

EASTSIDE NEWSLETTER

687-3286 Eastside Alternative School September 18, 2008

September 19 (F) Project Sign-Up (project to begin Monday, September 29)
September 25 (Th) Site Council Meeting @2:50 p.m. in Room 2
October 2 (Th) Curriculum Night
October 3 (F) NO SCHOOL ~ Staff Development
October 7 (T) All School Jog-A-Thon
October 9 (Th) Picture Day
October 10 (F) NO SCHOOL ~ Statewide Inservice

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for submitting article(s) for the newsletter is **9:00 a.m. Tuesday morning**. All articles need to be given to Marguerite or e-mailed to her at: moore_m@4j.lane.edu

CARDS AND TOYS

In order to avoid hurting feelings, we ask that trading cards and toys not be brought to school. If your child brings these to school, we ask that they remain in their backpacks and not be brought out during the school day. Your help on this would be greatly appreciated!

EASTSIDE SCHOOL DIRECTORY

If you have not yet turned in your school directory form (pink form in last week's newsletter) be sure to turn it in to Marguerite tomorrow. If you need another form, please see Marguerite.

HELPING HEARTS COMMITTEE

Hello Eastside Parents,

I am looking to develop a slightly different Helping Hearts Committee and would love parents to call, e-mail or catch me at school to discuss their thoughts or ideas. I have spoken to Wally, Susan, Site Council members, and parents about continuing our annual Rummage Sale (it looks like October 17th and 18th might work) but changing how we use the money earned. In the past we have worked with St. Vincent DePaul to get a homeless family in housing. I was hoping we could use the money earned to help Eastside and Harris families in need of help. Roosevelt Middle School has students bring in food and money before the winter break and food baskets with a turkey or ham are delivered to Roosevelt to families contacted by the counselor (from the Free and Reduced Lunch list). I also thought any leftover funds could be held in an account to possibly be used if a family has an emergency.

These are some ideas and I welcome any assistance or suggestions. My cell # is 579-6893 and e-mail is jo.hoffman@comcast.net. I will be on the Fossil field trip Sept.

17th-19th and will e-mail or return calls then. Thanks a lot.

JoAnn Hoffman

IT'S JOG-A-THON VOLUNTEER TIME

We will need volunteers to help with this year's jog-a-thon. This is a joint school venture between Eastside and Harris and will be a big fundraiser for our school. **WE NEED YOU** to make it a success and a fun time for the kids at the same time.

There will be a work party for the balloon arch (**the BIG finish line**) immediately after school in the gymnasium on **Monday, October 6th** to prepare for the event. Please help to tie one on, so to speak. Eastside and Harris kids (and siblings) can hang out and play with the balloons as we all work. Many hands make this a very quick task (and the shop-vac means it won't take your breath away).

Much more help will be needed on the day of the event, **Tuesday, October 7th**, plus parents to run with and cheer for the kids. Please use this form to sign up and turn in to the main office. Please contact Heather Shaw at heathers06@gmail.com or 344-1920.

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- ___ I will work at the balloon arch work party (Monday, October 6th)
 - ___ I would like to stamp cards or record keep (Tuesday, October 7th from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.)
 - ___ I would like to serve refreshments (Tuesday, October 7th, from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.)
 - ___ I'll help where needed, please call.

Name _____
e-mail _____
Phone _____

Best time(s) to call _____

WHAT IS A WEDNESDAY WORKSHOP?

Every Wednesday, from 12:45 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. your child will do a workshop with either an Eastside teacher, David the music teacher or, every once in a while, an Eastside parent. These workshops are on a wide range of topics but last only 40 minutes. Past examples are: Dance, Soccer, Melted Beads, Fused Photos, Computerized Animation, and a wide range of crafts and science-based topics. Every Tuesday in advisee, your child will choose their Wednesday Workshop for the following day. Like projects, children don't always get their first choice, but the

process is done fairly ~ advisee teachers usually do it by grade. Marguerite then posts the Wednesday Workshops on the board each Wednesday morning in the upper hall beside the project postings. You and your child can check Wednesday morning to see what workshop he or she is in and which room it will be in.

PARENT-LED WEDNESDAY WORKSHOPS: *Many of you are aware of the Eastside tradition that one of the Wednesday Workshops each week is led by a parent. This year we will still have parent led Wednesday Workshops, but they don't need to happen each and every Wednesday. If you wish to lead a workshop, please fill out a form in the envelope by the calendar in the upper hallway (between Susan's room and Marguerite's work room). You may also sign yourself up on that calendar for the Wednesday you would like. I will call or e-mail you to confirm the date and exchange information on the workshop. Please give me at least a two-week notice when signing up to lead a workshop!*

WHAT IS A PARENT-LED WEDNESDAY WORKSHOP? *It is a 40 minute-long class in which a parent (and parent helper) do an art project, play a game, or teach something new to a workshop of Eastside students. Past parent-led workshops have ranged from 'Identifying Clouds' to 'Hawaiian Dance' to 'Drumming' to 'Flower Hair Clips' to 'Knot Tying'. For more information please see the postings in the hallway between Susan's room and Marguerite's workroom. Eastside has a long and wonderful tradition of original, inspiring and just plain fun parent-led Wednesday Workshops. Questions? Contact Abby Gershenzon: abbyger@gmail.com or 485-*

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***Fall Project
September 29 - September 26, 2008***

Teddy Bear's Picnic: Didi, Grades 1-2 (literature, science, art)

Come play with the bears! In this class, we'll explore classic fairy tales celebrating bears, learn all about the real furry creatures and even sew a basic teddy bear. On our last day, we will have our very own "Teddy Bear Picnic!" (Teddy Bears from home are welcome!)

The Amazing Human Body: Brynne, Grades 1-2 (health, science, art)

Attention: Future Doctors! Come and learn about our fascinating bodies! We will be talking about the different body parts and how they work to make us healthy!

Piratology 101: Larry, Grades 2-3 (history, geography, art, p.e.)

Arghh, Mateys! We'll soon be setting sail for the seven seas. Come learn about pirates, ships, a bit of oceanography with some art thrown in for good measure. You'll enjoy this class or I'll make you walk the plank!

Keynote Slideshows and Pages: Chris, Grades 2-3

Come learn how to use technology to create your own slideshows on a computer. Beginners are welcome in this introduction into the digital world. Let Chris show you tricks to use technology to research topics you are passionate about!

Harvest Garden: Kathy, Grades 3-5

Enjoy the fall sunshine outside in our beautiful Eastside School Garden. We will harvest the bountiful produce of our large organic garden, cook and eat some of what we've grown, and share some with others. We will also plant falls crop and cover crops. Through hands-on studies, we'll learn about the science of gardening: making compost, pollination, and non-toxic pest control. Garden songs, games, and a trip to the local Farmer's Market make this a project you won't want to miss.

Things That Go Up! Eric, Grades 4-5 (physics, science, art)

Hot air balloons and rockets. We'll start with hot air balloons, make them, launch them and then move on to rockets ~ make them, launch them.

Medieval Times: Susan, Grades 4-5 (social studies, geography, art, team building)

Hear Ye, Hear Ye! Come learn about life in the Middle Ages. We'll study the feudal system, heraldry, medieval myths, falconry and daily life. They'll be plenty of art projects, too. We'll design our own coats of arms, dragon masks, and faux stained glass. To culminate the unit, students will work in partners or on their own to come up with goods or services from the time period for Medieval Fair. Costumes are encouraged!

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 Wednesday, September 24th. Any requests for project change need to be turned in by 3:00 p.m. Thursday, September 25th.