

The Eagle's View

Eldredge Elementary School Newsletter

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CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

3

1ST quarter ends

NOVEMBER

6

*Teacher Conferences
No School*

NOVEMBER

7

*Election Day
No School*

NOVEMBER

13

*Veterans Day
No School*

NOVEMBER

15

*PTG Meeting
10:00 am*

NOVEMBER

23-24

*Thanksgiving Recess
No School*

Greetings Eldredge Eagles young and old! Believe it or not, the first quarter will be coming to an end on Friday, November 3, 2006. It most certainly has been a productive initial two months in our building. I have witnessed our fourth grade students successfully transition into Eldredge in a smooth and clear manner. Returning grade five and grade six pupils have also begun the year ready to work and to learn, day in and day out, just as if they never left the confines of our school for summer vacation back in late June. Our twenty-five students new to the Eldredge School Community have also acclimated themselves to our building seamlessly. Please note that state testing, the NECAP assessments, are now finally completed and have been shipped off to *Measured Progress* to be scored. We should be in receipt of our NECAP scores in late January or early February 2007. Our School Improvement Team will report on the state of our school soon after we know the results of the testing. As you know, we are currently designated as a *High Performing, Commended School* by the RI Department of Education.

The Walt Disney Studio filming of the upcoming movie, *Dan In Real Life*, has ended. That was both an exciting and chaotic day for all of us at Eldredge. In many respects, the filming was a great opportunity for our students to witness first hand, the planning and development, as well as the problem solving and work ethic involved in the movie making process. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding on the day of filming. I realize that your schedules and routines were disrupted a bit. However, it proved to be a learning experience for all.

Please be sure to contact your child's classroom teacher(s) in order to schedule a parent/teacher conference if you have not already signed up for one. November 6, 2006 is designated as a parent/teacher conference day for our school system. If the November 6th conference date does not work out for you, please contact the school to set up an alternate appointment. Your conference time with our teachers is the opportunity for you to check on your child's progress to date and to examine/discuss student work and expectations. Our goal at Eldredge School is to meet with one-hundred percent of our parents during this time of the year. Even if you feel that your child is performing well and you are satisfied with the work of our dedicated teachers, please utilize this time to check in with his/her educator(s). In addition, we have many thrilling programs such as Character Counts and Homework Club ready to roll out during this upcoming month. If you would like to examine the possibility of signing up your child for Homework Club, please contact me this week.

In closing, thank you for making my transition to Eldredge an enjoyable and professionally satisfying venture. I look forward to working with

The Eldredge PTG Newsletter is published once a month. The next newsletter will appear on Friday, December 7, 2006. All information for the next newsletter must be submitted by Friday, November 30, 2006. 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.

everyone during the rest of this year. If for some reason I have not met you yet, please stop in and introduce yourself in November!

Also, thank you for partnering with all of us at Eldredge as we strive to educate your children. We at Eldredge truly believe that it is our mission to do the best we can, each and everyday. Three key words: respect, achieve, and succeed, are the guiding principles for all members of the faculty and staff at our school. I wish everyone the best as we move ahead into the month of November.

Domenic M. Giusti
Principal

WHO WANTS AN ICE CREAM PARTY?

As in the past, Eldredge will be collecting Boxtops for Education once this year, in the winter. This means you've got plenty of time to collect; the top 2 classes who collect the most will receive an ice cream party

There are many new products bearing the Boxtops, as well as all the old ones. If you have any questions, call Patty Streich at 885-3477. Thanks for your support!

PTG Membership Drive

Thank you to the following families for their donations towards Eldredge PTG membership (in no particular order):

**Donegan Migliori Tverskoy Hamann Wong Ferrucci
Shaughnessy Eagan Galkin Leeds Gray**

THANK YOU for supporting the PTG!

MENTORING MATTERS

As you may be aware, there are not sufficient male mentors to fill the needs of male students. This is often the case in mentoring programs. As a way to begin to take a different approach to recruiting men, we've teamed up with the Rhode Island program: "Men2Be," through the R.I. Department of Health. If you are a male age 18 and up and interested in becoming a mentor a new program is being offered. Training will be offered in 2 six-hour sessions in Warwick on November 11 and 18th, both Saturdays, meals included. There is no cost to participants and you will be reimbursed \$100.00 for completing the trainings. Mentors will then be able to work in their respective communities. Call Kent Wilson at (401) 732-7700 Extension 109 for more information. We are of course seeking additional male mentors in East Greenwich at all times and you can just call the office (number below).

