



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,

We will be celebrating Teacher Appreciation Week the week of February 8th. I want to take time to acknowledge in writing how fortunate I am to be associated with such a fine group of educators. How lucky your children are to be a part of our school! We know, too, how lucky we are to have you and your child! East Side teachers consistently go above and beyond to meet the needs of every student. I am witness to and a participant in many professional conversations that teachers have with one another and other school professionals to ensure that they

implement strategies that will help individual students succeed. The teachers and staff at East Side work hard to know the "whole" child, meaning that they are not concerned about just academic growth, but emphasize knowing, understanding, and supporting the social-emotional growth of all students. The latter emphasis is critical to focus upon during the elementary years. We want our students to enter middle school having a strong sense of self worth. East Side was recently awarded the Gold Award by the State for a high percentage of students who met test standards on the CRCT last school year. There were only five elementary schools in Cobb County that received the award! East Side teachers spend many hours planning with their grade level teams. I strongly believe that their collaboration has done much to provide for differentiation in the classroom, and as a result our students are making steady academic progress.

I would like also to provide you with an update regarding our new school. The county recently awarded the construction contract to J.R. Construction. This month we will begin to see early stages of the construction process. The Project Manager visited recently with our School Council and debriefed us about the construction phases. They will begin by installing erosion control fencing. They will place a trailer on campus that will serve as the "command post." This area will likely be the track area. Therefore, we will need to be creative about field day and the fifth grade picnic. We already have some alternative ideas. The construction area will be protected by fencing so that it cannot be easily accessed except by the contractors. We were very pleased with the fact that they will be working closely with the school to minimize disruptions as much as possible. They will not be building during the spring CRCT administration. We are thankful to know that! Safety is a priority for everyone. The contractors may not engage staff or students in conversation. All employees on site will have a background check and must adhere to a dress code. I will be having a preconstruction meeting with the contractors this week and will have more information for you in my next letter. I do know that everything is still on time and the new school opening will be fall 2011. Very exciting!

As always, thank you for your support as we all work together to ensure that East Side is an optimal learning environment for OUR students.

Very sincerely,
 Elizabeth Mavity

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From the PTA Co-Presidents

How can we ever begin to express our thanks to those men and women who pour so much into the academic success of our children? Teacher Appreciation Week is our small way of saying 'thank you!' for all you do. We started our week by brightening up our teachers' classrooms with a bouquet of flowers. Tuesday, the teachers were treated to coffee and breakfast. The following day the teachers had lunch brought in by the room representatives. Thursday was a day to be pampered with services provided by the staff appreciation committee and Friday lunch is being catered and the teachers get a break from their normal workday. We are so grateful for all the ways our teachers go above and beyond what is expected, sacrificing of themselves for the progress of their students. And even though we take the second week of February to formally thank our teachers- don't forget to show your appreciation the whole year through. We have some of the state's finest teachers here at East Side and we count ourselves so fortunate. Thank you for all you do, East Side teachers and staff!!

The Science Fair is right around the corner. Last year we had more entries than we have ever had before! Can't think of any idea? Ask your teacher or Mrs. Ranger, our science expert! This is a wonderful opportunity for your children to develop their higher thinking skills in a fun and creative setting. Make sure to put March 4th on your calendar and be a part of our ever-growing Science Fair!

Thinking about taking a trip to Mexico but finances are too tight right now? Or how about going someplace more exotic like India but can't find time to fly the whole family over? No worries- just come to the International Festival on March 27th and travel around the world while staying in the comfort of your own school. See and taste and experience the richness and diversity we have within our own East Side community. It is a wonderful, family event- you won't want to miss it!

Irene Barton and Toria Peterson, PTA Co-Presidents

The Power of Writing at East Side

The PTA funded committee, Arts in Education, sponsored an author visit on January 26th. Lola M. Schaefer, author of more than 250 books for children, spoke with all East Side students about the power of writing. She began by asking students what they enjoy (or don't) about the writing process. They then discussed the key elements of a story, fictional and real. Ms. Schaefer showed the students examples of character-driven stories and narrative non-fiction stories from some of her published books. Not only was the morning entertaining, but students left with a few strategies to use in their own writing. Thank you to all supporters of the PTA for funding programs such as this which add to our school curriculum. For more information on the books that Ms. Schaefer has authored, please check out her web page at www.lolaschaefer.com.



