

Our watermelon feed will be tomorrow from 1:45 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. outside on the playground. At 2:15 p.m. students will return to their advisee room where they will be dismissed at 2:40 p.m.

*Project sign ups are in this newsletter. Please review the project selections with your children, list their preferences and sign their project sheet. **Preference is given to students who bring in their project slip signed by their parent.** These slips are turned in to your advisee teacher first thing Friday morning (before going to your math class!) All 1st graders will be together with Eric for the very first project.*

We will start with Didi and David's advisee for first opportunity to sign up. Each time we have a new project, the next advisee in line gets to sign up first. This ensures that every child will have at least one or two times when they get their first choice. On the flip side, this means that sometimes they won't get their first choice.

If a child wants to make a project change, they will need to fill out a project change slip. They can get these slips from Marguerite or Susan. The staff will review the change requests and if there is room for a transfer, or students want to trade projects, the request could be granted.

EASTSIDE PARENT MEETING

*Eastside parents will be having their very first parent meeting on **Wednesday, September 17th from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.** The agenda will be in next week's newsletter. You can also check the website for more information.*

NEW EASTSIDE PARENT INFORMATION WEB SITE AT **<<http://nlwest.home.comcast.net/Eastside>>**

*Help make the web site a great central hub for parent information! Visit the site, take a look around, and submit items to share. Send the web team events for the calendar, text to post on the pages, documents to upload, or suggestions for new section topics and pages. The **CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT** link at the bottom of every web page will put all three web team e-mail addresses in your mail client, to make submitting easy for you! Please include event name, date, location, and contact name, phone and/or e-mail (if there are parent questions). You can also submit additions and changes to your contact information, so parent group e-mails and other important information gets to you. **THANK-YOU FOR HELPING US KEEP EVERYONE UP-TO-DATE!** Web Team -- Nancy West: nlwest@comcast.net, Tim Jordan: timjordan_design@yahoo.com, Mike Jones: mrjonz@comcast.net*

ALL SCHOOL PICNIC AT AMAZON PARK (WEATHER PERMITTING)

*Next **Friday, September 12th** we will be walking to Amazon Park with our advisees. Please join us if you'd like. We'll leave school at noon and return at 2:00 p.m. to finish out the afternoon in our project classes. Your child(ren) will need a sack*

*lunch and good walking shoes. Please let your advisee teacher know by **Tuesday, September 9th** if your child will need a sack lunch from the cafeteria.*

WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO TALK TO MY CHILD'S TEACHER?

At Eastside we pride ourselves with having close contact with our Eastside families. We want to hear about your concerns and give you the attention you deserve. The hardest time to give you our undivided attention is during class time or when there are students in the room before and after school. Unless it is an emergency, the most effective way to contact us is by e-mail. The e-mail addresses for the staff are:

Didi: moore_d@4j.lane.edu **Chris:** evans@4j.lane.edu
Susan: gusinow@4j.lane.edu **Eric:** freeman_e@4j.lane.edu
Larry: hopkins@4j.lane.edu **Brynne:** eidlin_b@4j.lane.edu
Kathy: mcpherson@4j.lane.edu **David:** adee_d@4j.lane.edu

REQUIRED NOTICE TO FAMILIES

SCHOOL INFORMATION AVAILABLE FOR NON-CUSTODIAL PARENTS

The Eugene School District is able to provide all co-custodial or non-custodial parents a duplicate copy of all district labeled mailings. Please let the school office know if you would like the name of a co-custodial or non-custodial parent added to the student's enrollment information.

***IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENT AND STUDENTS
HOURS OF SCHOOL SUPERVISION
SAFETY, SAFETY, SAFETY***

*Please help us to have the time before and after school safe for all of our wonderful children. **Students are not supervised in the morning until 8:10 a.m. Supervision ends at 2:40 p.m. after school, 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday.** These are very busy times as parents are dropping off and picking up children. **In the morning, students should not be arriving at school earlier than 8:10 a.m.** When students arrive, they are asked to stand and talk quietly with their friends outside the doors. Students will not be permitted to play tag or other running games before or after school for safety reasons. The doors will be opened at 8:10. Please help us by planning your drop off at 8:10 a.m. and picking up your child at 2:40 p.m. Together we can keep the parking lot and doorways safe before and after school for all Eastside students.*

School to Inform Parents if Their Student Receives a Threat

It has always been our practice to keep parents informed if their son or daughter receives a serious threat of violence or harm at school, but it is important for you to know about procedures we have implemented to comply with recent changes in State Law.

