

The Eagle's View

Eldredge Elementary School Newsletter

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CALENDAR

MARCH

12

6th Grade Orientation

7:00 PM

Cole Middle School

MARCH

21

PTG Meeting

10:00 am

MARCH

26 - 29

Book Fair

MARCH

28

Ice Cream Party

MARCH

30

No School

Staff Development Day

Principal's Message

Last month, Steven Krasner, local newspaper reporter and author delivered an incredible writing workshop program to our fourth grade students. Each fourth grade class helped Steven craft individual classroom mysteries in one amazing, extended whirlwind period. Steve expertly asked all students for constant input as he led them down the path of writing an interactive mystery together. We thank our wonderful PTG for sponsoring this engaging and worthwhile activity for the students.

The month of March continues to bring about a great deal of excitement here at Eldredge Elementary School. It will be a month full of challenge and learning for our students. There are several special events scheduled on our calendar for this month. **COA, the Cultural Organization for the Arts, is sponsoring an all school assembly on Friday, March 16th.** Renowned author and musician, Felix Petre, will be at Eldredge to give our students a taste of Latin America through its songs, instruments, and language. ***Pennies for Patients* begins on Monday, March 19th and ends on Friday, March 23rd.** We are also pleased to announce that Dr. Settupane will deliver the anti-smoking curriculum, Tar-Wars, on March 27th to our fifth grade students. Let us not forget that Art Night and the "Spring into Spring" Concert for Advanced Band and Orchestra will be held on March 28, 2007. There will also be a Choral concert, Thursday, March 29, 2007. And finally, all faculty and staff will take part in a full day of professional learning on Friday, March 30, 2007 (no school for students). Roger Taylor, a worldwide speaker/expert on *differentiated instruction* will present on that day.

Also this month, sixth grade students will begin the transition process to Cole Middle School. Elective presentations and elective course selection, a parent information/orientation night at Cole Middle School, as well as the process of teacher recommendations will be the focus of much time for our grade six families. This is most certainly an important point in time for these students. It is essential to note that historically, many students become a bit anxious about the transition process. We will answer any and all questions that families may have during this vital time. Please make it a point to attend the **informational orientation meeting at Cole Middle School on March 12, 2007 (7:00 pm)** to hear the answers to many of your questions and concerns.

Please note: individual student NECAP scores will be placed in the April 10th report card envelope. Our school ranking from the RI Department of Education will officially be issued in the coming weeks. We at Eldredge are pleased with our annual yearly progress. We look forward to communicating the latest results to you in a parent report presentation next month.

The Eldredge PTG Newsletter is published once a month. The next newsletter will appear on Friday, April 13, 2007. All information for the next newsletter must be submitted by Thursday April 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 (please title it "Eldredge newsletter"). For more information please contact Renu Englehart at 886-9221 or at the email above.

Finally, we would like to welcome the many new families that have joined our School Community over the past few months. Eldredge has received more than 30 new students since the beginning of the school year. It has been a pleasure meeting our newest members. I look forward to working along side each and every one of you during our time together.

**Have a brilliant month.
All the best,**

Domenic M. Giusti

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.

ELDREDGE STUDENT DIRECTORY UPDATE MARCH 2007

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MELANI/CRAIG**

HADFIELD

BOXTOPS FINAL :

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Boxtops for Education Drive. We have exceeded our numbers from last year, collecting 700 points! A special congratulations to Ms Kara Ratigan's 1st place class, and Ms Hadfield's 2nd place class who celebrated their win with an ice cream party before Feb vacation.

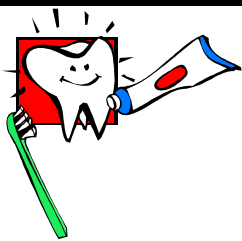
We'd also like to Thank all the eager participants who enjoyed the special Language Translation portion of our contest. Don't know what this is? Now you have something to ask your kids about at Dinner tonight!!

The Boxtops challenge will be starting up again next year, so start saving and clipping now.

The date for the **Eldredge Mother/Son** event is set for April 12th. It will be from 6:00-8:30 at United Skates of America in Rumford. The price will be \$10 for students and \$10 for Moms who want to participate in the activities -- laser-tag, rock climbing and roller blading (rentals included if needed) -- and \$5.00 for moms who will attend but don't want to do the activities. There will be all-you-can-eat pizza and a soda for all.

Home Exercise Equipment is needed at Eldredge!

If you have been thinking about getting rid of some used but good condition exercise equipment, please consider donating it. For more details contact Lisa McKay at 398-1373. All donations would be appreciated.



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.

This is an exciting and historic week for all libraries in

Rhode Island!



Tuesday afternoon the Library Legislative Commission kicked off SurfRI - six weeks of access to more than 40 databases that all Rhode Islanders may use from home, work and school.

There is something for everyone - encyclopedias, business journals, health articles, newspapers, biography, history, literature resources, and much, much more. No username or password is required to use the databases.

