



# The Eagle's View

## Eldredge Elementary School Newsletter

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### CALENDAR

**DEC. - JAN**

**25 - 1**

*Holiday Vacation*

#### **Principal's Message**

Wishing everyone in the East Greenwich School Community a safe and happy holiday season!

As we enter into December I cannot help but think that time is moving along at an incredible rate. First quarter report cards are a distant (but fond) memory. We have had an amazing start to the second quarter. All classrooms are immersed in our Character Counts initiative. We are fortunate to have caring and reliable Character Counts ambassadors in each of our classrooms. Ambassadors will be visiting classrooms approximately every other week, as they deliver the character education program. Each Character Counts lesson will deal with a specific "pillar" of good character. The pillars are: respect, responsibility, trustworthiness, caring, citizenship, and fairness. Try to make it a point to ask your children about what's happening in their Character Counts lessons. I would like to gain feedback from all of you as the New Year arrives. Please know that the sensitive topic of "bullying" will most likely be discussed at some point in our character program, and definitely covered within your child's health class curricula. All children are capable of bullying at some time or another, and it is important for parents to respond in a calm and helpful manner.

For obvious reasons I encourage all parents to speak with their children about the ramifications of bullying. Some things you can do are listed below. Please take the time to cover these suggestions at home, over the next few weeks.

- Talk with your children about what is acceptable conduct and what is not, e.g. "we should not tease people to make them feel bad";
- Work together with your family to establish simple rules and expectations about how to treat each other amongst the family members;
- Encourage and provide opportunities for your children to openly discuss bullying issues with the family;
- Discuss friendship and help your children make friends by encouraging them to play with other children at school, at home or in the neighborhood;
- Invite other children over for visits and help your children make their guests feel welcome;

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The Eldredge PTG Newsletter is published once a month. The next newsletter will appear on Friday, January 12, 2007. All information for the next newsletter must be submitted by Friday, January 5, 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](mailto:renuenglehart@cox.net) (please title it "Eldredge newsletter"). For more information please contact Renu Englehart at 886-9221 or at the email above.

- Encourage your children to share their things with other children they feel would enjoy them too; and
- Improve your children's self-esteem by encouraging them to have a go at new activities and thinking about their abilities in a realistic way.

Keep on the lookout for an announcement before our winter recess regarding a parent program that will take place in the month of January. I have asked Bob Houghtaling and several of our school support specialists to hold an interactive parent night dedicated to pre-adolescence and common pre-teen child behaviors.

**Thank you for your support. Happy New Year! 2007 is sure to be a year of growth and reflection at Eldredge School.**

**Domenic Giusti  
Principal**

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**Dear Eldredge Friends and Family,**

December is a busy month both at school and at home, we hope you are enjoying all that this season has to offer. Eldredge is busy preparing for our many special events. We started the month with a visit from The Boston Museum of Science traveling programs. Each of the grades experience a unique program featuring elements appropriated for their curriculum... Fourth Grade - Motion, Forces & Work (Simple machines), Fifth Grade - Electromagnetism, and Sixth Grade - Motion, Speed, Velocity & Acceleration. Many students were called into action to participate in the demonstrations. Great questions were asked and answered, and predictions were tested for accuracy. Students and teachers both enjoyed the programs. Thanks to all who have donated generously to the PTG so this extra curricula assembly could be brought to life at Eldredge. Ask



your child what they thought, we would love the feedback.

Also kicking off the month was a joint Principals coffee with Mrs. Sousa at Hanaford. Together, Mr. Guisti and Mrs. Sousa discussed the Six Traits of Writing. The fifth grade sponsored our Staff Appreciation Lunch in late November. We thank all the volunteers for their contributions; I know our wonderful staff truly appreciated the effort. Recently, the Student Council has been collecting personal care goods to donate this month to area homeless. If you can help out please send in these items before December 8th. Our 20 Week Club saw it's first drawing this week. Congrats to the lucky winner. If you haven't purchased a ticket yet and would still like to join the fun, contact Joan Wollin at 885-9126.

