



The Eagle's View

Eldredge Elementary School Newsletter

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CALENDAR

APRIL

16 – 20

April Vacation

No School

APRIL

23 -27

Reading Week

APRIL

23 -27

Reading Week

The Eldredge PTG Newsletter is published once a month. The next newsletter will appear on Friday, May 11, 2007. All information for the next newsletter must be submitted by Friday May 4, 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 FELLOW PARENTS,

AS HARD AS IT IS TO BELIEVE, WE'LL SOON BE ENTERING THE FOURTH QUARTER, AND IT IS NOW TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT WHAT ROLE YOU MIGHT LIKE TO FILL IN NEXT YEAR'S PARENT TEACHER GROUP AT ELDRIDGE. PLEASE CONSIDER THIS YOUR INVITATION TO STEP FORWARD AND THROW YOUR NAME INTO THE HAT. YOU CAN NOMINATE YOURSELF OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW FOR A VARIETY OF POSITIONS OPEN IN THE GROUP. THE MEMBERS OF THE GROUP START OUT WITH A COMMON BOND; WE ARE ALL PARENTS FOR ELDRIDGE AND WE ARE ALL VOLUNTEERS. THE BOND GROWS BEYOND THAT AS WE WORK TOGETHER TOWARDS A STRONGER COMMUNITY AND FIND FRIENDSHIP ALONG THE WAY. THE GOALS OF THE PTG INCLUDE: BUILDING COMMUNITY AMONG FAMILIES, ENCOURAGING PARENT PARTICIPATION AND ACTING AS A LIAISON TO THE PARENTS, FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATION.

OUR HOPE EACH YEAR, IN FILLING AVAILABLE POSITIONS, IS TO ENCOURAGE A BROAD BASE OF PARTICIPATION. WE WANT AND NEED EACH OF YOU TO CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING. WE WELCOME THE INVOLVEMENT OF NEW PARENTS AS WELL AS EXPERIENCED ONES. AND OF COURSE, WE WELCOME EITHER MOMS OR DADS TO HOLD A POSITION. PAST PARENT VOLUNTEERS HAVE FOUND THAT PARTICIPATION MEANS GETTING TO KNOW OTHER ELDRIDGE PARENTS AND FACULTY, A BENEFIT THAT HELPS BUILD A SUPPORT SYSTEM FOR OUR CHILDREN. THEY HAVE FOUND THAT MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THEIR CHILD'S SCHOOL IS EXTREMELY REWARDING. AND THEY'VE DISCOVERED THE SATISFACTION AND CAMARADERIE OF WORKING WITH FELLOW PARENTS TOWARD A COMMON GOAL.

WE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGE YOUR INTEREST IN THE PTC AND HOPE YOU WILL CONSIDER GETTING INVOLVED. THERE ARE MANY LEVELS OF PARTICIPATION. PLEASE READ THROUGH THE LIST OF OPPORTUNITIES AND FIND THE ONE THAT IS RIGHT FOR YOU. IF YOU NEED ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT ANY OF THE POSITIONS LISTED, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT OUR EXECUTIVE BOARD:

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THANK YOU AND HOPE TO SEE YOU ON THE BOARD NEXT YEAR.
KATHY LEWIS AND JANE LEEDS
CO-PRESIDENTS

FIESTA!!

MEXICAN CRAFTS & GAMES

PHOTO BOOTH & FACE PAINTING, BASKET RAFFLES, SILENT AUCTION, CAKE WALK, PIE EATING CONTEST
PLUS MUCH MORE!!

SATURDAY APRIL 28TH 12:00 - 3:00 PM

MEADOWBROOK FARMS

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2 CHESTNUT STREET

TICKETS ARE \$5.00 PER CHILD

ADULTS & CHILDREN AGE 3 & UNDER ARE FREE

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE DOOR

OR CAN BE PREPURCHASED BY CONTACTING:

SHERRY HALL 886-1975

OR

JOANN HUTCHINSON 884-3103

PREPAID TICKETS WILL BE HELD AT THE

DOOR ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT

ELDREDGE PTG MEETING

March 21, 2007

In attendance: Charlie Meyers, Superintendent of Schools, Exec. Board: K. Lewis, J. Leeds, K. Trupiano, S. Kurose, N. Lamoriello, C. Moss and six PTG members.

