



*Good listeners always add special life to a story and your enthusiasm, you awesome Eastside kids, has made many stories shine this year. Thanks again to Susan for writing that fabulous grant, and thank you Karen, Vic, Debbie, Darcy, Sally, Eric and Susan for your ongoing welcome and flexibility. I had a great year with you all.*

*Love,  
Kelly Terwilliger*

### **PACKING CLASSROOMS**

*Sign up sheets to help teachers pack classrooms from June 18 thru June 30th are located across from Susan's room. Please sign up ASAP. If you have any questions, please contact Kari Kytola @554-0609 or Jenny Mauro @687-5963.*

### **CLASSROOM PLACEMENTS FOR NEXT YEAR**

*Teachers will be making decisions about where to place students for math and language arts classes at their retreat on June 19th. If there are any considerations of how your child learns best that you would like us to take into account during this process, please put it in writing and give it to Debbie or Karen by Tuesday, June 17, 2008.*

### **THANK YOU JUDY!**

*Judy Shaw has been such a great asset to Eastside these past years as the parent co-convenor of Eastside's Parent Group. We wanted to take a moment to thank you for all you have done to help keep the Parent Group up and functioning. It's a job that requires many hands to make it work and you did so much of it with apparent ease! May the new parent group leaders be as successful in their efforts! Thank you, Judy!*

### **FIELD DAY UPDATE**

**THANK YOU** to all those signed up to help on Tuesday, June 17th. We're going to have a **BLAST!** Please arrive at 12:00 noon, Parker side gym door to help set up event. Volunteer assignments are:

- Event #1 Clean Your Room (Nikki Siegel, Linda Brunson, Mieke Stevens)*
- Event #2 Hipster Ball Walk (David Sokoloff, Kay Fullerton, JoAnn Hoffman)*
- Event #3 Marshmallow Fling (Ali Thomson, Sarah Grew, Lily Laththrop)*
- Event #4 Paperclip Chain Gang (Heather Shaw, Albert DeSalvo,  
Monica Ozwoeld)*
- Event #5 Parachute Games (Shaun Wilde, Michael Wilde, Christy Sheerin)*
- Event #6 Waterways Relay (Berri Hsiao, Wendy Hunter, Erin Smith)*
- Event #7 Daytona Trikes (Eric Smith, Abby Gershenson, Mandi Bussell)*

*Any questions, call Debbie Holland at 683-6926.*

**GARDENING IS EVERYWHERE!!!!!! WE NEED YOU FRIDAY!!!!!!**

**GREAT NEWS FROM OUR NEW GARDEN AND THE OLD ONE:** A joint group of Harris and Eastside parents made the rounds of the Harris site and picked many dream gardens we would like to see. We then consulted with Wally Bryant and one of the sites was given the go ahead! **SOOOO - MANY THANKS to TOM CRAMER** who rototilled our site on the weekend, and to **JANE CRAMER** for all her energy and for the building of some raised beds! We are going to have a mixed squash and flower garden there right away - which means we need **YOU!!!! COME JOIN OUR WHEELBARROW BRIGADE, FRIDAY JUNE 13th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (remember there is no school that day)**. We have a lot of manure we need to move into the boxes. Bring the kids, your wheelbarrow and shovel/pitchfork if you have them, and join us in starting a new community! You don't have to stay the whole time, just what you are able to do. If you have time please contact Sarah Grew, Yasha's Mom, at 349-0040 or [sarah@sarahgrew.com](mailto:sarah@sarahgrew.com) to let me know if you can come.

And the **CURRENT GARDEN** you ask? Debbie Kimball and her Fabulous Garden Project have planted many summer growing veggies to be harvested in the fall. The irrigation system is on, and all have agreed that the garden will remain a part of our curriculum until after the fall harvest! So we need volunteers to check into the garden once a week over the summer, your payoff is getting to eat the ripe produce! If you are interested please contact Sarah Grew, Yasha's Mom, at 349-0040 or [sarah@sarahgrew.com](mailto:sarah@sarahgrew.com)

**Minutes from Parent Meeting**  
**June 5, 2008**

Five committees reported an update: Foreign Language, Communications, Harris Site Garden, Moving, Student Involvement. More details (in the meeting minutes) will be e-mailed to parents soon. One highlight is the new parent page on the Eastside website! This will be a place for parents to learn news about the transition, committee updates, and a calendar of events! Thanks to Nancy West, Mike Jones, and Tim Jordon for their efforts on the website!

New principal Wally Bryant gave a brief personal 4-J employment history, shared that he has signed on to the Eastside/Harris collaboration for 3 years and shared that a merger survey will be mailed to all Eastside and Harris households in the coming weeks. The intent of the survey is to gauge parent interest in different aspects of what the new school could look like. He also answered as best as he could the many questions regarding next year. Further, he expressed sincere sympathy for how challenging it has been at Eastside in the recent past and acknowledged the hard work it will take to create a new, combined school.

**A NOTE FROM THE LIBRARY**

*Just a reminder that your library books must be returned or paid for before you receive your report card.*

### **EASTSIDE/HARRIS PLAY DATES**

*The Eastside/Harris summer play dates have been scheduled at Harris Elementary. We still need 1 more Eastside family who would be willing to donate a 1.5 hour block to playing at the Harris school playground and greeting other Eastside/Harris families. This is a great way for Eastside kids to familiarize themselves with the school grounds and hopefully Harris kids. Play dates have been scheduled throughout the summer: Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. and Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. The schedule is as follows:*

<i>Harris:</i>	<i>July 1st</i>	<i>11:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Eastside:</i>	<i>July 9th</i>	<i>6:00 p.m.</i>
	<i>July 23rd</i>	<i>6:00 p.m.</i>		<i>July 15th</i>	<i>11:30 a.m.</i>
	<i>July 29th</i>	<i>11:30 a.m.</i>		<i>August 6th</i>	<i>6:00 p.m.</i>
	<i>August 20th</i>	<i>6:00 p.m.</i>		<i>August 12th</i>	<i>11:30 a.m.</i>

### **VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED! EASTSIDE DIRECTORY**

*Time for fresh volunteers! Michael and Shaun Wilde have produced three years of the Eastside Directory and would like to pass the project on to a new team. The Excel files are set up, the information text is set, and the process to input new students and families is straightforward. In fact, the 2008-09 directory is already in early production. Someone with database and publication skills is helpful. Besides, in the process you get to know all the families and students! Michael will be happy to offer training and support.*

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM**

*Time for fresh volunteers! The After School Program has fostered the learning of second languages for the past five years. Michael Wilde has helped lead, grow, and change the focus of the program the past three years. It's time for new leadership. A parent group committee is currently brainstorming ideas for language instruction in a merged Harris/Eastside setting. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents interested in language learning to step up and take a leadership role.*

*Jon Bilenki, our Spanish teacher, will continue to offer the Wednesday after school Spanish class for grades 1-5 during the 2008-09 school year at the Harris/Eastside site. As program coordinator, he will handle registration and payment. If you have questions, please contact him at: [jbilenki@hotmail.com](mailto:jbilenki@hotmail.com) or 684-6934.*

*If you are interested, or have questions about these volunteer roles, please get in touch with Michael Wilde at [wildeduc@cmc.net](mailto:wildeduc@cmc.net) or 343-0646.*

### **SUMMER CHESS CAMP OPPORTUNITY**

*The Hungarian Grandmaster, Emil Anka, will be joining the SouthSide Chess Camps this summer in addition to being available for small group private lessons. If you're interested, contact Jerry Ramey @541-2332-0328 or j-adoube@efn.org*