especially the faithful support of our parents. Our active PTA Members volunteer every year to lead many vital programs, all designed to enrich our children's lives and make them strong students, good friends, and thoughtful young citizens. Have your kids participated in Adventures in Art, Sunshine Math, Reflections, Jr. Great Books, the Science Fair, or the International Festival? There were many volunteer hours required to make those and even more programs a success. Thank you all for the tireless commitment of time, energy, and resources that make East Side Elementary such a special place.

Our school community is blessed to have several organizations working together to make East Side successful. The collaboration of our faculty, PTA, and the East Side Foundation is fundamental to helping our children reach their goals. This year, we have implemented many suggestions from our teachers and parent volunteers to eliminate inefficiency and foster more development in all of our programs. PTA officers also regularly attend workshops and meetings with the faculty to ensure that our programs align with the curriculum and their goals for our children. We partner with the Foundation to ensure that East Side students receive the best possible educational experience in a nurturing, rewarding environment. East Side is special because of the commitment of these organizations to work together for everyone's benefit.

Communication was also an area of focus for us this year. Our goal was to keep parents and teachers informed of all that is going on at the school and in our community. Since no communication method meets everyone's needs, we have tried to enhance all of our platforms, including the eNews, Tiger Times, and information from room representatives. We will continue to offer many ways to stay informed so that all of our parents and teachers know how and when they can get involved in a PTA activity that excites them and rewards our children with enriching experiences.

Thank you very much the opportunity to serve as your PTA Co-Presidents, and the incredible support we have received from each of you. Enjoy your summer vacation and before you know it, August will bring a new school year and a NEW SCHOOL BUILDING!

Toria Peterson and Jill Butler



Thank you, Toria Peterson

Things will be very different next year at East Side, and not just because we are moving into a new building. We say good-bye to our old school building which represents so much of East Side's history. And we will also say good-bye and thank you to out-going PTA Co-President Toria Peterson, who wrote a few chapters of that history during her term. I know she won't miss answering the late night phone calls and urgent emails, but we're all going to miss Toria's patience, dedication, and willingness to help.

In her two year term as Co-President, Toria has worked tirelessly on the daily operations of our busy PTA while still finding the time to champion new causes and implement new ideas. After seeing how successful our Fit in Third and Fifth programs were, Toria created the new Fit in First program for our First Graders. The program emphasizes physical fitness and healthy living. Her leadership was fundamental in making our first PTA Boosterthon the most successful fundraiser in the history of the East Side PTA. We raised over \$65,000 that will benefit our children and their growing minds and bodies. Toria also promoted the founding of our All Pro Dad chapter, which encourages fathers to come to a monthly meeting with their child.

While Toria won't be here as Co-President next year, we will be blessed to see her often as she still has two children at East Side - Will (3rd grade) and Grace Anne (Kindergarten). Her older children, Jack and Mary Kate, will be at Dodgen Middle so I guess we have to share her! Thank you, Toria, for all you have done for East Side. Thank you for your vision and leadership. Thank you for your tireless work ethic. And thank you most of all for loving all of East Side's 1,000+ children like they were your own.

Good Morning Reader and Mathematician Success!

East Side Elementary students and teachers have once again celebrated the success of the Good Morning Readers and Good Morning Mathematicians Tutoring Program! Almost 150 students and 25 teachers participated in this year's program. Some students came early while others stayed late for small group practice in each subject. The program was funded with grant support from Dollar General and Target. The grants paid for materials and books for each student. Our PTA and Foundation covered the prizes and breakfast for the parent and student celebration on March 29 and 31. Thank you to our teachers who go above and beyond to support our students and to our parents who go above and beyond to support their children! Another big thank you goes to Mrs. Erbskorn, our assistant administrator, for organizing the program!



Summertime Healthy Choices

Green vegetables like broccoli, spinach, and green beans contain a powerful antioxidant known as lutein. Lutein promotes good vision and healthy skin.

Red vegetables like tomatoes, red peppers, and beets are a good choice due to powerful antioxidants which have anti-inflammatory properties which help to keep your heart healthy.

Yellow and orange vegetables like yellow and orange peppers, sweet potatoes, carrots, and squash contain Vitamin C as well as several antioxidants. These vegetables are good for your heart and eyes.

Purple vegetables like eggplant and purple cabbage are especially rich in powerful flavonoids. Eating these deep colored veggies can help reduce your risk for heart disease and can decrease memory loss.