Renee Hadfield - Teacher Announcements

- Thank you for the delicious luncheon yesterday. The teachers really appreciated it.
- The School Report presentation will be on April 11th in conjunction w/ next PTG meeting.
- There are new speakers in the halls and outside Eldredge. This will help improve security and safety.
- Course selection sheets for Cole Middle School will be mailed out today.
- Stanford Achievement Testing (grades 4-5) and Stanford Reading Diagnostic (grade 6 only) will be April 3- 5. Make-ups will be completed week of April 9th.
- NECAP Science Pilot Assessment (grade 4 only) will be done during the two week window of May 14 - 24.
- If possible we need one more parent volunteer on SIT team.
- Will PTG consider purchasing one swing seat to replace the broken one on the playground?
- Renee needs a list of parent volunteers for 4th grade. Nancy to forward to Renee.
- 6th grade field trip is TBD. Currently, being discussed. 6th grade has not yet used their curriculum enrichment funds as well field trip money. Possible Boston Museum of Science, Ft. Adams, Rose Island. There will be a field trip and the teachers will plan it. Opened up to PTG for ideas as well.
- URI Scientists are coming to do science lessons with 4th graders. Trying to include 5th and 6th as well, sometime in April. Final date TBD.

Charlie Meyers, Superintendent of Schools

Overview of Facilities Situation

18 months ago, the School Committee/School Department appointed a facilities committee w/ two charges: 1.) To make sure we were spending the remaining monies for warrant article projects (repairs, etc. for various schools). They reorganized and prioritized all remaining projects and now anticipate that everything should be completed by the end of the summer. 2.) To take a look at Cole Middle School and come back to the School Committee with a recommendation/plan for Cole. Committee felt they needed to look at all of the schools not just Cole and that this was a full time endeavor. They then asked the school committee to fund a company to look at the entire picture, objectively. Strategic Building Solutions (SBS) did a complete study/analysis. They came up with six options to present to the school committee - four of the six options included building a new middle school. The last two

options just focused on renovating Cole. In examining costs, they found that renovations were about 87% of the cost of building a new building. The School Committee and Facilities Committee ruled out the renovation options and concentrated on options 3 and 4 (1 and 2 were very expensive).

In February, the School Committee and Town Council looked at both options. They voted unanimously at the meeting that we do need to build a new middle school on the Cole site and make renovations to the High School. SBS was asked to go back and look at the proposal again and try to cut costs on the original proposal and have done so. The projection is for a school to be ready in 2010. Need for this school is not necessarily because of increased enrollment but because of facilities conditions. Studies on projections for enrollment were done five different ways and they all showed a dip in enrollment over the next several years. The proposal currently on the table includes a 6-8 middle school. This will free up space in the other schools. Mass/CT have square footage classroom standard of 950 square feet. RI currently has no guidelines, but is developing them.

State has currently put the application submitted by the school district for a school and fields on hold until plans are finalized and town approves of everything. New regulations are forthcoming from the state and once those regulations are available we will resubmit everything tailored to meet those requirements. A new \$ figure has to be agreed to by the School Committee/Town Council and then they can go to the General Assembly to request a bond referendum in November. Then they can go back to the state with a \$ figure for the schools and fields. The School Department is worried about if we can get the original 30% reimbursement from the state or if amount will be lower. Hopefully, this will all be approved at the April 11th meeting between the School Committee and Town Council. Please consider attending.

2010 is the projection for a new middle school. High school addition and renovations can probably begin sooner and be completed sooner than the new middle school. Assuming the bond passes in November it will probably be at least 8 months to a year to do all design work and permits, etc. School Committee hired sBS as an objective project manager to watch out for EG's interests.

Art Night

Fire code issues. Would like to borrow partitions from Frenchtown because they are fire retardant. Need to firm that up. If they can't use the partitions, it will require many volunteers to hang artwork on the walls and, per Fire Marshall, all artwork needs to be put up immediately before and after the event.

Volunteer Coordinator

- Have open positions for next year. This will be sent out via list serve and newsletter. Especially need to fill executive board. Those on executive board are moving on to Cole.

- Need volunteers for Art Night.

- Chairpeople need to provide accurate costs on their events for budgeting purposes.

Treasurer

\$20,177.56 in account but several programs have not happened yet. With all the programs factored out we have approximately \$3,600 surplus.

Box Tops did very well - over 7,000 Box Tops were collected. After the ice cream party for the winning classroom, we made \$670.99

Teacher Requests

Several requested were put in. It was decided that anything that was "core material" would not be granted that these items should be paid for by School Department.

- **Mullens** - software program for 2 classrooms approx. \$80 - approved
- **Ratigan** - Book Project for science \$700 - needs to apply for mini grant (max \$300)
- **Fox** - Written language assessment test kits - need to find out if this is core material
- **Humphrey** - Mrs. Humphrey is heading to Saudi Arabia next week through the RI Library and wanted to pick up some items to discuss with the children on her return - Approve \$300. Mrs. Humphrey also has an additional \$1,100 in the library fund that she is looking into purchasing a SmartBoard and/or new chairs for library
- **Rufful/Smith** - request to purchase calculators (core material), templates (core material) and white boards. Approval of \$125 to be spent on whiteboards only
- **Mr. Guisti** - request to purchase a new swing seat that is broken on playground. Approval of no more than \$300. Request for playground equipment for all grades. \$100 per grade was approved. Should they need more they need to let us know.

