



The Eagle's View

Eldredge Elementary School Newsletter
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CALENDAR

JUNE

11

6th Grade Field Day

JUNE

18

Last Day of School

SEPTEMBER

4

First Day of School

The Eldredge PTG Newsletter is published once a month. The next newsletter will appear on Friday, September 14, 2007. All information for the next newsletter must be submitted by Friday September 7, 2007. You may either: leave items in the newsletter mailbox in the main office at Eldredge School or send to Renu Englehart at renuenglehart@cox.net (please title it "Eldredge newsletter"). For more information please contact Renu Englehart at 886-9221 or at the email above.

Principal's Message

It has been a banner year at the James H. Eldredge School. I wish to bid a fond farewell to our sixth grade class of 2007. It has been a pleasure getting to know each and every student during my first year at the helm of the school. Throughout the school year I have used the phrase "Eldredge School Community" numerous times. The feelings of community and caring come to mind when I think about our graduating class. Your legacy will live on when you move forward to seventh grade next year. Be confident that you have made a lasting impression on all of the faculty and staff at our school. We wish you the best in all your future academic and personal endeavors. I would also like to welcome our incoming 4th grade class from Frenchtown School. Your days as "Eldredge Eagles" are only short moments away.

As this school year comes to a close I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all of the parents and community members that have volunteered within our building. We are extremely fortunate to have a vast pool of selfless individuals that were willing to spend countless hours contributing their time for the children of our school. Without your tireless efforts, we would not have been able to deliver the high quality special events as well as daily, weekly, and monthly enrichment opportunities that were offered this year. We look forward to your support during our upcoming time together.

Have a restful and safe summer. Summer reading requirements will be forthcoming by June 15th. Please remember, all students return to school on Tuesday, September 4th, the day after Labor Day.

All the best,

Domenic M. Giusti

AS WE CONCLUDE THE FINAL WEEK OF SCHOOL, WE CAN'T HELP BUT BE COMPLETELY IMPRESSED BY THE NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS AND VOLUNTEER HOURS THAT HAVE BEEN COMMITTED TO HELPING THE EDUCATIONAL ENVIRONMENT AT ELDREDGE SCHOOL. YOU HAVE GIVEN YOUR TIME, TALENTS, AND IMAGINATION TO ENRICH THE CULTURE AND EVERYTHING YOU TOUCH AT ELDREDGE. YOU HAVE GIVEN THE STAFF AND THE CHILDREN MANY MEMORABLE CONTRIBUTIONS THROUGH VARIOUS FUN-FILLED OR EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES. YOU NEVER SAY NO AND ALWAYS RISE ABOVE OUR EXPECTATIONS TO MAKE THE MOST OF EVERY EVENT AND/OR ACTIVITY. SOME OF US HAVE WORKED CLOSELY WITH OTHERS, SOME MORE ON OUR OWN, SOME REQUIRED BEING AT SCHOOL CONSTANTLY, SOME WORKED FROM HOME. WHATEVER YOUR POSITION, YOU MADE IT WORK. FROM THE BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC TO FIELD DAY AND GRADUATION AND EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN, YOU HAVE ADDED YOUR IMPRINT TO THE SCHOOL DAY. NOT A DAY GOES BY THAT A VOLUNTEER COULD NOT BE FOUND, HELPING IN SOME WAY AT ELDREDGE. WE HAVE WATCHED THE CHILDREN STRETCH AND GROW WITH OUR FABULOUS STAFF AND YOUR SUPPORT GUIDING OUR STUDENTS ON EACH AND EVERY STEP. FOR THIS WE ARE TRULY GRATEFUL AND APPRECIATE ALL THE VOLUNTEERS OF ELDREDGE SCHOOL. WE WISH YOU ALL A SAFE AND FUN SUMMER!

SINCERELY,

**KATHY LEWIS AND JANE LEEDS
PTG Co-PRESIDENTS**

Eldredge PTG Openings 2007-2008

We are so grateful to many, many talented volunteers who have stepped forward in leadership roles for the 2007-2008 PTG.

There are still a few key openings to be filled and LOTS of committee opportunities. Please consider joining an energetic and dynamic PTG team committed to enhancing our children's experience at Eldredge.

Openings:

- Secretary: This is a PTG Board position and an excellent way to jump on board. Must be computer savvy and able to take precise notes.
- Back to School Picnic Chair(s): This is the most important family, kick-off event of the school year. We need leadership to pull this off working closely with the guidance of veterans to this event and the school administration. This takes place within the first ten days of school.
- Welcome Back Luncheon/Teacher Appreciation Chair(s): This position would lead the efforts throughout the school year when we thank our teachers for their hard work and

dedication. The Welcome Back Luncheon will tentatively take place August 31 (Teacher Orientation Day.) This is a great position for someone who enjoys food/party/event planning.

Plus LOTS of committee opportunities.

For more information call or e-mail ML Formisano,
PTG Volunteer Coordinator (398-0710) or mlformisano@cox.net.

A call for support

Lorie Supernault of Frenchtown School has recently been diagnosed with breast cancer. This is Lorie's second diagnosis in a few years. Her husband died this fall and she and her two teenaged children have to deal with a lot right now. The community of Frenchtown and Eldredge are reaching out to ask for your support. Elaine Colgan and Karen Boyarsky have created a 16-month calendar and a set of 10 note cards with artwork from Frenchtown students. If you are interested in purchasing these please contact Jane Leeds at 885-0662. All collected funds are going to Lorie. 100% of all proceeds will go directly to Lorie to help with her increase medical bills. Donations will also be accepted. Checks can be made out to Frenchtown PTG. Thanks you for your support!