East Side Science Fair 2011

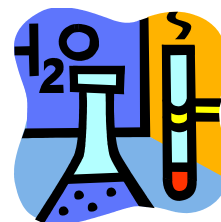
East Side Elementary students got a chance to showcase their scientific thinking and creativity once again at the annual Science Fair on March 17th, 2011. There were 137 participants at the Science Fair this year!! That is our biggest turn out ever. The science fair participation has grown year after year for the fifth straight time.

Students conducted experiments on everything imaginable. Just by being there, you could learn how to power a clock using potatoes, how to deal with peer pressure positively, and why peeled apples turn red. Judging the displays was a hard task as each one was educational, entertaining and well presented. The PTA/ Science committee would like to thank our judges from the Partners in Education:

- Mrs. Annette Ranger**, East Side Science Lab Instructor
- Tom Single**, Owner, Huntington Learning Center
- Taylor Larkin**, Marketing Director, Marietta Martial Arts
- Shea Kaste**, Instructor, Kid Chess
- Julia Radin**, Instructor, Kid Chess
- Dan Killen**, Business Owner
- Frank Coyne**, retired Mechanical Engineer
- Kerry Pickett**, owner Eyecatcher Desgin
- Butch Thompson**, former Cobb County Commission
- Neal Ziegmann**, Assistant Manger, East Lake Kroger

In addition, we would also like to thank Ms. Amy Carroll, Co-2nd Vice President, East Side PTA and Science

Committee chairs Rajesh Singi, Rajiv Virmani & Jigar Desai for an outstanding organization of the event; and Mrs. Gurr for her support. Now comes the part that everyone is waiting for. The winners for each grade level are:



Kindergarten

Shreya Khanna "Spin Art"
Mikayla Stoltz "How do flowers drink?"

1st grade

Parker Miesch "Matter"
Liam Muller "Underwater Adventure"

2nd grade

Rhea Singi "What makes food rot?"
Michael Fu "Which brand paper towel absorbs most water?"

3rd grade

Cameron Rogers "Doesn't every girl need medieval siege weapon?"
Sarah Panone "How clean are your hands?"

4th grade

Avani Sawant "Experiment with parachutes"
Alice Shen "Balloon Powered Cars"

5th grade

Kate Aycock "Paper Absorbency"
Tiffany Jeng "What is the best substance to keep cut flowers fresh longer?"



East Side Builds a Science Olympiad Team!

East Side is very excited to welcome a Science Olympiad Team at our new school! Many elementary schools in our area participate in the Science Olympiad program already. For those of you who are not familiar with the Elementary Science Olympiad, it is an inquiry-based, hands-on program that covers earth, life, and physical science topics. It also incorporates both engineering and technological principles in a meaningful and relevant manner. In addition, the Science Olympiad provides our students with a variety of highly engaging activities that naturally generate interest, enthusiasm, and passion for scientific exploration.

Our Science Olympiad team members were chosen based on three criteria: teacher recommendation, quality of science fair project, and a written application. During the next school year, East Side's Olympians will work together as a team and prepare to compete against other teams in Cobb County. After the County competition, the team prepares to compete against other teams from all over the State of Georgia!

The success of the team depends not only on the team members, but also on the coaches and parents.

Mrs. Kelly Jones, Mr. Jason LaBroad, and Ms. Mary Agnew will be the teacher coaches for the 2011-2012 school year. Parents will be needed to help coach specific events at our after school meetings.

We are pleased to announce the following Science Olympiad team members for the coming school year! Please look for a link on our school's webpage in the future for more news and information.

East Side Olympiad Team Members

Avni Sawant	David Cornell	Vivek Raman
Maggie Zhang	Swathi	Cole Barber
Daniel Park	Ramaswamy	David Kang
Alice Shen	Andrew Cameron	Marilyn Walker
Sara Patyi	Sarah Panone	Avery Carter
Eric Kim	Cameron Rogers	Kendall Guthrie
Jason Wu	Tejas George	
Caroline Current	Ariel Santoso	

International Festival 2011

The East Side International Festival was a huge success! This fantastic event began with different foods from around the world that children and parents had the opportunity to sample. Families enjoyed dance performances, music and a fashion show. Over fifteen countries were represented and everyone had a wonderful time. Thank you to all the great participants, volunteers and East Side families for being a part of this delightful evening.



Got Fruit?

Missed breakfast? Forgot your snack?

On Fresh Fruit Fridays, free fruit is available for a healthy grab and go snack at two convenient stations inside the school. Sponsored by the Health and Wellness Committee and Harry's Whole Foods Market.