Oregon law requires schools to inform parents if their son or daughter's name appears on a targeted list (i.e. a "hit list") that threatens violence or harm, or when he or she receives a threat of violence or harm from another student. We will be using the following procedure to inform you if your student either receives or makes a serious threat of violence or harm.

If you son or daughter's name appears on a list threatening violence or harm, or if he or she receives other threats of violence or harm by another student, we will attempt to meet with you personally, or talk by telephone, within 12 hours of learning about the threat. We will tell you about the threat, who made it (if we know), and the action we are taking to respond to it. We will also send you a notice within 24 hours, stating that your son or daughter did receive a threat. Our number one priority will be to make sure that school is safe for your children.

If you son or daughter made the threat, we will let you know that he or she made it and the action we are taking, including informing the parents of the student who received a threat that your student made. We are also required by the district's Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook to inform the police.

AFTER SCHOOL SPANISH

After school Spanish classes will continue this year with Sr. Bilenki. We will meet on Wednesdays from 1:40 p.m. to 2:40 p.m. beginning September 17th thru December 10th. Applications are available and need to be turned in to Theresa in the office by Friday, September 12th. Spaces are limited so please register early. For questions or information about scholarships, please contact Jon Bilenki at jbilenki@hotmail.com

Fall Project **September 8 - September 26, 2008**

Butterflies are Beautiful: Eric, Grade 1 (science, art, math & habitats)

*Butterflies are interesting as well as beautiful. We'll learn about this wonderful insect's life cycle, structure, and various habitats, as well as the different species. You'll even raise one of your own! The beauty of the butterfly will be shown through our many art projects and hands-on activities. **All first graders will be together for their very first project at Eastside.***

Explore Your Inner Artist!: Brynne, Grades 2-3 (art, artists & literature)

Come experience the different styles and works of some of the world's most inspiring artists! We will be using literature to explore art by painting, sketching, and sculpting in the same ways that the masters did!

Intro to Spanish: Didi, Grades 2-3 (foreign language, music, cultures)

Do you like the idea of learning how to communicate with others in a different language? If so, come find out how fun it is! We'll learn some Spanish songs and basic phrases. In no time at all you'll be able to ask someone how they're doing, count to 20 (at least!) and discuss things you enjoy. Come join us ~ it's fun!

Create Your Own Comic Book: Susan, Grades 2-3 (art, technology, language arts)

Do you love to draw and write stories? If so, this class is for you! We'll start with basic tips and tricks of cartooning. Next, we'll illustrate a prewritten comic book to learn about characters, setting, plot and story layout. You'll then get to write a story of your very own and pen it in comic book form. Finally, you'll add the pictures and design a special cover to grab your audience. Like to try it on a computer? Grab a lap top and try the "Comic Life" program!

Learning to See it Like That: Kathy, Grades 3-5 (art, math)

In this class, we'll first make our own journals. We'll then explore filling them up with different ideas, writing, art projects and found objects. We'll especially explore the idea of doors and windows, perspective, and how to 'see behind them.' If you like to get lost in on-going art projects and are willing to try some new techniques, this class is for you!

Looking Back...Way Back, Chris, 4-5 (anthropology, history, geology, ecology, paleontology, technology)

Did you know that Eastern Oregon was once beach front property and Eugene was at the bottom of the sea? We'll look back through time at what is now Oregon... its land, ecosystems, and people. We'll spend three days and two nights at OMSI's Camp Hancock near Fossil, Oregon. We will leave early on Wednesday, September 17th and return in the late afternoon on Friday, September 19th. Drivers/Chaperones will be needed who can transport four or more students. The cost is \$95.00 per student and driver. Full and partial scholarships are available for students. **Please do not sign up for this class if you were in the "Looking Back" class last fall or if you are not able to go on the overnight trip to the OMSI camp.**

Bats and Caves: Larry, Grades 4-5 (biology, ecology, geology)

What makes a cave a cave? How are caves formed? Does anything actually live in there? In this project we will study cave formation and cave habitats. We will dispel any urban legends about bats, replacing them with appreciation for bats' role in the food chain and their uniqueness. We'll travel to the Oregon Caves for an overnight trip (date to be announced). Drivers/Chaperones will be needed. The cost (to be announced) per child. This includes all activities, lodging, dinner, breakfast and lunch. Full and partial scholarships are available for students. Please do not sign up for this class if you were in the "Bats and Caves" class last fall or if you are not able to go on the overnight trip.

Please return this signed slip to your advisor's room tomorrow morning before going to math class.

Name _____ Grade _____ Advisor _____

1st choice _____

2nd choice _____

3rd choice _____

Parent Signature

Projects will be posted on Monday, September 8th Any requests for project change need to be turned in by 10:30 a.m. on Monday, September 8th.