I thank all of you again for the tremendous job you are doing in all of our schools. Students and teacher have gotten to know our mentors this year and enjoy working with you. We are looking forward to January and National Mentoring Month; there will be notice of upcoming events. If anyone has any questions about Mentoring, Homework Clubs or other groups our office number is 398-1634, Strategic Support Mentoring Program.

ANNOUNCING THE EAGLES 20 WEEK CLUB

SUPPORT ELDREDGE SCHOOL!

To: Parents, Teachers, Relatives and Members of the Community

Here is your opportunity to support Eldredge School and possibly win \$50 or \$500 in the process!

WHAT IS THE EAGLES 20 WEEK CLUB?

It is the main fundraiser for Eldredge. Every week starting November 30, 2006, for a full 20 weeks, one lucky ticket holder will win \$50. A \$500 GRAND PRIZE will be drawn in the spring. Once you purchase a ticket for \$35.00 you are eligible for all of the weekly drawings plus the Grand Prize Drawing.

HOW DO I BUY MY TICKET?

Simply fill out the form on the back of this sheet and return with payment to school, place in an envelope marked 20 week club. **NOTE: Purchase a ticket by October 31, 2006 and receive 1 Free ticket (a \$35.00 value).** Also, if you sell 4 tickets you get 1 free ticket.

WHAT WILL BE DONE WITH THE PROCEEDS?

The Eldredge PTG raises money to fund field trips, cultural events, classroom necessities, etc. It also helps support the Electronic Book Shelf in the school library. All proceeds of the Eagles 20 week Club go straight to the students!

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, CALL
JOAN WOLLIN 885-9126

EAGLES 20 WEEK CLUB APPLICATION FORM

Please print clearly

Name _____

Address _____ Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Phone _____ Student Name _____ Teacher _____ Classroom _____

PLEASE ENCLOSE A \$35.00 CHECK, PAYABLE TO ELDREDGE PTG.

Name _____

Address _____ Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

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PLEASE ENCLOSE A \$35.00 CHECK, PAYABLE TO ELDREDGE PTG.

YES, I HAVE SOLD 4 TICKETS AND THIS ONE IS *FREE!!*

Name _____

Address _____ Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Phone _____ Student Name _____ Teacher _____ Classroom _____

PLEASE ENCLOSE A \$35.00 CHECK, PAYABLE TO ELDREDGE PTG.

The “Get Wild for Reading” Book Fair was a Success!!

The Scholastic Book Fair was a great success and provided exciting books for our students, their families and our teachers. We were able to meet and exceed our budget amount due to the wonderful generosity of the families of our Eldredge students and also due to Scholastic’s efforts to send us books that reflect our student’s reading levels. One hundred and Forty-seven books were donated to our teachers and the library. Scholastic will also provide the school with a Resource Catalog voucher for \$180 to be used on books or items for the library. This amount is based on our gross sales, so once again our children will benefit from the generosity of all who purchased items from the fair.

Much of the credit for the success of the Book Fair goes to the many volunteers who spent hours assisting students and arranging the books. Special thanks go to: Linda Wegrzyn, Patti Streich, Allison Folkenberry, Kelly Spaid, Annette Padrazo, Susanna Bodell, Lisa Cobleigh, Susan Neupauer, Carol D’Abrosca, Judy LeGraw, Leslie Beaulieu, Pam Soule, Ellen Palmer, Tina Trinque, Sherri Maymon, Elaine Colgan, Kim Trupiano, Lynn Reardon, Lori Korsen, Cindy Smith, Michelle Verdi, Jennifer Piacitelli,

Our next Book Fair is scheduled for March 19th – 22nd , 2007. At this time we have a single chairperson for the Spring Book Fair. We need a co-chair to assist in this event, especially since we will be holding evening hours during Art Night. Please consider helping with this event. You can call Cindy Platt at 885-4518.