Your PTA Dollars at Work

Two years ago, I accepted the position as your PTA Treasurer. I admit that I did not know what I was getting myself into at the time. I thought I would simply write some checks, balance a checkbook and that would be that. But as I began my new duties, I realized how little I knew and understood about our PTA. Our PTA is so often a silent partner, providing support but not always making it known. So, as we go through the second half of the 2009-10 school year, I thought I would take a moment and share with you, our Members, some of the ways I see your PTA dollars hard at work, helping our school and enhancing the educational experience of our children.

In the first half of this school year, your PTA dollars:

- Reimbursed East Side teachers over **\$3,200** for classroom expenses.
- Funded over **\$8,000** in Appropriations requests for teacher conferences, the new Morning Reader program, instructional materials such as a new 5th grade Social Studies program and classroom supplies like Versatiles.
- Paid for **65 teacher web pages** to help you stay in-tune with your child's classroom.
- Contributed **\$2,106** to the purchase of licenses for First in Math, a shared purchase between the PTA, Foundation and East Side Elementary.
- Brought the *Celebrate Calm* workshop to our community and purchased the accompanying CD-set for parents to access through our library – in total a **\$1,500 investment**.
- Funded Arts in Education programs such as the "Math, Measure, Movement and Magic" assembly program for our entire school, "Susan B. Anthony: Failure is Impossible" for 3rd grade, Mother Goose musical program for Kindergarten and Cinderella for 1st grade.
- Purchased over **600 planners** for our students in grades 3-5.
- Upgraded the PTA website to make it more user-friendly and informative.
- Provided hearing & vision screening for over **250** 1st and 4th graders.
- Supported our largest Reflections program yet - with over **100** entries.
- Purchased **\$600** worth of books for our sister school, Fair Oaks Elementary, and brought them the touring production "River Rat and Cat."
- Coordinated the East Side calendar to help you stay in the know on school events and the Directory to keep you connect with other ESE families.
- Funded our Fit in Fifth, Fit in Third and Adventures in Art programs, further enhancing your child's classroom experience.
- Welcomed our teachers back to school with a breakfast and hosted appreciation days for our custodians and bus drivers.
- Supported Red Ribbon Week, teaching our children the dangers of drugs.
- Given our children a healthier environment by supporting recycling in our school and promoting an Idle Free carpool zone.

And this is just the first half of the year! There are many, many more programs, events and opportunities to come. And know that your support is what has made each and every one of these program possible.

Thank you and I wish each of you a very happy finish to the 2009-10 school year.

Kit Carlson
PTA Treasurer



All About Funding: The Latest from the Georgia General Assembly

The Georgia General Assembly legislative session began on January 11, 2010. In this session, our state senators and representatives will set public policy, pass new laws and pass the state budget for the coming fiscal year.

In conjunction with each year's state legislative session, the Georgia PTA defines its priorities, which are the areas it will focus its advocacy efforts. Georgia PTA monitors all legislation and policy issues affecting children and youth (including K-12 education, postsecondary education, Pre-K, child health and safety, gun safety, teen driving and underage drinking). But most of the PTA's advocacy efforts this year will be focused on the following priorities:

Funding:

- **Support** public K-12 schools with adequate state funding, reflective of the actual costs of providing the state defined services.
- **Support** equitable distribution of state funding to K-12 schools, currently calculated on property tax wealth in each school system.
- **Support** using public funds for public schools only. **Oppose** any effort to use public funding for private or sectarian schools.

Health and Wellness:

- **Encourage** members to participate in their local school wellness initiatives and to assist in the development and implementation of local School Wellness Policies.
- **Promote** and **encourage** healthy school fundraising.
- **Support** passage of legislation that improves healthy lifestyles for children.

Legal Education:

- **Work** in tandem with local school boards and school systems to infuse information about laws affecting Georgia teens into required curriculum at middle and high schools
- **Encourage** PTAs in schools to develop and implement a student legal education program to inform students about their rights.
- **Support** passage of juvenile justice code revisions at the state and national level.

Even though the economy is starting to improve, the state's budget deficit continues to be an issue. Our state elected officials have many difficult decisions to make in this session. As a result, funding for all programs (including education) is the biggest issue of the session and has received the most attention from lawmakers and the Georgia PTA. The recommendations the governor submitted contain deep cuts throughout the state budget including a cut of about \$600 million for K-12 education.

