

The Eagle's View

Eldredge Elementary School Newsletter

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CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

12

Internet Safety Mtg.

7:00

Hanaford

FEBRUARY

13

School Committee Mtg.

7:00

Hanaford

FEBRUARY

19 -23

School Vacation

No School

The Eldredge PTG Newsletter is published once a month. The next newsletter will appear on Friday, February 9, 2007. All information for the next newsletter must be submitted by Friday, February 2, 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.

Dear Eldredge Families,

Welcome to a new quarter at Eldredge! While we weren't looking our mild New England winter turned cold... but inside school, things are heating up and there is a lot happening. February is an important month for many reasons. It marks the end of the second quarter and the beginning of the second half of the year. It marks the earnest and diligent efforts of our School Committee to develop a 2007-08 School District Budget that meets the needs of our students, faculty and facilities. (Please try to attend a School Committee meeting or make a point to inform yourself about the budget process as new state laws have been passed which will significantly impact the school districts resources in the years ahead.) It marks the finalizing of plans for our Spring Book Fair, Art Night, Mother/Son and Father/Daughter nights. Please mark your calendars with these dates so you not to miss any of the fun.

February is also the month that begins our PTG planning for next year. The current PTG board has done a fabulous job and I can't thank them enough for the dedication, expertise and creativity they bring to all of their tasks. Eldredge is a welcoming and appreciative place to volunteer due to the total commitment of the staff, administration and volunteers like those on this years' board. They contribute greatly to the educational environment at Eldredge. Filling these positions for next year is where the PTG nominating committee will be focused over the next couple months. As many of our members are moving on to Cole they leave us with several openings for next year. Please consider taking a leadership role in PTG next year. Find a friend to join you and the experience will be twice the fun. We need everyone to take part so to continue the tremendous legacy of this tremendous 2006-07 PTG board.

February is also the month that we expect the new School District Website to go live with the new Eldredge school site. The Eldredge website will include timely news, photos, parent links, teacher pages, athletics and much, much more. Check out the format and design of the East Greenwich High School website already live at: <http://egsd.net/High/home.aspx?categoryID=252> Sign-up today and register with Ed-nets so you are connected right from the beginning.

February is also a time to consider what is left to be done. One remaining goal is to develop a list of needed supplies/materials, events/programs that funds raised this year could support. Mr. Guisti is putting together his wish list, but we need to hear from you. We would like to know what you and your students think is needed. Please complete the flyer in this newsletter with your ideas. We want your students to reap the benefits of the moneys you contributed to this years' fundraisers.

As always please feel free to contact us if you have any comments or questions regarding Eldredge PTG or any of our programs.

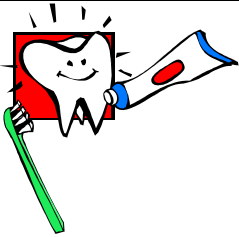
We hope you all have a happy and relaxing vacation!

Jane Leeds and Kathy Lewis
PTG Co-Presidents

COME ONE, COME ALL!



To the Greenwich Bay Women's Club's 34th annual Clown Town. This neighborhood tradition will be held at Swift Gym, 111 Peirce Street in the heart of East Greenwich's Hill & Harbour area on Saturday, March 31 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Admission is free and there are games for children of all ages. Every child is a winner! Our Basket Bonanza Raffle will offer many baskets filled with goodies for adults and children alike, including a signed Chris Evert Lloyd tennis racket! Baked goods will also be offered in a spacious seating area where families can relax during the festivities. Face painting, clowns abound and a special visit from the Easter Bunny make Clown Town memorable for everyone! All proceeds are donated to local charities. For information about Clown Town, or joining the Greenwich Bay Women's Club, please visit www.gbwc.org.



PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN DATE!

DENTAL NOTICE FOR GRADES 4 & 5

The annual school dental screening will take place on Monday, April 9th. Dr. Thomas Vutech will examine all students in grades 4 & 5 that have not returned their dental cards to the school nurse. Students that have medical reason to be excluded will not take part in the dental screening.

If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact the school nurse (Mrs. Green) at 398-1363.

Please enjoy some pictures of Eldredge Pasta Night - thanks to Elaine Colgan and Nancy Lamoriello for their hard work!



ELDREDGE PTG MEETING

January 17, 2007

Eldredge Library

J. Leeds, K. Lewis, D. Giusti, K. Trupiano, S. Kurose, N. Lamoriello, C. Moss and 8 PTG members in attendance.

Welcome - Jane Leeds

Jane Leeds called meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Treasurer's Report - Sharon Kurose (updated budget attached)

- Checkbook balance is \$17,510.60.
- **20 Week Club** exceeded their goal.
- **Membership** exceeded their goal.
- **Sweatshirt Sale** was phenomenal and also exceeded the goal. This is due to the sale being open longer, more variety and better quality sweatshirt material used.
- **The Museum of Science** cost \$965 which was split between the three grades. **Museum of Science** received mostly positive feedback from teachers and some students.
- **Mr. Robberson** was given the previously approved allotment to purchase a PDA.
- **School Store** has \$159 in the account.