Our Beginner Band musicians began their early morning practices in prep for a February concert and our Advanced Band musicians are finalizing their preparations for the December 13 the concert being held at 7p at EGHS. Come hear them make beautiful music!! The Eldredge SIT team will meet on 12/7 to further discuss the 05-06 NECAP test data of our 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders in preparation for the release of new 06-07 data and a school wide presentation of that data to take place in February. The PTG Presidents/Superintendent meeting

was held at EGHS and included a tour of the new student dining café and much discussion of the District Wide Strategic Facilities Plan. Volunteers for various committees are needed. Please contact Superintendent Charlie Meyers's office for more information on how you might get involved. Additionally, a new EG school department website, brought to you by **EdNets**, is quickly being constructed. This website will be the main source of communication between school and home. We will have individual web pages devoted to information on each school, each sport, and each teacher. Anything happening in and around our schools will be accessible through this new website. It is going to be a great tool for staying up to date with your kid's academics, athletic and extra curricula activities. Join **EdNets** today and get ready to be WOWed by the new EG school district website.

In looking ahead, we are in need of a Parent(s) to join the team of Coordinators for Book Fair. Cindy Platt and Geri Sturdevant have been doing a fabulous job as our Book Fair Coordinators. However, they are moving on next year and in order to train someone to take over; we would like to fill this position soon. This way, the new coordinator(s) can shadow Cindy through the Spring Book Fair. This is a most rewarding event as many children and teachers fill their bookshelves with new and exciting reading materials, while helping PTG fund many of its annual activities. With the combined help of PTG volunteers and funds, parents and teachers, we are able to put the best selection of books in the hands of young readers. Please consider volunteering now so to keep this program alive at Eldredge for 2007.

To all our Families at Eldredge, May you enjoy the traditions of the season and have a healthy and happy  
New Year!

Kathy Lewis and Jane Leeds  
PTG Co-Presidents

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## SAVE THE DATE! PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



2007 will be filled with learning and fun activities for Eldredge Students, Parents and Teachers.

Find out more at the next **Eldredge PTG Meeting**,  
Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Eldredge Library.

We value your input and would love to see you at the meeting!  
Contact Jane Leeds, 885-0662 / [janeleeds@cox.net](mailto:janeleeds@cox.net) or  
Kathy Lewis, 884-8047 / [remyMS@aol.com](mailto:remyMS@aol.com) for more information.



*Eldredge PTG...Your Link to Everything Eldredge!*

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COME TO A  
"WINTER WONDERLAND"  
An afternoon of holiday games, crafts, treats  
and more!  
Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>  
4:00-6:00 PM  
East Greenwich High School Courtyard  
Bring your children to this free, fun, festive  
event!

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### **ELDREDGE SCHOOL STORE**

THANK YOU to Lisa Medeiros, Jen Piacitelli, Pam Soule, Leslie Beaulieu, Amy Coates, Ellen Palmer, Annette Padrazo, Kim Trupiano, Judy LeGraw, Deb Black and Lori Korsen for volunteering at our school store. Without their help the school store could not open. We have assorted school supplies including book covers, numerous erasers, mechanical pencils, Eldredge pens, Eldredge pencils and Eldredge water bottles! Everything is from .05 to \$2.00!! We are open every Wednesday during lunch. If you are interested in "working" give us a call! Michelle Verdi(885-8028) & Kristin Della Grotta (885-4895)

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EAST GREENWICH LACROSSE is proud to bring you the fastest game on two feet. Lacrosse is growing in RI and we are expanding our program to include as many new boys and girls as possible. Registration for the spring season will be held Saturday December 9<sup>th</sup>, 9-12 at St. Luke's Church, Peirce Street, East Greenwich for new and returning players, ages 7 -14 yrs. The playing season will be early April through June. Please bring a health ins. Policy number, copy of birth certificate and \$95 registration fee. For online registration or questions please check our website [www.eglax.org](http://www.eglax.org)

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**Eldredge PTG Meeting**  
**November 15, 2006**  
**10:15 a.m.**  
**Eldredge Library**

In attendance, Executive Board and East Greenwich Town Manager Bill Sequino.

Bill Sequino has been visiting all schools, meeting with the PTG's, to introduce himself and let everyone know that he is accessible and approachable with any questions, comments or suggestions you may have.

Budget process has begun for the town and the schools. The first meeting between Town Council and School Committee is scheduled for Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. The tax laws have changed and greatly impact the school budget. Information explaining this will be disseminated to the community. We can make a difference by attending these meetings.