Cindy Platt and Geri Sturdevant

East Greenwich School Committee Resolution On the Proposed Casino in West Warwick (Adopted September 19, 2006)

- Because a casino in West Warwick will decrease East Greenwich residential property values, and
- Because casinos unfairly compete with existing restaurants and retail shops by subsidizing casino based restaurants and shops, which would devastate the East Greenwich non-residential property tax base by driving East Greenwich restaurants and stores out of business, and
- Because a casino in West Warwick will cause an increase in crime and traffic in East Greenwich which will result in a need for more police and rescue services—none of which will be reimbursed by the casino, but instead will have to come out of the town budget, thereby reducing funds available for education, and
- Because increased proximity to a casino results in increased problem and pathological gamblers—which then increases the cost to local communities for social services, courts, and other expenses, and
- Because the casino would both shrink the tax base and increase our Town budget, and
- Because children are at increased risk for developing pathological gambling, and the more examples of gambling children are exposed to the more likely they are to gamble, therefore,
- It is the opinion of the East Greenwich School Committee that the Harrah’s West Warwick Casino would have a negative effect on our students and our District.

**East Greenwich Little League
2007 Registration
at
Hanaford School**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17th, 6-9 PM,
and SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18th, 9-12 PM**

**Registration is \$45 per player, \$150 maximum per family
Checks should be made payable to "E.G.L.L".**

Baseball and T-Ball player's age is determined as of April 30, 2007.

Softball player's age is determined as of December 31, 2006.

All boys and girls 5-16 years old should be encouraged to participate in the enjoyment of baseball and softball competition, regardless of abilities. T-Ball is available for all children that were born on or before April 30, 2002. Please note that there are **no exceptions** to this age qualification.

If the player did not participate in the East Greenwich Little League in 2006, or if you are not sure if the League has a birth certificate on file, please provide a **copy of the birth certificate**.

Players must attend try-outs in the Minor & Major divisions of baseball and softball, which will be held in February or March 2007. You will be notified in February 2007.

As the League expands each year, the demand for volunteers rises. The League needs volunteers to help as managers, assistant coaches, to be team parents and to help run the snack bar. For the League to operate and benefit your children, we need you to get involved.

THANK YOU!

Have more questions? Visit us on the Web at www.eteamz.com/go_egll or send an email to EGLL@cox.net

**If you are unable to attend walk in registration:
Mail In Registration Fees are \$60 per child / \$150 maximum per family**

**Mail in registrations should be sent to:
EGLL, PO Box 542, East Greenwich, RI 02818**

Scholarships are available to families that require financial aid. No child will be denied the opportunity to play. Please contact Fred Bates at 884-4552 for more information. All inquiries and requests will be kept confidential

Fellow Parents, Faculty, Friends, Family & Colleagues;



Superintendent Meyer has put together a phenomenal program that requires our attention to be successful. East Greenwich Public Schools are in the process of launching *NEW* state of the art school websites to enhance sharing of school information for parents, students, and staff. The goal for expanded use of the web is to increase our communication and information sharing activities, and better engage parents in our children's education. Increasing parental participation is one of the most effective means of improving academic performance and reducing disciplinary issues.

Over the coming months, you will see a rollout of a new websites for our school, with more features and information appearing on the site each month. You will also see increased opportunity for email notices and access to plug in important dates and events.

Our new websites will include great features including calendaring, classroom information, homework, grades, cafeteria menus, bus routes, sports and activities schedules, early release dates, policies and forms, electronic payment options for any school fees ... etc ...

All this is possible ONLY with our participation.

In order to make this exciting venture possible, Charlie Meyer's has partnered with EdNets, a Massachusetts based internet services firm. EdNets builds state of the art websites for schools at no out-of-pocket expense. In order to fund the websites, EdNets has developed a "registered card" Loyalty Program. This is a unique fundraising platform that takes next to no effort. We are asking each parent, coupled with our friends, family, neighbors, and colleagues, to register, in a group effort to make this program a successful venture.