Volunteer Coordinator Update - Nancy Lamoriello

- Looking for a **Book Fair** volunteer to co-chair with Cindy Platt. **Book Fair** is a great opportunity to volunteer and not too demanding.
- **After School Program** is still looking for a volunteer to coordinate.
- **Box Tops** is up and running. Collection ends on February 2nd.

Art Night is 3/28 (Wednesday of **Book Fair**). **Ice Cream Social** will be part of this as well.

Mother Son Night - Jane Donegan/Jeanine Margolis

- Will be held at United Skates of America and will be a private party. If Mom is not available to come, then another adult is welcome. All you can eat pizza for \$2/person. \$2.50 admission, \$3.50 skates, \$2 pizza. Request made by K. Lewis to just confirm there is no liability for PTG and liability is covered by United Skates of America. Looking at dates end of March beginning of April. Confirm no Little League conflict.

School Bucks - Kathy Lewis

- **School Bucks** is an idea conceived over the summer in an effort to reward kids throughout the year for behaviors/activities in the classroom. **School Bucks** are awarded at the teacher's discretion. **School Bucks** can be used to purchase books at book fair or for school store purchases. We put \$1500 aside in budget with the hope that each classroom will get \$100 in school bucks from now until end of year. Carla Priebe volunteered to coordinate copies and distributing 100 to each classroom. Point rose that these should be given out by teachers to reward good behavior by all of the children, not just those that misbehave and then begin behaving.

Fourth Grade Enrichment and Grant Request - Jane Leeds

- Two-day program for Steven Krasner, author, to write a mystery, which will develop from class to class. Cost will be \$850. This will come from Curriculum Enrichment (\$1000 per grade). Motion made to raise curriculum enrichment fund by \$600 (\$200 for each grade). Motion approved. Motion made to approve Steven Krasner. Motion approved.

- **Sue McKenna** requested \$49 membership to an online website Quia.com to be used by her classroom. Approved.

Principal's Comments - Domenic Giusti

- Mr. Giusti looking for at least two more parents to join the **Eldredge School Improvement Team**. **School Improvement Team** meets once per month. Four teachers and a paraprofessional attend as well. In month of March, the team will be presenting the "State of the School".

- NECAP Test Scores will be in on 1/29. Individual scores will be available w/o 2/5.

- Working hard with Ellen Rabinowitz regarding **Diversity Day** to embed a topic of peace and tolerance (the theme throughout the district). Using a book of peace poems in different languages. Connecting it to Character Counts. **Diversity Day** will probably be the week before February vacation and week after February vacation. Ambassadors will come in to read.

- Secret Snowflake lollipop sales made \$595, which will be donated, to RI Food Bank.

Request for an Emergency Student Fund for some students who are in need. This would be above and beyond the "Eldredge Fund" which is money used for kids in need to buy coats, hats, yearbooks, field trips, event participation, Eldredge sweatshirt, events within the school, etc. for a child that may need help to participate. However, this particular request is for needs beyond school participation for a confidential recipient. Dom has tapped into town agency's that help with these things. This will not be ongoing, but it is a one time request.

Motion made for \$500 "Special Emergency Fund for Educational Need" and approved.

Communication - Kathy Lewis

- Feinstein grant for month of November and December - was matching funds - up to \$100,000. Kathy Lewis announced the PTG would be getting \$4,400 in matching funds from Feinstein for fundraising.

- **EdNets** has completed the district website and the high school website. Renu Englehart has volunteered to be Eldredge's webmaster. Visit the district site at www.egsd.net. It is not complete yet. Concern regarding EdNets about how do you track individual purchases. Are there account statements that get sent? Monthly statements? Reminders? Also, there was a question about if you have to go to EdNets first and then shop through the site or if you just shop and it counts because your credit card is registered? Kathy Lewis to ask EdNets.

- **Homeroom Parents** - Asked to contact parents in their classes to see if people are reading the Eldredge List-Serve notes that come through. If they were not reading these e-mails on a regular basis, would they like a hard copy sent to them? The goal is to reach as many people as possible.

- **Publicity** - if you are running an event, please take some photos and submit them via email to renuenglehart@cox.net

Old Business, Questions, Comments

Request for a digital camera for each grade. Suggested to talk to Elaine Colgan to see how they handled it at Frenchtown. Nancy Lamoriello will get all of the details.