Why Statewide Databases are a Win/Win for all Rhode Islanders;

Statewide Databases level the playing field and are cost effective.

Statewide databases will:

* Provide all citizens with "one-stop" access to millions of quality information items at home, work, school or library.

- * Promote academic excellence by providing quality research materials.
- * Encourage economic growth by providing cutting-edge business information.
- * Provide an economy of scale through statewide purchasing, resulting in competitive pricing for all libraries.

46 states already provide their citizens with this type of information access. Statewide Databases will provide access to online books, journals, newspapers, magazines, and research, quality information resources that libraries must pay for and some libraries cannot afford. SurfRI will make these resources available to all Rhode Islanders, regardless of their library affiliation.

Log on yourself and experience the possibilities -
<http://helin.uri.edu/screens/riswdbmain.html>



This funding will depend on your support so try SurfRI today!



Event Name: **Kids Choose to be Healthy**

Event Date: Ongoing - call for event dates

Fee: \$0.00

Sponsor: Kent

Location: See schedule for locations

Target Audience: "Kids Choose To Be Healthy" is targeted for children ages 6-10 who are overweight. Click here for [program requirements and schedule](#).

Contact Information: Pam Hill at 401-737-7010 x1237.

Registration Method: Completed applications can be faxed to 401-736-4264, [emailed](#), or mailed to Pam Hill, Clinical Nutrition Manager at Kent Hospital, 455 Toll Gate Road, Warwick, RI 02886.

Event Details: A family-centered program designed to help RI's children learn and practice healthy eating habits, combat obesity and attain lifelong health.

Click here to download the [application form](#) and [session sign-up form](#).

Sessions are held at various locations around RI. [CLICK HERE for a SCHEDULE](#) for dates, times and locations of classes.

COMMUNITY SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE IN EAST GREENWICH!

East Greenwich, RI - While Rhode Island school children wait anxiously for a snow day and ice-fishermen hope for the ice to thicken, there are some folks who are already thinking spring. Take, for example, the farmers at Ledge Ends Produce. While most people probably envision farmers resting by the fire this time of year, Erik Eacker, owner of Ledge Ends Produce, is busily preparing for the coming growing season.

The historic Briggs-Boesch Farm, owned and managed by the East Greenwich Land Trust, is the home of Ledge Ends Produce. The farm produces certified organic vegetable and herbs, which you may have seen for sale at the Goddard Park Farmers Market, or the relatively new Coastal Growers Market in Saunderstown. Most of the farm's vegetables, however, are sold through a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program. To become members in this program, community members pay a \$550 fee. In exchange for this annual membership fee, members will receive a weekly share of fresh certified organic vegetables for twenty weeks (Early June through late October). Members also receive a weekly newsletter with farm stories, recipes, and news about the farm. Produce can be picked up either at farm in East Greenwich or at the Friends Meeting House in Providence.

The 2007 growing season will be the third year for the CSA program that Erik and his wife Trish Garland operate on the land. After two successful seasons operating the CSA program, the farm will be increasing the number of memberships it sells from 150 to 200. "We've sold out the past two years. This is the last time we'll increase membership," states Eacker, "so if people are interested, they need to get on board this year. There may not be any availability in future years."

SPRING BOOK FAIR!

We are pleased to announce the following schedule for the Spring Book Fair that is coming to Eldredge the last week of March. The classrooms will visit the Book Fair located in the hall between the gymnasium and cafeteria for 30 minutes on the following dates and times. They may make all of their purchases then and parents are encouraged to attend.

	<u>Monday</u> <u>March 26</u>	<u>Tuesday</u> <u>March 27</u>	<u>Wednesday</u> <u>March 28</u>	<u>Thursday</u> <u>March 29</u>
9:00	Boren	Marcotte	Kostrzewa	Hadfield
9:30	Barry	Rufful	McKenna	
10:00	Mernick	Mullen	K. Ratigan	
10:30	Uhrin	Adamo	MacGunnigle	
11:00		L. Ratigan		
11:30		Smith		

Parents, for your further convenience, we will have evening hours on Wednesday March 28th from 6:00pm - 8:00pm during Art Night

We hope to see you all during the Book Fair. If you have any questions, please call Cindy Platt (885-4518) or Linda Wegrzyn (886-0826).

Save the Date!!!!

Eldredge Art Night & Ice Cream Social (Same night as Book Fair)

March 28th

5:30pm 4th grade and part of 5th grade
(Ms. Adamo's, McKenna & Mullen's classes)

6:45pm 6th grade and part of 5th grade
(Ms. Rufful and Smith's classes)

**Please come view your child's
Masterpieces and celebrate
their Creativity!**



* * * REMINDER * * *
PLEASE JOIN US AT THE NEXT
ELDRIDGE PTG MEETING
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.
ELDRIDGE PTG...YOUR LINK TO EVERYTHING ELDRIDGE!

Attention All 6th Grade Artists!

The yearbook staff is holding a contest for this year's yearbook!