In addition to the budget deliberations, proposed legislation for this session includes:

- Raise the compulsory age of school attendance from 16 to 17 (PTA supports)
- Make the offense of sexual assault against "persons in custody" include elementary or secondary students (PTA supports)
- Allow information on sexual offenders to be disseminated to schools electronically
- Provide an additional month for local school districts to offer contracts to teachers (so they have a better idea of their needs for the coming year before making commitments)
- Redefine the school year to be measured in hours rather than days (so local school districts can operate 4 days/week with longer days if they choose to do so)
- Allow performance-based pay options for teachers
- Possible statewide ban on the use of a cell phone while driving
- Various tax credits intended to spur new job growth in the state

To stay informed on the developments of the session, you can get daily updates on the Georgia PTA's Capitol Watch website (<http://www.georgiapta.org/issues-capitol-watch.html>). Capitol Watch will tell you what's what, who's who, and how you can make a difference. It is an excellent advocacy and information tool. And it is just one of your membership benefits from Georgia PTA!

Oh, How We Love Thee, Let Us Count the Ways!

By Julie Marino

As Valentine's Day approaches, love is in the air...and who do we love more than our East Side teachers, paraprofessionals, and administration!! With this week being Teacher Appreciation, parents and students are given the opportunity to show their gratitude with chocolates, flowers, lunch treats, etc.... We at the Tiger Times would like to verbally give our gift of thanks!! You not only educate, but inspire, motivate and love our children each day. And for that, we as parents are most grateful.

It is also a chance to honor our newest Teacher of the Year and Paraprofessional of the Year. While each teacher at East Side is exceptional and brings something unique to East Side, these two individuals have been recognized as greatly going above and beyond. Please take your hats off to Mrs. Stephens, Kindergarten teacher and Ms. Whatley, P.E. Paraprofessional. I had the wonderful opportunity to interview Mrs. Stephens and Ms. Whatley about their teaching careers and what East Side means to them...here is what they had to say....

Interview with Mrs. Stephens:

Q: What is your favorite thing about teaching...teaching kindergarten?

Mrs. Stephens: *There's never a dull moment working with children, especially kindergarteners. They are precious, loving, curious, witty, unpredictable, and HONEST!*

Q: Any funny stories?

Mrs. Stephens: *Many...please come visit me sometime.*

Q: What made you want to be a teacher?

Mrs. Stephens: *I was going to school to become a speech therapist. My supervisor informed me that I would have to complete a field study in a school setting as part of my requirement if I wanted to work with all ages (preschool-seniors.) I was very nervous about the very thought of working in a classroom setting, especially knowing there would be MANY children at any given time. I had not prepared myself for that information. After getting over the shock, I found out that I would be working with a kindergarten teacher...this was yet another shock. After a few short weeks working closely with the classroom teacher, I found myself envying the love of teaching she shared with her students. They were sponges! They had so many questions. They wanted to try new things without having any fears. They wanted to experience it all and she was the one that was giving them all of these new experiences. I think it was then, that I decided to inquire about the education field and to see if it were a match for me...I was hooked!*

Q: What motivates you day after day...year after year?

Mrs. Stephens: *Knowing that I make a difference in a child's life. I love that they WANT to come to school each morning. I work very hard to build a sense of security in the classroom for the students to learn and to maintain a positive rapport with the students' parents. I value the students and their parents (they are my allies.)*

Q: What makes East Side special to you?

Mrs. Stephens: *They gave me that first experience in the classroom I was telling you about. It truly is my "home away from home." My first day walking onto the East Side campus, my supervisor told each of us students, "This is a very special school" and I understand what she meant.*

Pat Mabry and Yvonne Jorgenson were the first ladies I met and that I made attachments to fairly quickly. They had all the answers (and I still find myself going to them for direction.) I couldn't ask for a better place to work. East Side is not just a school. With parents, staff, students, custodians, and my wonderful team, East Side is an extension of my family!

Interview with Ms Whatley:

This is my 4th year in P.E. at East Side. I was at Murdock Elementary for 9 years before coming to East Side.

Physical Education has a lot of teaching tools that people overlook. Children need to understand the importance of being physically active, making healthy food choices and most importantly "teamwork". Teamwork is something that we take into adulthood. Relationships with family, friends and coworkers all involve teamwork. The games in P.E. let the children see that when working together as a team they are successful. I thoroughly enjoy working in the P.E. program here at East Side. We try to show the children how being physically active can be fun through the games and music that we play.

East Side is a fantastic school with a wonderful administration and faculty. The parent support is overwhelming and the children are by far the BEST! I look forward to coming to work every day and working with Coach Daniel and Coach Shields. Coach Daniel has taught me a lot. East Side is very lucky to have someone like him heading up the P.E. Dept. I love working here at East Side.

To the students I would like to say "Be the best "YOU" you can be.

My motivation everyday is trying to be a positive influence. I enjoy working in P.E. during the day with children and after school personal training with adults at a local gym. I guess you could say that I love being active and love to motivate and teach the importance of being active to the young and older.