Fresh Produce Co-op

The East Side Elementary School Fresh Produce Co-op began April 21st. We had a huge response and many families are enjoying some fresh fruit and vegetables delivered right to the school. The Farm to School and Health and Wellness Committees work within the PTA to find ways to bring more fresh farm produce to school. To get involved, contact healthandwellness@eastsideelementary.com

Foundation's After School Enrichment Program (ASEP) Survey

The Foundation is currently considering 2011-2012 After School Enrichment Programs (ASEPs) for the 2011-2012 school year. Please take a minute to log on to the link below and let us know whether your children participate in the Foundation-sponsored ASEPs, how you like the vendors, what you'd be interested in as far as new programs, or programs you'd like us to consider bringing to East Side. Did you know current offerings include Chess, Drama, Art, Marital Arts, Movie Making, Sports, Etiquette, Spanish, Brainy Builders (Legos), Robotics, among others? East Side has the most comprehensive ASEP offerings in East Cobb!! Thanks so much for your valuable feedback!

Free Money!! How would YOU spend it?

The East Side Foundation will soon be seeking a \$1,000 grant to enable and enhance East Side's students to walk and/or bike to school. Email your creative ideas that match East Side's needs and interests on walking and biking to school and we could win the \$1,000 in free money to improve our current program!! Have ideas on ways to improve safety or to increase the number of students walking and biking to school? Let us hear from you...email your ideas to foundation@eastsideelementary.com by May 16th, 2011. There are many right answers and creativity and innovation are encouraged! Do your part by sending in cool ideas now to foundation@eastsideelementary.com!

Community News

Dodgen Middle School and Blake Cooper Productions present "Honk! The Ugly Duckling Musical"

Friday, May 6th, 7pm; Saturday, May 7th, 7pm; Sunday, May 8, 3pm

Tickets: www.bcprod.org, Paypal online. Questions: Contact Marge Cavitt at mcavitt@bcprod.org

IXL Math Marathon

The Foundation's IXL Math Marathon was a huge success! East Side students attempted over half a million math problems over the marathon's 12 day period (579,308 to be exact)!! WOW!! The student who completed the most math problems (and the winner of a \$50 LakeShore Learning Store gift card) was Liam Das (in Ms. Casey's 3rd grade class). The IXL Math Grand Prize trophy winner.....drum roll, please.....Ms. Casey's 3rd grade class. Please remember that your child's password is good through the summer, so be sure to continue to log onto www.ixl.com all summer to keep your child's math skills sharp!

Congratulations to our WEEKLY WINNERS! They were:

- K - Morrison & Clackum
- 1st - Larsson (both weeks)
- 2nd - Phillips & Huckaby
- 3rd - K. Jones & Casey
- 4th - Agnew (both weeks)
- 5th - Pernaci (both weeks)

Continue logging on to IXL and thanks for your continued support of the East Side Foundation!



East Side Chess Team - State Champions AGAIN!

Congratulations to the East Side Chess Team, which took 1st place with a perfect score in the K-5 Section and tied for 2nd place in the K-3 Section at the 2011 State Championship on March 19th. The East Side chess team members are:

K-3 - Austin Towle, Alex Berezovsky, Kamen Iliev, Cole Leingang, Justin Zhou

K-5 - Anthony Raksasouk, Jayson Wu, Shawn Gu, Marc Metcalf, Bennet Taylor, Ethan Leingang, Daniel Shu

This is East Side's sixth state championship in the past five years! Hundreds of elementary school teams throughout Georgia compete in regionals to qualify to compete at the state level. Thank you Coach Bella for your complete dedication to making East Side's Chess Team a success! For more information about the Chess Club at East Side, please visit www.kidchess.com or call 770-575-5802.



Thank You Adventures in Art Parent Volunteers!

Adventures in Art is the PTA sponsored program that exposes the children of East Side to art history and many great works of art. Parent volunteers present an art lesson and project to the class. The program has over several years collected a wealth of information on the artist and creative ideas for projects that the children can do. This experience is a wonderful combination with Mrs. Kaltreider's art program. The vocabulary and exposure to styles of art allow the children to already have some exposure to the work they will do with her. Adventures in Art has over 50 artist in the program that the children will see during their education at East Side!! Just to name a few: Degas, Monet, DaVinci, Hokusai, Rodin, Homer, Rousseau, Picasso, Renoir, Chagall, Warhol, Michaelangelo, O'Keeffe, Van Gogh, Cezanne, Rembrandt.