How it Works. EdNets enrolls "Sponsors", merchants who desire to build customer loyalty. Once you register as a Member, you simply buy only the goods and services you want. A percentage of your purchases (2-10%) gets paid directly to East Greenwich Education Foundation for the benefit of East Greenwich Public Schools. EdNets is paid a subscription fee out of those rebates for the web technology; the balance is additional funding for our schools! Each school will receive the proceeds of the program in relationship to the number of parents and others who enroll as a member, selecting the school of your choice.

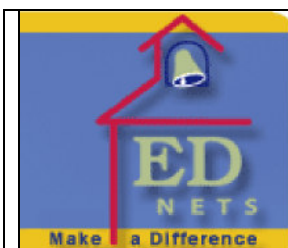
Below are a few key elements of the program.

- It takes only 5 minutes to register
- Membership is *FREE*. There are no hidden fees or charges, not now, not ever.
- No change of purchase habits
- Your information is secure; EdNets employs extensive security protection extending the same level of security as the major financial services and mutual funds companies. For detailed information go to: www.ednets.com and click on Credit Card Security Statement.

Participating Sponsors: At the top right hand corner of our school site find the Sponsor Directories for your reference. Click on On-Line Mall or In-Store Directory. New Sponsors are being added weekly and listed in the directory for your quick and easy reference.

We have a unique opportunity to improve education and funding through a simple program. Please join me and take 5 minutes of your time to register. By pooling the rebates of hundreds of families, together we can raise substantial dollars annually and assure our district the resources required to deliver an outstanding education to all children in East Greenwich.

In addition, EdNets is currently offering a third dimension for our benefit with a November promotion extended to us; "The Easiest \$5 You'll Ever Make" ... which ... with collective efforts ... can turn into thousands of dollars for our school!



EdTech Networks, Inc.

EdNets - Credit and Debit Card Security Statement

Executive Summary

EdTech Networks, Inc. ("EdNets") highly values the data privacy and security, and is committed to maintaining the privacy and security of data. To maintain data privacy and prevent unauthorized access to data, EdNets has implemented comprehensive security policies.

Privacy starts with EdNets' Privacy Policy - EdNets does not sell, rent, give or lease Member information to third parties. EdNets also prevents the unauthorized access to data (the "Card Data") from Member credit, debit and loyalty cards (the "Cards"). This Security Statement describes in general terms EdNets security practices related to Member Cards and addresses Card Data collection, transmission, and storage. EdNets does not disclose publicly all security practices in order to make it more difficult to defeat security protections.

EdNets highly values the privacy of Member data and is committed to maintaining the security of registered credit, debit and loyalty card data ("Card Data").

Card Data Collected

EdNets collects the minimum Card Data required to process rebate transactions only – but not enough to originate a card charge. EdNets collects only the name on the card, the card number, the type of card and expiration date. This data is insufficient to originate a credit or debit card charge.

Card Data Transmission

A Member transmits data from the computer to EdNets server in an **encrypted format**. When submitting Card Data to EdNets, a Member will see a notice that they are being transferred to a secure connection, and will see "https" in the URL address – the "s" denoting a secure connection.

EdNets works with Golden Retriever Systems, Inc. ("GRS") www.grsgroup.com, to manage rebate processing. GRS is a wholly owned subsidiary of Vital Processing Services, Inc., which was founded jointly by Visa® USA and Total System Services, Inc. (NYSE – TSS, <http://www.tsys.com>). GRS has the highest security certifications by Visa®, MasterCard® and American Express® for secure access to Card Data.

Card Data Storage

Card Data is stored in a database physically separate from Member data and stored in encrypted format - EdNets does not retain a plain text file of Card Data. Decryption of Card numbers requires a key. Keys are stored in a database that is physically separate from Card Data. A person must invade one secure server to obtain Card Data, a second to find the correct key to decrypt Card Data, and a third to associate Card Data with a Member.

EdNets has engaged renowned experts to design its security systems and employs multiple security techniques, proven successful in actual practice, to protect Card Data.

The Management Team

Security starts with a technology team having extensive internet security systems experience:

Craig Rutfield, Chief Technology Officer – Craig served at First Data where he guided the technology team that developed Impress®, the first e-commerce transaction platform to be approved by the SEC to manage mutual funds on the internet. He also served as VP – Special Projects at GTech, Inc., the world's largest provider of web-based, secure transaction platforms for government lotteries.