We need a drawing that will be used in the center of the
2006-2007 yearbook!

If you are a 6th grader at Eldredge and think you can create our winning drawing, please follow these simple rules:

1. We would like your drawing to include "**Class of 2007.**" Your drawing will be used to introduce the entire 6th grade's class picture so please remember to include "**Class of 2007**"
2. Be creative and use plenty of color. You can include the Eldredge Eagle, Eldredge building, or anything else you would like to use for your Class of 2007 drawing
3. Please see the attached sheet! Your drawing **MUST BE** created inside the box. You can use the attached sheet or any other sheet, but your drawing must **NOT** be bigger than the box. Anything larger, **CANNOT** be used for the contest
4. Your drawing **MUST BE** drawn in landscape form. On the attached sheet you will see "TOP" and "BOTTOM." You **MUST** draw your picture with your paper in that position. If you do not draw it this way, it **CANNOT** be used for the contest

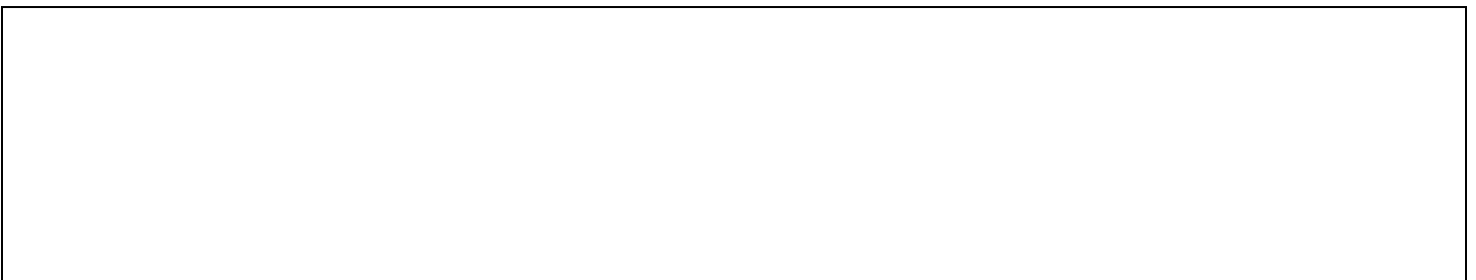
5. Put your first and last name on the **BACK** of your art piece
6. All entries must be submitted by Friday, **March 16, 2007**, no later.
This is a firm deadline
7. Return your entry to school in an envelope marked "Yearbook Contest."
Try not to fold your entry

If you have any questions, please call Annette Padrao at 884-7173

Thank You!!!



PLEASE SEE BELOW FOR
MORE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE ELDREDGE
YEARBOOK!!!!!!



BOTTOM

Eldredge Yearbook Booster Ads

It's time to sign up for the Eldredge Yearbook Booster Ads!

What are Yearbook Boosters Ads?

They are ads of congratulations and well wishes that will appear in the
2006-2007 Eldredge Yearbook.

Here are some examples:

Congratulations John on another great year! Good Luck at Cole. We think
you
are one terrific boy. Love, Mom, Dad, Jeff and Sue.

Samantha. Words cannot express how very proud we are of you! Health,
happiness and love. Mom, Dad and Sarah.

Congratulations Eric and Laura! You've worked hard, done so well, and are
two great kids! Love Mom and Dad.

6th grade will be a time of growing, learning and having fun with friends.
Good Luck. Love Grammie.

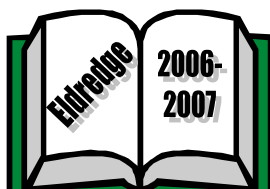
Booster Ads are \$10.00 per ad. Please make checks payable to "Eldredge
PTG." Complete the form below and return it to school by March 23, 2007 in
an envelope marked "Yearbook Boosters." Please use one sheet per ad. We
have a limited
number of ads available, so please get yours in as soon as possible.
Any questions, please call Annette Padrazo at 884-7173.

Yearbook Booster Ad - Make checks payable to "Eldredge PTG"

Student(s) Name(s):

Your Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Your Booster Ad:



Don't let the memories slip away!

Order your Eldredge 2006-2007 Yearbook now!

The Eldredge yearbook this year includes:

- Full color pages from cover to cover!
 - 48 pages full of fun
- Sturdy soft cover with resilient coating
- "Zoom" - A 16-page full color year in review insert
- Optional student portrait and name printed on the cover
(Additional charge)

ORDER TODAY!!

Fill out the form below and return it to school in an envelope marked "Yearbook Order"

Yearbook Order Form - Make checks payable to "Eldredge PTG"

Student Name: _____ **Grade:** _____

Teacher: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

Choose Your Yearbook: **Number of Yearbooks:** **Total Enclosed:**

Standard Yearbook - \$20.00 _____ \$: _____

With student's school portrait _____ \$ _____
and name printed on the cover
\$24.50

Thank you for your yearbook order!