PTG Gift to Eldredge

Looking into purchasing digital cameras for the school. Kathy will discuss with Elaine Colgan who purchased equipment for Frenchtown last year.

6th Grade "Graduating" Field Trip - In the past has always been planned by the principal. Jane will discuss with Mr. Guisti. It was suggested he talk with Mrs. Sousa, who organized Ellis Island trips with 6th graders from Hanaford in the past.

Yearbook

Question of how many yearbooks the PTG would buy for the school, teachers, etc. It was decided that free yearbooks would be discussed with the principal to be given as follows: to those children who are on the reduced/free lunch in 6th grade only, one for the office, one for the principal, 2 for the police department, 2 for the Eldredge library, 1 for the Superintendent.

Meeting adjourned at 12:36pm.

Girl Scout Troop 241 will be collecting donations of diapers and new socks and underwear for the 12th annual Project Undercover.

Project Undercover is a partnership between Girl Scouts of Rhode Island and the Rhode Island Donation Exchange Program. A collection box will be located in the front lobby of Eldredge School for your donation. Thank you for your support!

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.

Mentoring Update

NEXT WEEK- I am running a music program for students at Harbor Hill Nursing Home on Division Street- it is free and it will be our E.G. Children's Chorus. Call me for details- it will be 3 afternoons next week. Celebrity Chef's Dinner- MAY 20th is at 6 p.m. in Swift Gym TICKETS are on Sale at the Learning Express Toy Store and from me. A flyer will be going out to all soon. Please consider attending, this is a great meal provided by local Chef's and others and silent auction to benefit our students in the program, a great event not to be missed. thank you. Nina Mackta 398-1634

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU!!!

The Art Night - Ice Cream Social and Book Fair evening on March 28th was a tremendous success. We would like to thank all the volunteers for a job well done.

We especially would like to thank the coordinators of Art Night, Jackie Russel-Merriam, Mary Lippe, and Melanie Koehler for all their hard work and determination. There was a real gallery feeling to the event.

Cindy Platt once again ran a very successful book fair and we are grateful for all her hard work.

Thank you all.
Sincerely,

PTG NEWS:

Due to our participation in the 9th Annual 2006 Campaign to Fight Hunger the Alan Shawn Feinstein Foundation has sent us a check in the amount of \$164.50!

READING WEEK AT ELDREDGE!

Reading Week will officially kick-off on Monday, April 23rd. This year's theme is "SETTLE INTO A GOOD BOOK". The week promises to be filled with exciting Guest Readers, sharing their favorite stories and poems with different classes. Each class will host different Guest Readers. Some of our scheduled Guest Readers include: Channel 10's Gene Valicenti, Jeff Bradley and some Pawtucket Red Sox players, Channel 12's Tony Petraca, John Mone and Steve Cascione, Fire Marshal Susan Hawksley, Aim High Academy's Amy Nelson, ABC 6's Ken Bell, Karen Taylor librarian at East Greenwich Free Library, Town Manager William Sequino, Jr., Rhode Island Ballet Arts Academy Director Nancy McAuliffe, Superintendent Charles Meyers, Pam Noble of Happy Hearts, Avis Gunther-Rosenberg and Steve Krasner of the Providence Journal and Mary Beth Kreger owner of Learning Express. Reading week will run through April 27th.

Please stop by as the week progresses to see the Reading Week board and all of the pictures of our students and Guest Readers.

Lori Tedeschi and Ellen Caffrey, Reading Week Coordinators

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.

**PTG BUDGET
2006 - 2007**

	Approved Budget 2006-07	Revenue	Expenses	Balance	Notes
Opening Balance	8414.1			8414.1	
INCOME					
20 Week Club	2200	4340	850	3490	
Box Tops for Education	600		33.91	-33.91	
Book Fair - Fall	2000	7699.86	5146.6	2553.22	
- Spring	1500	7087.81	4676.69	2411.12	
Membership	4000	5005		5005	
Pasta Night	750	2070	847.19	1222.81	
Sweat Shirt Sale	800	4988	3239	1749	
Volunteer Grant		521.5		521.5	
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	
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		4505	4490	15	
Library Fund	-1557.91		400.93	-400.93	Mrs. H to decide
Mandatory Reserve	-1000			0	
Misc.	-2056.19	58.25	623.47	-565.22	\$155 F & R
Mother/Son Event	-200			0	
Moving On 6th Grade	-300			0	
Reading Counts	-400			0	
Reading Week	-300			0	
School Store	-200	596.46	652.43	-55.97	
Summer Reading ding	-700		599	-599	Total to date
Staff Appreciation	-600		175	-175	
Yearbook	-600	5754		5754	
Subtotal	-14564.1				
Surplus Funds					
Emergency Principal's Fund			500	-500	
Feinstein Grant		164.5		164.5	
School Bucks	-1500		162	-162	
Circ Enrich. 4th.Grade \$1200	-1200	41.67	1213.33	-1171.66	
5th.Grade \$1200	-1200	41.67	363.33	-321.66	
6th.Grade \$1200	-1200	41.67	363.33	-321.66	
Teacher Grants	-1200		115.32	-115.32	
Total Expenses				13083.79	