Dave Andre, Advisory Board Member and Consultant – Dave was the former CTO of UPromise and the principal designer of many rebate capture technologies used with registered cards. Dave assisted in the design of EdNets rebate processing systems, including security. Technology developed by Dave has a 5+ year track record with more than \$400 million in rebates recovered without security breaches.

For additional information, please contact Craig Rutfield, CTO at crutfield@ednets.com @ 781.245.4040 X118 or go to www.ednets.com and click on Credit Card Security Statement.

FAQ'S FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS EDNETS



HOW DOES EDNETS WORK FOR OUR SCHOOL?

IT'S SIMPLE:

- 1. REGISTER CREDIT AND/OR DEBIT CARDS WITH EDNETS.***
- 2. SHOP WITH EDNETS SPONSORS USING THE REGISTERED CARD(S).***
- 3. REBATES FROM THE PURCHASES GO TO YOUR CHILDREN'S SCHOOL !***

IS MY CREDIT CARD INFORMATION SECURE?

YES, EDNETS EMPLOYS EXTENSIVE SECURITY PROTECTION PROCESSES COMPARABLE TO MUTUAL FUNDS AND MAJOR FINANCIAL SERVICES COMPANIES. EDNETS ENCRYPTS SENSITIVE DATA FOR TRANSMISSION AND HOSTS ALL PERSONAL INFORMATION ON SECURE AND SEPARATE SERVERS THAT ARE PROTECTED BY FIREWALLS,

CONTINUOUS INTRUSION DETECTION MONITORING SOFTWARE AND OTHER SECURITY FEATURES. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION GO TO WWW.EDNETS.COM AND CLICK ON CREDIT CARD SECURITY STATEMENT.

... CAN YOU STATE THAT FOR THE LESS TECHNICALLY SAVVY?

SURE. IN ORDER FOR A CREDIT CARD TRANSACTION TO PROCESS WITHOUT CREDIT CARD IN HAND, FOUR PIECES OF INFORMATION ARE NEEDED: THE CREDIT CARD NUMBER, EXPIRATION DATE, SECURITY CODE, AND BILLING ADDRESS. EDNETS TAKES ONLY 2 OF THE 4 PIECES OF REQUIRED INFORMATION; THE CREDIT CARD NUMBER AND EXPIRATION DATE. THESE TWO PIECES OF INFORMATION ARE BOTH ENCRYPTED (MEANING ... CANNOT BE READ BY AN INTRUDER), THEN BOTH PIECES OF ENCRYPTED DATA ARE PUT IN THE TWO SEPARATE DATABASES. IF SOMEONE WERE TO BREAK INTO A DATABASE, THERE IS NOTHING THEY CAN DO WITH THE ENCRYPTED DATA THEY FIND.

WHY DOES EDNETS NEED MY CREDIT/DEBIT CARD INFORMATION?

THE CREDIT CARD INFORMATION TAKEN IS ONLY TO TRANSFER THE REBATE TO YOUR SCHOOL ON THE BACK END.

DOES IT COST ANYTHING TO BECOME AN EDNETS MEMBER?

NO. NOT EVER. NOT TODAY. NOT IN SIX MONTHS, NOT IN A YEAR. NEVER.

WILL I LOSE EXISTING CREDIT CARD BENEFITS (AIRLINE MILES, HOTEL POINTS, ETC.)?

NO. EDNETS' REBATES ARE PAID BY THE SPONSOR. CARD BENEFITS (AIRLINE MILES, HOTEL POINTS, ETC.) ARE PAID BY THE CARD ISSUER. YOU WILL NOT LOSE OTHER CARD BENEFITS.

WHAT PERCENTAGE OF THE REBATE GOES TO OUR SCHOOLS?

100% OF THE REBATES ARE PAID TO THE EAST GREENWICH PUBLIC SCHOOLS, A PORTION OF WHICH IS PAID TO EDNETS TO FUND THE WEBSITES, THE REMAINING BALANCE IS FUNDING FOR YOUR SCHOOLS TO BE USED AS EACH SCHOOL SEES APPROPRIATE.

