

EASTSIDE NEWSLETTER

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Eastside Alternative School

October 9, 2008

October 17 (F). Drop off Rummage Sale Items in Gym
October 18 (Sat) Helping Hearts Sale
October 23 (Th) Health Screening
October 24 (F) Project Sign-Up (project to begin Monday, November 3rd)
October 27 - 31 (M - F) Language Arts Conferences
School Dismissed at 11:45 a.m. Mon, Tues, Wed, and
Thurs and 1:30 p.m. on Friday, 10/31
October 30 (Th) Halloween Parties 11:00 - 11:30
October 31 (F) All School Pumpkin Patch trip to Northern Lights
November 2 (Sun) Standard Time (set clocks back one hour)
November 10 (M) NO SCHOOL ~ Staff Development Day
November 11 (T) NO SCHOOL ~ Veteran's Day
November 27 & 28 (Th & F) NO SCHOOL ~ Thanksgiving Holiday

JOG-A-THON NEWS

This year's jog-a-thon is over, but the most important part still remains . . . be sure to collect those pledges and have all packets turned in to your advisor by Wednesday, October 15th.

HALLOWEEN PARTIES

*Advisees will be having Halloween parties on **Thursday, October 30th from 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.** Costumes can be worn to school for the day, but please remember to wear something that is comfortable and appropriate for sitting and studying. No simulated weapons may be brought to school.*

HEALTH SCREENING

*All 1st, 3rd, and 5th graders will have their vision and teeth checked on **Thursday, October 23rd.** Volunteers are needed to help with this from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. If you're able to volunteer, please contact Mieke Stevens at 338-0366.*

REMINDER: NO SCHOOL TOMORROW

THE EASTSIDE/ HARRIS HELPING HEARTS PROJECT

It's time to begin work on this year's Benefit Rummage Sale. We will need all students' and families' help with this.

For those families new to Eastside, and to you Harris families unfamiliar with this project, the Homeless Family Project (as it was called previously) has been an Eastside tradition since 1988. This is our 20th year! Wow! Each fall students, families, relatives & neighbors collect "gently-used" clothes, toys, books, furniture, household goods, and treasures of all kinds. Then they bring these items to the school gym at drop-off, during the day, or at pick-up on Friday (October 17th). Parent volunteers (sign up sheets will be posted on the announcement board by the office) work shifts most of Friday getting ready for the sale & Saturday at the sale. All volunteers get to come to the sale half an hour early Saturday morning to get a chance to shop.

Saturday October 18th is the big sale from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Saturday afternoon after 2:00 p.m., everything will be half-price and some nonprofit agencies shop free of charge. After 4:00 p.m., everything is free. Whatever is left over at 5:00 p.m. is bagged up for St. Vincent de Paul to pick up Monday morning.

In the past the money was used helping to get a family from St. Vincent de Paul's program into housing, but will now be put into a Helping Hearts Fund to help families in the Eastside/ Harris community. SO, sort thru your stuff this weekend and get ready. Please call or e-mail JoAnn Hoffman with questions, suggestions, offers of assistance . . . 579-6893 or jo.hoffman@comcast.net. Thanks for your help!

ATTENTION ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS!

The 5th grade parents are collecting photos and videos of this years' 5th graders. We will be including them in an end of the year video. During the course of the year, if you take any great pictures or videos of the 5th graders at school, on field trips, at school events, etc. please forward them to Jenny Mauro at scrapdiva1@hotmail.com. Thanks for all of your help!

PUMPKIN PATCH TRIP ~ WEATHER PERMITTING

Students and teachers will be going to Northern Lights Pumpkin Patch on Friday, October 31st. We will be leaving school at 9:00 a.m. and returning at approximately 1:30 p.m. ; A request for parent drivers will be forthcoming!

Note: As listed in the calendar on the front page, October 27th thru October 31st are language arts conferences. School will be dismissed at 11:45 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and 1:30 p.m. on Friday!