Other Appreciation Tidbits:

We on the Tigers Times staff would also like to give a shout out to Dawn Alexander. She runs a tight ship in the media center, giving our kids all the resources they need to become avid readers, explorers and successful students. She is also the producer and director of WESE TV. What a wonderful program to offer our 5th graders. We could not catch up with Ms. Alexander to get the full scoop on how much work she puts into this extracurricular program, but it is evident that a lot of her blood, sweat and tears go into it. Kudos to Ms. Alexander for going above and beyond for our children.

And let's not forget our Tiger Tales leader, Mrs. Werbke. She, along with Maria Larsson, has undertaken the amazing role of leading our young 4th grade journalists. Twice a month Mrs. Werbke offers up her classroom and time to teach this select group how to write like a journalist...the students are taught planning by carefully choosing topics prior to each Tiger Times deadline and are shown how to create an objective and power packed article that will generate a visual through their potent words. Mrs. Werbke is a gift and we thank her for all she does!

We LOVE you East Side Teachers!!!



Read how much East Side students observe and appreciate all their teachers do to make school an awesome experience.

Teacher	Quote	Student
Alexander	"She is wonderful because she does activities that are fun even though they are still work and require us to use our resources"	Jake
Bailey	"She is very nice and gives us something fun to do."	Lauren
Campoli	"He uses little blocks to help us when he teaches".	Logan
Carlin	"She makes reading fun"	Alexa
Carlson	"He is very interactive with the students and that he is really fun, funny, and makes the kids laugh."	Anonymous
Carlson	"He is energetic and fun teacher. He is artistic and inspires us to learn. He approaches and helps solve problems in a creative way. Mr. Carlson uses technology to teach various subjects."	Ajinkya
Casey	"If you need help she will help you."	Caroline
Clark	"She is fun and challenging. She pushes us but does it in such a nice way that she makes learning really fun."	Jack
Clark	"She is very funnily [sic] interactive with the students and that she has a jolly attitude and hardly ever gets mad."	Anonymous
Herman	"is nice and fun" said a lot of people.	Anonymous
Huckaby	"Is a great teacher, fun activities, and very smart."	Grant
J.Mills	"She's nice and she does fun stuff."	Benjamin
Jentink	"She's kind and fun."	Michael
Jentink	"She is very pretty."	Luke
Jubelt	"because they do a lot of 3D projects"	Rutva
Judge	"She teaches us a lot of good things. She also helps us when we are having trouble."	Erin
K. Jones	" She helps us when we are having trouble."	Grace
Anderson	"She lets us read a lot."	Jayson
L.Jones	"She helps me a lot."	Kandra
La Vine	"She makes learning exciting. She teaches us importance of using good manners, eating healthy foods, and making good choices. We start our day doing morning work while listening to lively music and end our day as she reads a book. She always has a smile on her face which brightens our day."	Avni
LaVine	"She will always come and help us."	Jennifer
Lind	"She is great because she lets us have fun activities in the classroom and she let us all play games when the new Target students arrived...to welcome them."	Jake
Lipscomb	"She is very good at helping kids understand subjects"	Nicholas
Lyjak	"A fun place to learn about cool things."	Casey B
Lynch	"She is very social with the kids, and manages to be fun while being strict."	Anonymous
Mardis	"is nice and makes everything fun."	Anonymous
May/Burns	"They are very nice, but strict (don't get in trouble) and that they are very helpful."	Anonymous
Melnick	"She is always calm."	Lindsey
Mills	"She gives one warning for a bad thing, or not turning something in, but there is no second warning and that she is very good at helping prepare you for 6 th Grade."	Jake
Sahadevan	"It is a good thing Mrs. Sahadevan decided to be a teacher because she is so creative."	Will
Slayton	"She lets us do a ton of fun stuff."	Neha
Stephens	"She is nice to everyone."	Conner
Urbano	"She has awesome crafts and lots of books."	Ellie
Werbke	"Learning is fun with Mrs. Werbke around."	Casey
Werbke	"She is so nice!! She has lots of good ideas and makes learning really interesting."	Mary Kate
Werbke	"because she is eager to help."	Danielle
Wood	"because she is funny."	Hannah

From the Health and Nutrition Committee

How do I pack a nutritious and affordable lunch for my child?

The following strategies can increase your chances at successfully creating affordable healthy lunches that are also eco-friendly.

-Get the right “equipment”. Reduce, reuse, and recycle. Allow your child to choose a reusable lunchbox, purchase a shatterproof thermos that will keep beverages, pastas and soups either hot or cold.