WHERE EXACTLY DOES THE REBATE TRANSFER TO FOR THE SCHOOLS?

THE REBATES ARE TRANSFERRED TO THE EAST GREENWICH EDUCATION FOUNDATION. EACH EAST GREENWICH SCHOOL WILL RECEIVE THE PROCEEDS OF THE PROGRAM IN RELATIONSHIP TO THE NUMBER OF PARENTS AND OTHERS WHO ENROLL AS A MEMBER. SELECTION OF THE SCHOOL OF YOUR CHOICE IS A PROMPTED OPTION IN THE REGISTRATION PROCESS.

WHO MAKES UP THE EAST GREENWICH EDUCATION FOUNDATION? WHERE CAN I FIND INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE EDUCATION FOUNDATION?

ANY DETAILS OF, AND QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO, THE EAST GREENWICH EDUCATION FOUNDATION CAN BE FOUND BY CONTACTING YOUR SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, CHARLIE MEYER.

CAN I REGISTER MULTIPLE CREDIT/DEBIT CARDS TO ONE MEMBER?

YES. YOU CAN REGISTER ALL AND ANY CREDIT AND DEBIT CARDS THAT ARE VISA, MASTERCARD OR DISCOVER. WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF EXPANDING OUR OFFERINGS TO INCLUDE AMERICAN EXPRESS AS A FUTURE OPTION.

CAN I REGISTER ONE CREDIT/ DEBIT CARD TO MORE THAN ONE MEMBER?

A CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD CAN ONLY BE REGISTERED TO ONE MEMBER. IF YOU HAVE MORE THAN ONE CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD PER FAMILY, YOU MIGHT REGISTER ONE CARD WITH ONE PARENT, AND THE OTHER CARD WITH THE OTHER PARENT.

WHAT IF I HAVE CHILDREN IN MORE THAN ONE SCHOOL?

YOU CAN REGISTER YOURSELF WITH ONE CARD TO AFFILIATE WITH ONE SCHOOL, AND ANOTHER CARD TO YOUR SIGNIFICANT OTHER AND AFFILIATE WITH ANOTHER SCHOOL, ETC.. IF YOU ARE A SINGLE PARENT, YOU CAN REGISTER A SECOND TIME WITH A DIFFERENT CARD AND AFFILIATE IT TO ANOTHER SCHOOL.

WHERE DO I REGISTER?

GO TO WWW.EDNETS.COM AND CLICK ON:



IT IS SIMPLE, AND TAKES ONLY 5 MINUTES. MAX.

CAN ANYONE REGISTER?

YES. PARENTS, FACULTY MEMBERS, FRIENDS, COLLEAGUES, NEIGHBORS; ANYONE CAN BE A CONTRIBUTING MEMBER TO YOUR SCHOOL ANYWHERE IN THE COUNTRY. IF THEY LIVE OUTSIDE ON THE EAST GREENWICH REGION, ANY ON-LINE PURCHASES MADE THROUGH YOUR WEBSITE'S ON-LINE MALL GENERATES REBATES FOR YOUR CHILDREN'S SCHOOL.

CAN I SWITCH SCHOOL AFFILIATION IN THE FUTURE?

YES. LOG IN WITH YOUR USERNAME AND PASSWORD AND FOLLOW THE SIMPLE INSTRUCTIONS.

ONCE REGISTERED, WHERE DO I FIND THE LISTING OF EDNETS SPONSORS?

GO TO WWW.EDNETS.COM. ON THE TOP RIGHT HAND CORNER OF EACH PAGE YOU WILL FIND 2 TABS:

- 1. ON-LINE MALL SPONSOR DIRECTORY – FIND MERCHANTS SUCH AS DELL, HOME DEPOT, THE GAP, OLD NAVY, AMAZON, STAPLES, WALMART, BESTBUY, VERIZON WIRELESS, & MORE.**
- 2. IN-STORE SPONSOR DIRECTORY – HERE YOU SHOP IN STORES LOCAL TO YOU. FIND LOCAL SHOPS SUCH AS EAST GREENWICH GOURMET, INSKIP AUTO, ANDERSON SKI SHOP, EXETER FUEL, FLOWER EXPRESS, ADSI DRIVING SCHOOL, TEO MATCO'S, AUTO DOCTOR, MERITAGE, EAST GREENWICH FORD, ARREST A PEST, NORTH WIND SPORTS, AND MORE.**

EDNETS REPRESENTATIVES ARE ADDING NEW SPONSORS LOCAL TO YOU WEEKLY. THE SPONSOR DIRECTORIES WILL BE UPDATED ACCORDINGLY FOR YOUR QUICK AND EASY REFERENCE.