We want to THANK the parent volunteers of Adventures in Art. Your commitment to presenting these artist to our classes is essential to the success of the program. Thank you so much for your time and effort to introduce our children to the world of art!!

Amy Waldner	Laurie Tarlton
Andrea Culbreth	Lia Jordan
Angie Kirka	Lisa Peacock
Angie Reuter	Lisa Susman
Ashby Webber	Marianne Roland
Ashley Bhatia	Mary Beth Burgiss
Bonnie Gagliano	Maylin Valencia
Carolyn Shearman	Meray Boudiab
Christine Stoltz	Michelle Warren
Courtney Thompson	Mimi Pohlman
David Robertson	Patty Pace
Dawn Bennet	Rakhi Verma
Denise Carter	Renee Bram
Devasena	Renee Doolittle
Ramaswamy	Rucsandra Woods
Donna Shaw	Sal Magallanes
Elaine Wetzel	Shannon Kelly
Elvenya Gibson	Sharmila Thadani
Grace Seidita	Sheila Bilbro
Gracia Erazo	Sherron Wigington
Heather Howard	Stephanie Whitten
Irene Barton	Stephanie Yucius
Jenni Panone	Susan Fanning
Jennifer Tear	Susan Leingang
Julie McCarren	Susan McCann
Kathy Chamberlain	Tabitha Varma
Kim Cox	Tami Speth
Kim Ingleson	Tanuja Singi
Lanna Hepler	Toria Peterson
Laura Stokes	Zitrun He



Important Dates to Remember

May

Monday, 9th:	Volunteer Tea, 9-11 am Tiger Times Distributed	Monday, 23rd:	Awards Day: 8 am (1st & 2nd) 9 am (3rd & 4th)
Tuesday, 10th:	Willy's Eat Out Night 5-8 pm	Tuesday, 24th:	Awards Day 8 am (5th Grade Fifth Grade Picnic 10:30 am - 12:30 pm Early Release 1:10 pm
Tuesday, 17th:	Field Day Grades K & 1 Cub Scout Pack 744 Meeting 6:45 pm	Wednesday 25th:	Last Day of School! End of 9 week grading period 5th Grade Walk of Honor at 12:45 pm Early Release 1:10 pm
Wednesday, 18th:	Field Day Grades: 2 & 3		
Thursday, 19th:	Field Day Grades: 4 & 5		

The Tiger's Cage

The Tiger's Cage School Supply Store has been a fun place to shop AND to work this year! As we wrap up the school year, here are a few important reminders:

- Tiger's Cage will be open Tues, Wed. and Thurs. each week until May 19th.
- Shoppers can visit us by grade in the cafeteria from 7:30 - 7:50 a.m. Tuesday - K & 3rd; Wednesday - 2nd & 4th; Thursday - 1st & 5th. Students love to shop for fun pencils, sharpeners, erasers, etc. It's a great way for them to learn how to budget their money for a special item. Items are priced from 5-cents to \$1.50.
- Please remind your child to check in with their teacher before coming to the Tiger's Cage. (4th graders can shop first, but need to leave time to make it to class!)
- Sunshine Math and Sunshine Science coupons earned during this 2010 - 2011 school year must be redeemed before the end of the school year (May 19th). They cannot be honored next school year.
- Teachers and Parents, please remind your student workers to redeem their credit for helping at the Tiger's Cage this quarter.


Big THANK YOUs to this quarter's student workers:

Drew Alter	Amy Hattori	Sejal Patel
Chris Arredondo	Cole Hixon	Nate Peterman
Chloe Bango	Hannah Judge	Varsha Ramachandra
Luke Boynton	Hannah Kedzierski	Lauren Tear
Matt Chvasta	Eric Kim	Lexi Towle
Leigh Cobb	Alex McKiethen	Grant Wiley
Catarina Cutter	Grace O'Brien	Ava Zegers
Neha Halebeed	Alex Pace	

More THANK YOUs to the following Parent Volunteers who worked the Tiger's Cage this year:

Yee Ling Lieu	Glynis Holihan	Danielle Meihofer
Rebecca Bennett	Marcie Jones	Shani Morgan
Kelley Costantino	Maha Krishnaswami	Andrew Webber
Susan Fanning	Lori LaVoy	
Jennifer Gauntt	Meredith Lemmon	

Parents - please consider volunteering to work with our Tiger's Cage Team in the coming school year! Contact tigerscage@eastsideelementary.com for more information. Have a great Summer Break!



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