The next SBS (Strategic Business Solutions) meeting is on November 28<sup>th</sup>. All members of the community are urged to attend. SBS will be presenting findings on the state of our schools.

There is a need to get the information out to the entire town, not just the school community. Mr. Sequino will help with this by including information in his column and newsletter.

The joint Principal's Coffee with Hanaford is November 30<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.

### **Treasurer's Report**

See attached budget.

### **Volunteer Coordinator's Report**

We still need a co-chair for Spring Book Fair. If anyone is interested in volunteering, please contact Nancy Lamoriello at 884-5061 or [vinlam@cox.net](mailto:vinlam@cox.net).

### **Old Business**

- 20-Week Club drawings will start on 11/30.
- Membership: we have reached our goal for membership this year, however, we love new members and you are still welcome to join PTG.
- Homework Club: We still need snacks to be donated on a regular basis
- All volunteers will need a background check, forms are available in the Eldredge Main Office.
- The Museum of Science will be presenting to the 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades on November 30<sup>th</sup> and the 5<sup>th</sup> grade on December 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 5<sup>th</sup> graders Staff Appreciation taking place this week.
- Reminder to please start clipping and collecting Box Tops for the Eldredge Box Tops Contest. Eldredge earns 10 cents from General Mills for every Box Top collected. The Box Tops contest will begin soon.
- A parent has volunteered to donate 3-ring binders to Eldredge. If any teachers need binders, please contact Jane Leeds at 885-0662 or [janeleeds@cox.net](mailto:janeleeds@cox.net).
- The PTG extends its condolences to Shannon Fox and family and Jennifer Lei and family.
- **The Next PTG Meeting is January 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the Eldredge Library. We value your input and would love to see you there!**

PTG Meeting Adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

### **Lauren McKenney from EdNets**

Goal of EdNets is to create one site for the entire district. This site will be a valuable resource for parents and students to access homework assignments, classroom information, calendars, lunch menus, bus information and routes, sports and activity schedules, early dismissal and school cancellations, etc. All of this information will be in one location.

If you wish to shop, you can do so in the On-Line Mall. This is one way to generate funds for the schools through a rebate program (some merchants will rebate up to 10% to the school).

There are also several Rhode Island In-Store Sponsors as well, Meritage, Greenwich Bay Gourmet, Chardonnay's, Tio Mateos, Inskip Auto, Anderson's Ski, Flower Express, etc. Just use the credit card you register with EdNets to make your purchase and it automatically generates the rebate.

Community participation is critical to support this web site. Consider signing up. Your personal information will not be shared and remains private. The site is completely secure.

Approved                      Revenue    Expenses    Balance  
Budget 2006-07

<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>8414.1</b>			8414.1
<b>INCOME</b>				
20 Week Club	2200	3360		3360
Box Tops for Education	600			0
Book Fair - Fall	2000	7699.86	5146.6	2553.22
- Spring	1500			0
Membership	4000	4605		4605
Pasta Night	750			0
Sweat Shirt Sale	800	4486		4486
Volunteer Grant				0
<b>Total</b>	11850			
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
After School Program	-200			0
Art Night	-200			0
COA	-1200		1200	-1200
Destination Imagination	-300			0
Directory	-300	24	238.85	-214.85
Eldredge Fund	-900		900	-900
Family Picnic	0	1605	1080	525
Father/Daughter	-200			0
Field Day Lemonade 4-5 Grade	-350			0
Field Trips 4th Grade \$1000	-1000			0
5th Grade \$1000	-1000			0
6th Grade \$1000	-1000			0
Foreign Language		1820	35	1785
Library Fund	-1557.91		400.93	-400.93
Mandatory Reserve	-1000			0
Misc.	-2056.19	35	412.45	-377.45
Mother/Son Event	-200			0
Moving On 6th Grade	-300			0
Reading Counts	-400			0
Reading Week	-300			0
School Store	-200	167	389.42	-222.42
Summer Reading ding	-700		546	-546
Staff Appreciation	-600		175	-175
Yearbook	-600			0
<b>Subtotal</b>	-14564.1			
<b>Surplus Funds</b>				
School Bucks	-1500			0
Curriculum Enrichment	-3000	125	1090	-965
Teacher Grants	-1200			0
<b>Total Expenses</b>				6467.65
<b>Checkbook Balance</b>				20726.67