WHAT PERCENT OF MY PURCHASE BECOMES A REBATE?

THE REBATE FOR EACH SPONSOR IS LISTED IN THE SPONSOR DIRECTORIES ON YOUR WEBSITE.

CAN I SUGGEST RETAIL MERCHANTS AND LOCAL BUSINESS AS TARGET SPONSORS?

ABSOLUTELY. PLEASE FEEL FREE AT ANY TIME TO SEND AN EMAIL WITH YOUR SUGGESTIONS TO: LAUREN.MCKENNEY@EDNETS.COM

DOES MEMBER ENROLLMENT HAVE ANY OTHER BENEFITS ASIDE FROM GENERATING REBATES FOR MY SCHOOL, PAYING FOR OUR NEW WEBSITE, AND BUILDING DOLLARS FOR THE "EASIEST \$5 YOU'VE EVER MADE" NOVEMBER PROMOTION?

YES. MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT IN YOUR DISTRICT BUYS LEVERAGE WHEN APPROACHING LARGER RETAILERS IN YOUR AREA. WHEN RETAIL MERCHANTS ARE APPROACHED BY EDNETS, THE FIRST QUESTION IS ... HOW MANY MEMBERS DO YOU HAVE IN THAT DISTRICT?

HOW CAN WE TRACK OUR NOVEMBER PROMOTION SUCCESS?

YES. EACH MONDAY A MEMBER ENROLLMENT STATUS UPDATE WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO EACH PTO PRESIDENT, PRINCIPAL AND SUPERINTENDENT BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS DAY.

WHAT IS THE "PROMOTION CODE" PROMPT IN THE REGISTRATION PROCESS?

THERE IS NO PROMO CODE FOR THE NOVEMBER PROMOTION. ALL NUMBERS ARE TRACKED BY CHOOSING YOUR AFFILIATED SCHOOL. THE PROMO CODE IS NOT A REQUIRED FIELD, NOTED BY LACK OF RED ASTERISK.

IF I HAVE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR CONCERNS, WHO DO I CONTACT?

ANYTIME ... LAUREN.MCKENNEY@EDNETS.COM

Dear Parents and Citizens:

On November 7th you will be asked to vote on the approval of a \$6 million bond to construct and rehab fields located at the East Greenwich High School and the adjacent McHale property. This bond issue involves upgrading existing fields and the creation of new fields including a multi-sport synthetic surface field. Attached you will find a list of frequently asked questions and answers about this initiative. In addition, you will find a rendering of the proposed project. I hope this information will be helpful to you in making an informed decision.

Thank you,

**Charles E. Meyers
Superintendent of Schools**

Frequently Asked Questions about the Fields Bond

How do we know the proposed new fields will meet the current and future needs of the residents of East Greenwich?

The Fields Committee, appointed by the Town Council, identified a field shortage of at least four soccer type fields. The School Committee's design consultant, John Caito, has proposed a maximum of six soccer type fields on the McHale site.

Will the public be able to use these facilities?

Yes, the track, cross-country trail and fields will be open to the public when not scheduled for school, town, or youth recreational programs.

Is it true that the current track is in such poor shape that East Greenwich High School cannot host a home track meet?

Yes, the new design includes a rubberized surfaced track surrounding the multi-purpose, synthetic turf playing field.

Is the synthetic turf playing field necessary?

Yes, this is a ten month playing surface that can be used for football, soccer, lacrosse and field hockey. The multi-use field will be lighted to maximize its use.

How confident are the Town and School officials with the estimated \$6 million cost of this project?

The budget presented by John Caito Corporation, Inc. is based on current field construction costs.

Are there revisions that can be made to the conceptual design that would reduce the overall cost?