EAST GREENWICH SPORTS CAMPS 2007

Girls' Basketball

For Girls Entering Grades 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 in September 2007

Date: July 16 - July 20

Cost: \$140.00

Time: 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Camp Director: Peter Dion

Location: East Greenwich High School
300 Avenger Drive
East Greenwich, RI 02818

Girls Head Coach, EGHS

Enrollment limited to 64 campers

Description:

The EAST GREENWICH Sports Camps (Girls Basketball) will provide your child the opportunity to improve their skills in a structured instructional environment. Teamwork and sportsmanship are stressed. Our approach emphasizes cooperation in the building of skills. The EAST GREENWICH Sports Camps (Girls Basketball) approach introduces children to competitive sports in an enjoyable atmosphere. Last but not least, our program is fun!

Awards will be given at the end of the week.

All campers receive a camp T-shirt.

For more information:

Coach Peter Dion at 398-1311(s), 884-0256(h), prd22@cox.net

DAILY SCHEDULE

- 8:30 - intro/warm ups/stretch
- 8:45 - Ball Handling
- 9:00 - Stations
- 10:00 - Break
- 10:10 - Avenger Shooting
- 10:25 - Team Practice
- 10:40 - Games
- 11:20 - Lunch
- 12:05 - Lecture/Attendance
- 12:20 - X out/Free throws
- 12:45 - Team Practice
- 1:00 - Games
- 1:40 - Break
- 1:50 - Hot shot/ 1 on 1
- 2:10 - Shooting contests
- 2:25 - Dismissal/*SIGN OUTS*

EG GIRLS' BASKETBALL SPORTS CAMP

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone: _____ Emergency Telephone: _____

Grade (as of 9/07) _____ DOB _____ Height _____ T-shirt size: YL S M L

Parents Statements:

My daughter has had a physical recently and may participate in all activities at the EAST GREENWICH Sports Camp (Girls Basketball). I understand that every effort is made to protect the health and safety of the campers through supervision, training of the staff and inspection of the equipment and that the camp assumes no responsibility for accidents or illness. I, hereby, authorize the camp instructor to act for me according to his best judgment in any emergency requiring medical attention.

Parent/Guardian (Print)

Signature

Date

Send registration and payment by **May 31, 2007**
NO REFUNDS AFTER JUNE 16, 2007

Checks payable to: **East Greenwich Athletic Dept.**
East Greenwich Sports Camps
(Girls' Basketball)
300 Avenger Drive
East Greenwich, RI 02818

Scholarships and family discounts available upon request!

EAST GREENWICH SPORTS CAMPS 2007

Co-Ed Basketball

For Boys and Girls Entering Grades 2, 3, 4, 5 in September 2007

Date: July 9 - 13

Cost: \$140.00

Time: 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Camp Director: Peter Dion

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Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

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**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 SECRETARY ARE OPEN FOR 2007-08. GRAB YOUR FRIENDS AND TAKE A ROLE WITH PTG NEXT YEAR!

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Co-Presidents:

Vice President:

Secretary:

Treasurer:

Volunteer Co-Ordinator:

EVENT CHAIRPERSONS

20 Week Club:

6th Grade Yearbook:

After School Program:

Art Night/Ice Cream Social:

Book Fair:

Box Tops:

Character Counts Grades 4&5

Father/Daughter Dance:

Field Day:

Homeroom Coordinators: 4th

Homeroom Coordinators: 5th

Homeroom Coordinators: 6th

Head Homeroom Parents Chosen In Sept For Each Class

Membership:

Mentoring Liason:

Mother/Son Night:

Moving On Ceremony:

Pasta Night:

Photography:

Publicity:

Reading Week:

School Dir. Data Entry:

School Directory:

School Newsletter:

School Store:

Science Night:

Sweatshirts Sales:

Welcome Back Luncheon (Staff)

Teacher Representative

Please contact Nancy Lamoriello (884-5061) for more information !