CHARACTER COUNTS

The fourth and fifth grade Character Counts program has wrapped up for the year. It was a very successful year with many great projects and programs implemented about the six pillars of character. Ask your child to recap some of his or her favorite activities about respect, responsibility, caring, fairness, trustworthiness and citizenship. The Eldredge community was extremely fortunate to have a fabulous crew of Character Ambassadors this year. Many thanks to Ken Bell, Rabbi Stein, Pam Noble, Henry Boezi, Jennifer and Brian Stern, Mary Keenan, Kristin Della Grotta, Jamie Blair and Judy Stenberg. These individuals spent many hours preparing lessons and coming to classrooms to promote the character development of our students. Thank you also to Mr. Guisti for his commitment and enthusiasm to Character Counts. Our hats off to the staff for their help in implementing our program.

Eldredge PTG Meeting
May 16, 2007 @ 10 a.m.
9 Members In Attendance

Principals Comments - Mr. Giusti

- Format for Graduation: Will be on final day of school 6/18, 8:00 or 8:15 a.m. Final time TBD.
- 6th Grade Dance, June 8 @ 7:00 p.m.
- 4th/5th Grade Field Day June 12th, Rain Date June 13th
- 6th Grade Field Day June 11th, Rain Date June 13th
- Talent Show, Mary Lamoreaux will help coordinate, June 7th in afternoon as an all school assembly.
- 3rd Grade Visit to Eldredge will be June 1st, Juice and Cookies for kids, about 9:30 a.m.
- Incoming 4th Grade Parent Info Session will be June 8th @ 11:30 a.m.
- 6th Grade Visit to Cole, June 8th @ 11:30 a.m.
- Awards Day 6/15 for 6th grade, whole school attends.

President's Comments - Kathy Lewis

Preparation for Next Year - June Meeting Old Exec Board and New Exec Board will be on Friday, June 8th @ 12 p.m., possibly at Café Fresco but not confirmed yet.

Thank You's to April Events Chairs and Volunteers

- Reading Week
- Mother/Son
- Teacher Appreciation

All events were very successful.

Treasurer's Report - Sharon Kurose

- Curriculum Enrichment, 6th grade used their money toward the Museum of Science
- 4th Grade wants to use their money for a beach trip to tie in w/ Save the Bay.
- Teacher Grants will have reached the \$1200 mark. Some teacher's still need to submit their receipts.
- We have a surplus of \$6,528.99. This is a current, to date number based on all programs that have finished.
- All volunteers please submit your receipts

Volunteer Coordinator - Nancy Lamoriello

- Reading Week is still open.
- Father/Daughter dance should be filled soon.
- Moving On should be a 5th grade parent if possible.
- Photography position should be associated w/ yearbook or attend PTG meetings so they know all of the dates of all events.
- Ellen Shanos will be School Committee Liaison.

Old Business - Jane Leeds

■ Camera Purchase: Kodak makes a \$200 digital camera. Agreed to purchase the camera w/ a memory card and spend up to \$250.

■ Grant Request for a CD Player for the Fitness Room. Approved to purchase CD Player for up to \$100.

■ 6th Grade will be going to the Museum of Science on June 14th. They are using their Field Trip Money and Enrichment Money for funding.

■ EdNets will be up and running on June 1st. Sign up, please. It will be the way Eldredge Communicates about everything that goes on in this district. It is a secure, safe site. Please spread the word and get everyone to sign up. There is no charge to the credit card you use to sign up. When you shop online, the school earns money.

New Business - Kathy Lewis

■ Wellness. Approved list of foods that can come in to the school. This will begin next year. No soda, no foods w/out nutritional value.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

The fifth grade students at Eldredge Elementary School celebrated reading as they participated in the Fourth Annual Rooster Games on May 1st. This event is an Olympiad-style competition based on the twenty books that were nominated for the Rhode Island Children's Book Award. The "Games" include ten activity stations and a culminating Jeopardy game, where student teams are challenged in their knowledge of the 20 books. This exciting morning tested the students' recall of these diverse selections (both fiction and nonfiction), and a fun time was had by all!





The 5th grade went on a field trip to Boston's Freedom Trail – along with some intrepid chaperones. A good time was had by all.

**EAST GREENWICH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHOOL CALENDAR
2007-2008**

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Total
180

X INDICATES NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

*PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT-8/30
 *TEACHER ORIENTATION DAY-8/31
 X-LABOR DAY-9/3
 *ALL STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL-9/4
 X-ROSH HASHANAH-9/13
 X-COLUMBUS DAY-10/8
 END OF 1ST QUARTER-11/2
 X-PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SEC TCHRS & PARA'S
 AND PARENT CONFERENCES-ELEMENTARY-11/9
 X-VETERANS' DAY-11/12
 X-THANKSGIVING RECESS-11/22&11/23
 X-HOLIDAY RECESS-12/24-12/31
 X-NEW YEAR'S DAY-1/1
 END OF 2ND QUARTER-1/18

X-MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY – 1/21
 X-PRESIDENTS' DAY-2/18
 X-WINTER RECESS-2/18-2/22
 X-GOOD FRIDAY-3/21
 END OF 3RD QUARTER-4/4
 X-SPRING RECESS-4/14-4/19
 X-MEMORIAL DAY-5/26
 LAST DAY FOR SENIORS-6/17
 SENIOR GRADUATION-6/20
 SCHOOL CLOSES-6/17
 JUNE 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 MAKE-UP DAYS

Approved by the East Greenwich School Committee
 on March 13, 2007