Potential areas to cut costs might include eliminating the lights on the varsity baseball field or eliminating the re-design of existing baseball and softball fields at East Greenwich High School.

What will be the impact on the tax rate?

This project will increase the tax rate by 20 cents. This is about \$100 per year on a house assessed at \$500,000.

How much will it cost to operate and maintain these new fields?

It will cost \$50,000 per year.

Is this project eligible for 30% reimbursement from the State?

Yes, the application for State reimbursement will be submitted by the October 31st deadline.

How will this project coincide with the facilities study being conducted by Strategic Building Solutions, Inc.?

The School Committee, the Town Council and the Facilities Committee have all clearly indicated that this project will not commence until the school facilities study, currently being conducted by Strategic Building Solutions, Inc., has been completed and reviewed. The final report from Strategic Building Solutions, Inc. is due in December 2006.

Will there be access to the McHale property through surrounding neighborhoods?

No.

Will there be access to the McHale property from Frenchtown Road?

School, Town and State officials along with our engineer are exploring the feasibility of accessing the McHale property through Frenchtown Road.

If the bond is approved, who will manage the project?

The School Committee will hire a project manager, acting on behalf of the School Department. The project manager will report to Superintendent Meyers.

What is the status of the wetlands on the McHale property and what affect will it have?

The surveying of the wetlands is complete. An application has been submitted to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management. We anticipate approval shortly.

Is this project in compliance with the Town's Comprehensive Plan?

Yes, specifically the Open Space and Recreation Plan identifies this site for, "badly needed play fields and facilities, passive recreation and walking trails."

Is there any danger that the project will affect the Hunt River aquifer, a major source of drinking water?

No, the fertilization plan for the field complex will be sensitive to the aquifer and comply with all regulations.

Will lights and noise affect neighborhoods?

The fields on the McHale property will not have lights. Lights are proposed on the multi-purpose field adjacent to the existing student parking lot at East Greenwich High School and on the varsity baseball field. The lighting and noise should not adversely affect surrounding neighborhoods.



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Dear Parents & Citizens

On August 22, 2006 a representative group of teacher leaders, administrators, and parent leaders drafted a new mission statement for our schools: *Maximize individual potential in pursuit of personal and academic excellence.* During the seven-hour strategic planning session, a strong consensus emerged that the East Greenwich School District become a learning community that models shared leadership and respect for individuals. There was a passionate expectation that teachers utilize research based instructional strategies to improve and enhance student learning and that students learn to compute fluently, read critically, analyze and interpret information, justify and communicate conclusions and apply learning to new situations in a variety of disciplines. In addition, the school district's new vision calls for all members of the learning community, adults as well as students, to model positive learning and social behaviors. Attached you will find the mission statement, vision and district objectives in draft form. The strategic planning task force will meet again in November to finalize this document and write an action plan. This is designed to be an inclusive process. Your comments and suggestions are welcome. E-mail to: ride3587@ride.ri.net

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EAST GREENWICH PUBLIC SCHOOLS MISSION STATEMENT

Maximize individual potential in pursuit of personal and academic excellence.

EAST GREENWICH PUBLIC SCHOOLS VISION STATEMENT

We are a learning community that models shared leadership, respect for individuals, collaborative practices and support for research and data driven instructional strategies to improve student achievement. Students actively participate in a nurturing and student-centered environment which fosters open communication, cooperation and collaboration. Our community is collectively responsible for supporting education and serves as a model of excellence for all.

DISTRICT OBJECTIVES

1. Each student will read critically and communicate clearly, both orally and in writing, in all curriculum areas, K-12, as measured by state and local assessments and student portfolios.
2. Each member of the learning community will model positive productive learning and social behaviors as measured annually by student and adult surveys.
3. With increasing independence each student will be able to connect classroom learning to life experiences as evidenced by self-assessments, state and local assessment, formative and summative assessments, and Webb's depth of knowledge criteria as evidenced by state and local assessments, common tasks or other student products.
4. Each student will be able to compute fluently, interpret and analyze information, justify and communicate conclusions, and apply learning to new situations in a variety of disciplines as evidenced by state and local assessment, common tasks, or other student products.

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