-Don’t overlook the obvious. Leftovers from the night before can make great, economical lunches. When you prepare meals for your family’s dinner, plan to cook a little extra for lunches during the week!

-Buy in bulk, whenever possible. Purchasing larger quantities of individual foods greatly reduces the unit price you will pay.

-When building a healthy and economical lunch, think in terms of these 5 “components”:

1. Include one whole grain (whole wheat bread, whole grain crackers, whole wheat pita, whole wheat bagel, whole grain pasta). Read the nutrition label on the whole grain products you purchase to make sure that they provide at least 3 grams of fiber (or more!) per serving.

2. Include 1-2 vegetables (raw carrots, celery, bell peppers, squash, tomatoes, broccoli, cauliflower, sugar snap peas, and hummus). Steamed veggies from the night before can also be included as a great lunch component.

3. Include at least one piece of whole fruit (apple, orange, banana, grapes, kiwi, peach, etc.), and remember that there is a better chance they will eat these if you pre-slice them. Dried fruit (raisins, cranberries, apricots, etc.) are okay in small amounts, but are very high in sugar and contribute to tooth decay, so don’t rely solely on these as a fruit component.

4. Include a protein. Peanut butter is a fantastic choice for those without nut allergies. Individually packaged deli meats are often loaded with sodium, preservatives, fat and added sugar, so if you are looking to include a meat as the protein component, it is much more economical to cook a turkey or chicken for dinner and then use the leftovers in lunches.

5. Include a source of calcium, such as low fat yogurt, low fat milk, low fat cheese or calcium fortified soymilk for lactose intolerant kids.

Make the lunch age-appropriate. Young children obviously prefer “finger foods”, while older kids usually prefer a more sophisticated presentation. Involve your kids in the purchasing of lunch items as well as in the preparation of the lunch. Children are more likely to eat foods when they have taken part in the selection and preparation process

Have your child agree to bring home lunch items that were not consumed this will give you an idea about what they are actually eating, since you are not there to watch over them at school.

Don’t get discouraged. It often takes children at least 12 exposures to a new food before they will accept the taste and texture. As stated before, offer your child different “versions” of the same food. A child who won’t eat raw carrots may love them steamed!

For more information please take a look at the websites listed below.

www.zerofootprintkids.com, www.wastefreelunches.org, www.dole5aday.com,
www.laptoplunches.com.

GRAB YOUR LUNCHBOX AND GO GREEN!

Waste Free Lunch Day is Wednesday, February 24th

Most of the trash we produce comes from the packaging of the food we buy, and waste from our lunch food disposables really adds up.

U.S. citizens discard 2-1/2 million plastic bottles EVERY HOUR
Each day Americans throw out over 20,000,000 baggies. Remember that these items require petroleum to manufacture and take thousands of years to decompose, leaving a very large carbon footprint.

Help East Side to reduce the amount of product going into the waste stream at our school by participating in our second annual Waste Free Lunch Day on Feb. 24th!

- ✓ Bring your lunch in a reusable lunchbox using all reusable containers
- ✓ Use a thermos instead of a juice box
- ✓ Bring cloth napkins, a classic reusable alternative to paper
- ✓ Use utensils from home
- ✓ Use reusable cool packs to keep food fresh
- ✓ Do not bring Lunchables or plastic bags to throw away, please



For more info on reusable lunch containers, go to <http://www.reusablebags.com/>

The Big Easy!

East Side students love reading and so do their teachers! Mrs. Cardwell (EIP teacher) and Mrs. Sahadevan (first grade teacher) were chosen by the International Reading Association to present at their conference in New Orleans! Mrs. Cardwell and Mrs. Sahadevan ventured to the Big Easy right after Thanksgiving. Thanks to East Side's Foundation and PTA, they were able to attend the wonderful language arts workshops presented by teachers from all over the United States. Now they can share what they learned with other East Side teachers! Bright and early Monday morning, Mrs. Sahadevan and Mrs. Cardwell presented their workshop, "Helping Young Readers Find Meaning" to over 60 teachers, administrators, and professors. While a little nervous at first, they made us proud! Attendees were amazed at the level of thinking East Side's first graders demonstrated in classroom videos and work samples. Mrs. Cardwell and Mrs. Sahadevan are proud of their students and their students are proud of them!

Shake, Rattle and Run

LACE UP THOSE SHOES AND WHET YOUR APPETITE! Pope Men's Lacrosse hosts the 2nd Annual **Shake, Rattle & Run** 5K, 1-Mile Fun Run and Pancake Breakfast. Join us **Saturday, February 20** at Pope High School. Runs begin at 8:30AM, pancakes hot off the griddle at 8AM. To register, or for more information, visit www.popelacrosse.com or contact Kathy Sommerfeldt at sommerfeldt4@bellsouth.net.