Mr. Giusti will get a wish list together of things to possibly be purchased with PTG surplus money.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

THE ELDREDGE PTG EXECUTIVE BOARD IS LOOKING FOR YOU!!

WE ARE LOOKING AHEAD FOR THE NEXT PTG EXECUTIVE BOARD. THE POSITIONS OF PRESIDENT, VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR AND TREASURER ARE OPEN FOR 2007-08. GRAB YOUR FRIENDS AND TAKE A ROLE WITH PTG NEXT YEAR!

What do you think Eldredge needs?

At this point in the year the PTG is projecting a substantial surplus of funds at the year-end. Therefore, we are soliciting ideas from the parents, teachers, administration and even the students on what you would like the PTG to do with those extra funds. If you have an idea on a purchase or event that you believe would be beneficial to the education or educational environment at Eldredge, we want to hear from you. Please jot us a note and we will be in touch. This is your PTG money and we want to make sure it is spent to best serve your student.

IDEAS for PTG Surplus funds

For details contact

(Your name)
number)

(Your telephone

Please put in an envelope marked
"Ideas for PTG surplus funds"

**Register for Ed-Nets and get informed while you earn
money for the EG School District**

Ed-net is creating our school district's new website.

EGHS is live and can be accessed at

http://www.ri.net/schools/East_Greenwich/EGHS/

Don't forget that if you do online shopping, you can help your school district by first going to the EGSD website, then click on "Online Mall" at the top. There you will find a list of many merchants from which you can shop. Any purchases made by going through the EGSD website, will result in a donation to our East Greenwich School District by those merchants.

You can also sign up to become a member of EdNets and in doing so, purchases made from local merchants in their stores will result in a donation as well. Go to the link "In-Store Directory" for a list of current local merchants. This list is being expanded all the time, so keep checking if you don't see your favorite merchant listed.

Eldredge Student Directory

UPDATE

If you are new to the school or your child's information needs updating in the student directory please email the following information to

Stephanie Osterhout

at steph@hireknowledge.com by February 15th.

Student's Name _____

Teacher _____
 Mother's Name _____ Father's
 Name _____
 Street Address _____
 Phone Number _____

	Approved Budget 2006-07	Revenue	Expenses	Balance	Notes
Opening Balance	8414.1			8414.1	
INCOME					
20 Week Club	2200	4340	300	4040	\$640
Box Tops for Education	600			0	
Book Fair - Fall	2000	7699.86	5146.6	2553.22	
- Spring	1500			0	
Membership	4000	4980		4980	
Pasta Night	750			0	
Sweat Shirt Sale	800	4988	3239	1749	\$949
Volunteer Grant				0	
Total	11850				
EXPENSES					
After School Program	-200			0	
Art Night	-200			0	
COA	-1200		1200	-1200	
Destination Imagination	-300			0	
Directory	-300	27	245.65	-218.65	Cost=\$238.85
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		2030	2030	0	
Library Fund	-1557.91		400.93	-400.93	Mrs. H to decide
Mandatory Reserve	-1000			0	
Misc.	-2056.19	58.25	443.45	-385.2	\$135free&Reduced
Mother/Son Event	-200			0	
Moving On 6th Grade	-300			0	
Reading Counts	-400			0	
Reading Week	-300			0	
School Store	-200	596.46	473.08	123.38	
Summer Reading	-700		599	-599	Total to date
Staff Appreciation	-600		175	-175	
Yearbook	-600			0	
Subtotal	-14564.1				
Surplus Funds					
School Bucks	-1500			0	
Curriculum Enrichment	-3000	125	1090	-965	Museum of Science
Teacher Grants	-1200		66.32	-66.32	Mr. Robberson
Total Expenses				8703.43	
Checkbook Balance				17474.6	

Attention:
Hanaford and Eldredge Parents
Joan Sousa and Domenic Giusti
Cordially Invite you
To Attend a

PRINCIPAL'S COFFEE HOUR

on Monday, February 12, 2007
at 7:00 P.M. in the
Hanaford School Cafeteria

Agenda: Internet Safety
Presenters: Lt. Joyce, Sgt. Cotter
And Ptlm. Rafferty

All parents are strongly urged to attend this
informative session

***** REMINDER *****
THE NEXT
ELDRIDGE PTC MEETING
WILL BE HELD IN MARCH!

JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21ST
AT 10:00 A.M.
IN THE ELDRIDGE LIBRARY.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT JANE LEEDS, 885-0662 / JANLEEDS@COX.NET
OR KATHY LEWIS, 884-8047 / REMUMS@AOL.COM.

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