Highlights of the Pinewood Derby: Cub Scout Pack 744

By Steve Kleinrichert (proud dad)

Over 200 people enjoyed race day at East Side Cafeteria on Saturday, January 23rd as East Side's own Cub Scout Pack 744 held its annual Pinewood Derby Race. The Pinewood Derby was invented by a Cub Master from California 57 years ago and quickly became one of Cub Scout's great events. This year our pack fielded 67 cars, all designed, crafted, engineered, and painted by the Cub Scouts, usually under the guidance of a parent. This is a great way for the boys to work out and complete a project with Dad, and go on to see their hard work pay off - and boy did it!

Each car was unique in design, with such crowd favorites as William Frits' car - "Girl Scout Trap" sculpted to look like a mouse trap. Some of the other unique cars included a Tiger Shark, a tank called Ka-Boom", and Sponge Bob. Many of the cars were built purely for a coolness factor, while others were obviously built for speed.

Each of our ten dens received 1st through 3rd place speed medals, and after over 300 4 car races, a "Sweet 16" of finalists earned the right to run off in the finals. Top speed winners for the pack this year were:

#4 with Austin Scott's "Speeder", #3 with Michael Cowles "Space Camp", #2 with a record speed run for the day at an equivalent 198.4 mph was Ethan Kleinrichert's "Cool Cat, and top winner at #1 was Henry Michalak with the overall fastest car "Brees-er". Pictured is Henry with his winning car!



Reflections

"Beauty Is" was the theme of this year's PTA Reflections Competition. East Side had over 170 students participate in the competition, a record breaker! East Side students submitted works in; Literature, Music Composition, Photography, Visual Art, Film/Video Production and Dance Choreography. The East Side Tigers whose entries went on to compete with other schools in our county are:

Literature:

First Grade:

1st Place: Aletha Santuso
2nd Place: Divya Virmani

Third Grade:

1st Place: Anna Catherine Hoyland
2nd Place: Alice Shen

Fourth Grade:

1st Place: Alex Pace
2nd Place: Tiffany Jeng

Fifth Grade:

1st Place: Nathan Wu
2nd Place: Joelin Bumper

Visual Arts:

Kindergarten:

1st Place: Sarah Grace Simons
2nd Place: Katie O'Brien

First Grade:

1st Place: Sarayu Ramachandra
2nd Place: Gillian Stoltz

Second Grade:

1st Place: Madeline Zhang

Third Grade:

1st Place: Amy Hattori
2nd Place: Jayson Wu

Fourth Grade:

1st Place: Dylan Drumm
2nd Place: Libby Jordan

Fifth Grade:

1st Place: Ajinka Sawant
2nd Place: Carolyn Prunkl

Dance Choreography:

First Grade:

1st Place: Rhea Singi
2nd Place: Rhea Singi

Fourth Grade:

1st Place: Iris Yin

Film/Video Production:

Fourth Grade:

1st Place: Mason Carter

Music Composition:

First Grade:

1st Place: Meg G. Williams

Second Grade:

1st Place: Ellen Chamberlain

Third Grade:

1st Place: Hanna Pransky

Fourth Grade:

1st Place: Andy Chyong
2nd Place: Lena Robbins

Fifth Grade:

1st Place: William Zheng
2nd Place: Sarah Tsai

Photography:

Third Grade:

1st Place: Chloe Carlson
2nd Place: Chloe Marra

Fourth Grade:

1st Place: Libby Jordan
2nd Place: Mathew Chvasta

Fifth Grade:

1st Place: Xander Carlson
2nd Place: Xander Carlson

On Jan. 26th at Wheeler High school the Eastern Cobb County Council PTA had a reception to recognize the students whose Reflections entries were selected to represent Cobb County in the state competition. East Side had 6 students win:

Dance Choreography:

First Grade: **Rhea Singi**, Fourth Grade: **Iris Yin**

Literature:

Fourth Grade: **Alex Pace**, Fifth Grade: **Nathan Wu**

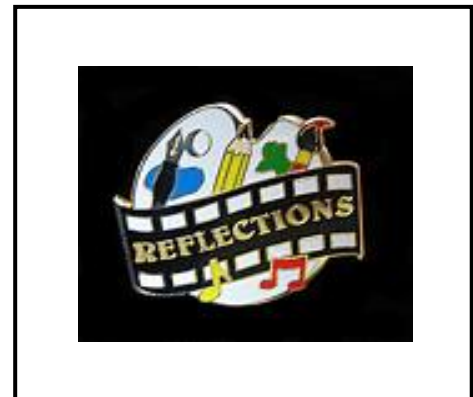
Music:

Fifth Grade: **Sarah Tsai**

Photography

Fourth Grade: **Libby Jordan**

At this Reception an Outstanding Interpretation of Theme was awarded to Iris Yin for her beautiful choreography. The state Reflections Reception is Sunday, March 21st at the High Museum. Winners will be announced soon. Congratulations to all these students for their talent and outstanding work.





**AROUND THE WORLD
WITH EAST SIDE ELEMENTARY!**

**INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL
MARCH 27, 2010 5-8 PM**

For more information please email: InternationalFestival@eastsideelementary.com

To volunteer for a country leader position please email your name, country you would like to coordinate, phone number and email to internationalfestival@eastsideelementary.com or to help your country rep please contact the following:

Name	Leader for:	Phone	Email
Ram Mallappa	Performances	678-560-3222/ 404-643-7269	mallappa@yahoo.com
Devi Ramaswamy	India	678-560-9654/ 678-480-8941	devasenamohan@yahoo.com
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Junior Writers

Reflections

By Mary Kate Peterson and Hannah Fry

The Reflections program is a great way to show your artistic side. It is a National PTA program where kids all around the country make something artistic based on a theme. They can do something in music, dance, video, photography, and visual arts.

This year the theme was "BEAUTY IS...." When you send your project in to the Reflections contest, you must fill out a form that gives your name, the title of your work, and your grade. Do your best!

Each project is judged by an adult judge, and the winners for East Side go on to the county level. If you win there, you go to state and finally to the national level. National winners win money!

Iris Yin in 4th grade entered for dance choreography. Rhea Singi in 1st grade said, "I thought it was fun. I try something new every year, but I always go for it." Will Peterson in Mrs. Sathadevan's class said, "I did a short poem on the season of fall."

Many kids entered in this fun contest. It is a wonderful experience. Some teachers made their classes do it for fun! Reflections is loads of fun, and no matter if you win or lose, you'll be happy you tried!

Scholastic Book Fair

By: Payton Gregory and Emily Smith

This year's Scholastic Book Fair was highly successful. We raised \$3,000 dollars! We would like to thank Jill Herring for being in charge of our Book Fair. She did a fantastic job! The Book Fair was November 16 through November 20th. All the money goes to the Media Center to buy cool new books! The number of books at the Book Fair was endless! We had very popular books like The Diary of the Wimpy Kid, Pinkalicious, Purplelicious, Coke or Pepsi, and Junie B Jones books. The fair also sold cookbooks, school supplies, posters, computer games, and more! PTA did a great job! Can't wait to see you at the 2010 Book Fair!!

Robotics Competition at East Side

By: Karishma Pradhan and Rutva Rajeev Gowda

The crowd eagerly waits for the final results of the Robotics Competition at Wheeler High School. There are 29 teams with 400 kids competing to advance to the Super Regional Competition and then on to the State Competition. East Side Elementary has two teams: The Crash Test Dudes and The Mind Builders. Each team must build and program a Lego League Robot to pick up certain hoops and knock down obstacles without touching the robot.

Mr. David Platt is the chief organizer of the event. He thinks robotics is educational and fun for kids. He announces the final results. Both East Side teams advance to the Super Regional Competition!!

Update:

I am proud to report that The Crash Test Dudes won 1st place for the Champions Award and Robot Performance Award. The Mind Builders won 1st place for Technical Design Award. There were 32 teams competing in the competition. Both East Side robotics teams are advancing to the State Finals which are held at Georgia Tech!!

Update:

The State Finals at Georgia Tech were "buzzing" with robotics teams from all across the state. Congratulations to both teams for representing East Side with school spirit and pride. We are very proud of our teams. We would like to thank Mrs. Kedzierski, Mrs. Sun, Mr. Verdon, Ms. Lyjak and Ms. Mardis for their dedication and support of the robotics teams.

The Crash Test Dudes:

Bailey Alter	Xander Carlson
Andy Chyong	Ryan Doolittle
Shawn Gu	Naoki Iida
Aidan Kedzierski	Harrison O'Neal
Alex Pace	Karishma Pradhan

The Mindbuilders:

Tishya Bhatnagar	Raymond Chen
Jacob Clark	Angela Deng
William Frits	Andrew Peng
Ben Reale	Charley Sun
Jonah Verdon	Jason Yi

THE JINGLE JOG

By: Matt Smith, Garrett Guinther, and Jack Steber

On December 5th, most of you weren't at home; you were at school instead, almost losing it freezing your heads off. And then, you raced...

The East Side Jingle Jog was a school-wide event that consisted of a one mile fun run for parents, teachers, students, and you could

have even brought your dog! There were inflatables from Sports-A-Rama, a D.J., you could stretch and warm up before the race, and there was even a trophy presentation for the winners! (But, Coach Daniels, our PE teacher, and the organizer of this event, said that he thought everyone was a winner.) And, if you brought in a brand new toy that was still in the box, you got a raffle ticket. If your raffle ticket was called, you got a special prize. You could get two raffle tickets if you brought in two toys.

The t-shirt design contest was won by Ashley McDonald. Magnificent job, Ashley! This all started four years ago when Coach Daniel thought of creating an athletic event to raise money for more PE equipment, but Coach Whatley (his assistant) thought of the name.

Tiger Totes for Sale!

Mrs. Lind's 5th Grade Wednesday Target class is selling these fashionable and colorful Tiger Totes. Great to haul all your stuff around! Proceeds will go toward a field trip for the class and assisting some of our East Side families. See them on the front bulletin board as you visit school. Order now and your tote will be delivered to your child's classroom within 2 days. Order forms are available by the bulletin board and can be turned in to the box in the office. Checks need to be made payable to East Side Elementary and deposited into the safe by the Media Center. Questions? Contact Lisa Frits at 770-578-4493 or fritsfamily@gmail.com



Important Dates to Remember

Date	Event
February 14	Valentine's Day
February 15	President's Day Student Holiday
February 23	PTA Day at the Capitol
February 23	Celebrate Calm Workshop
February 24	Waste Free Lunch Day
March 4	Science Fair
March 10	Early Release and Fun Day at Chuck E. Cheese
March 11	End of nine week grading period
March 11	1 st Grade Music Performance, Domino's Pizza Family Night
March 15-19	Jump Rope for Heart
March 16	Eat Out Night at Six Beans
March 17	St. Patrick's Day
March 21	Community Fair Day
March 27	International Festival
March 31	Kindergarten and New 1 st grade registration

EAST SIDE SCIENCE FAIR 2010

Every year, we invite students from grades K-5 to participate in the East Side Science Fair. **This year, the Science Fair will be held on Thursday, March 4th at East Side.** We will have displays available for viewing for parents and students from 11:00am to 1:30pm. Independent judges will score the displays and experiments to help determine the winners on March 4 from 7:30am to 11:00am.

All Students grades K-5 are invited and encouraged to participate in the upcoming East Side Science Fair!

All participants will receive ribbons for their hard work in the science field. In order to accommodate all participating scientists for the event, we will be taking a preliminary count of the expected number of display areas needed. Grade level guidelines for the projects along with informational resources will be made available to all interested "scientists" and parents of all participants. These guidelines will provide appropriate scientific language and other resources for students. Here are few resources for you to get started.

<http://www.sciencebob.com>

<http://school.discoveryeducation.com/sciencefaircentral/>

<http://www.scifair.org>

<http://faculty.washington.edu/chudler/fair.html>

<http://www.ipl.org/div/projectguide/>

<http://homeworkspot.com/sciencefair>

<http://www.cdli.ca/sciencefairs/>

<http://webtech.kennesaw.edu/tbrown/Default.htm>

We need parent volunteers to help us with this event. If you would like to volunteer for this, please email your name and contact phone number to science@eastsideelementary.com with "East Side Science Fair" in the subject line.

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REMOVE AND DROP IN PTA BOX LOCATED IN FRONT LOBBY by February 25th.

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EAST SIDE ELEMENTARY 2010 SCIENCE FAIR ENTRY FORM

Yes! My child is interested in participating in the East Side Science Fair on March 4th. I understand that all displays must be set up between 5 and 8pm on March 3rd, judging will begin at 7:30am the next morning, no new displays can be accepted once judging has begun. Displays should be brought in through cafeteria entrance. All displays must be removed by 6pm on March 4th. Please make arrangements to pick up the displays, for safety reasons the displays cannot go home on the bus. If it is not removed at the designated time, I authorize it be disposed of properly.

Child's Name: _____

Grade: _____

Teacher: _____

Parent Signature: _____

It will be necessary for students to use a display board to showcase their projects. Please make sure your child's board is no greater than 48x48, includes their name, grade and teacher's name. If you have any special needs, please notify science committee prior to the event.

Stay at Home and Enjoy Dinner with Your Family Night



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