

# EASTSIDE NEWSLETTER

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Eastside Alternative School

October 16, 2008

October 17 (F)	Drop off Rummage Sale Items in Gym
October 18 (Sat)	Helping Hearts Sale
October 23 (Th)	Health Screening
October 23 (Th)	Harvest Barn Dances (see newsletter for times)
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

## **A NOTE ABOUT CONFERENCE TIMES**

*A number of parents have asked why conferences were 5 half-days this year instead of 2 and a half full days. The main reason for this was to accommodate the schedule Harris already had in place. Eastside students taking the bus could then still have district transportation, meals before and after school for 2 extra days, and specialists freed up to attend conferences. Academic advantages meant getting to see students 2 more days for reading and math and scheduling fewer conferences on a single day, thus improving their quality.*

*We apologize for making child-care arrangements more difficult for you. Please note there is an after school "Creative Care" program on site where students can go for a nominal fee on a drop-in basis. Don't hesitate to call them at 683-7291 for more information. We will definitely weigh the pros and cons before making up next year's schedule and give you more advanced notice. We may also want to cancel or reorganize the pumpkin patch trip to give us more in-class day during such a busy month. As always, your feedback is much appreciated. We hope this addresses your concerns. Thanks for your patience with us.*

*Susan and Wally*

## **STAYING CONNECTED > PARENT COMMUNICATION AT EASTSIDE**

*See the Parent Group Web site at <http://www.eastside-parents.com> for an event calendar, breaking news, parent group and site council meeting agendas and notes, the weekly newsletter, contact information for staff and parent group leaders, and much more!*

*To update your contact information in the directory, or to post an event or news item on the web site, send it to Nancy West ([nlwest@comcast.net](mailto:nlwest@comcast.net)). Clickable link at the bottom of every page on the web site. **Please provide address, phone, and e-mail changes to both the main school office and the parent group.***

*To send out an e-mail to the parent group e-mail list, or change your e-mail address for parent group e-mails, contact Marina Ormes ([marina@efn.org](mailto:marina@efn.org))*

*To find out more about how you can help out at school, contact Mieke Stevens, volunteer coordinator at 338-0366 ([miekeandpatrick@msn.com](mailto:miekeandpatrick@msn.com)).*

*Questions? Suggestions? Contact the Parent Group Communications Team: Marina Ormes ([marina@efn.org](mailto:marina@efn.org)), Nancy West ([nlwest@comcast.net](mailto:nlwest@comcast.net)), Tim Jordan ([tjordan@uoregon.edu](mailto:tjordan@uoregon.edu)), Tony Kaperick ([TonyK@INXi.com](mailto:TonyK@INXi.com)), and Mike Jones ([mrjonz@comcast.net](mailto:mrjonz@comcast.net))*

### **NEW PARENT WEB SITE ADDRESS: [HTTP://WWW.EASTSIDE-PARENTS.COM](http://www.eastside-parents.com)**

*This new web site address for the parent group leads to the same location as the old address, so your bookmarks still work. But it was so hard to remember the old one, that we got this new domain address that is much easier to remember and will take you right to the web site. Questions? Contact Nancy West at [nlwest@comcast.net](mailto:nlwest@comcast.net)*

### **BIKE + WALK + CARPOOL + BUS DAY THANKS!**

*Thanks to all of you who helped make last Wednesday's celebration such a fun success. It was great to see so many people using so many different ways of getting to school. It was equally wonderful to see Harris and Eastside kids joining together for the food, music, raffle, and fun. We hope there are many more alternative-transport parties to come, and next time, we hope everyone feels welcome at the celebration including kids who come to school by car.*

*We also want to thank some of our local donors. Len at Hutch's Bicycles donated many of our raffle prizes including helmets, water bottles, lights, and visors. EWEB donated the water cooler and all of the cups, and Bagel Sphere sold us their bagels at a discount. We couldn't have done it without you!*

*The Bike+Walk+Carpool+Bus Day Committee*

## **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.

## **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION**

There are now cans available for Box Tops for Education in all seven classrooms. Please have your kids bring the box tops and drop them in the cans. We will collect them periodically. This is a great way to earn extra money for our school. It really is **FREE MONEY!** To see a full list of participating products check out [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com)

If you have labels, such as Campbell's, Pepperidge Farm, etc they can be dropped off in the cafeteria where their are large receptacles. A list of those products can be found at: <http://www.labelsforeducation.com/>

Feel free to contact, Karen Luks ([kluks@comcast.net](mailto:kluks@comcast.net)) with any questions.

## **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.

## ***OUR 20TH ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE IS 2 DAYS AWAY!***

We need everyone in the Eastside/ Harris community's help to make this a success. The more effort we put into this project, the more funding we can raise for our Helping Hearts Fund. Here's what you can do to make a difference:

Bring toys, books, games, clothes, sporting goods, household goods, etc. to be donated to school **TOMORROW** at drop-off, pick-up or anytime between 7:45 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sign up to volunteer a shift Friday or Saturday to help with the prep & the sale.

Come shop at the Rummage Sale Saturday, October 18th between 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Tell friends, family & neighbors to come shop. Great stuff at great prices (did I mention a grocery bag of clothes for \$5.00?)

If you have any questions please e-mail [jo.hoffman@comcast.net](mailto:jo.hoffman@comcast.net) or call JoAnn @ 579-6893

## **PUMPKIN PATCH TRIP**

*Be sure to fill out and return the permission slip for the all school trip to Northern Lights Christmas Tree Farm attached to the back of this newsletter (salmon colored form) and return it to your advisee teacher by Thursday, October 23rd.*

## **A CALENDAR OF UPCOMING MUSICAL EVENTS**

*Please take a moment to mark these upcoming dates and times on your school calendar:*

### ***Harris/Eastside Harvest Barn Dances (in the Gym)***

*October 23 (Thursday) 6:30 p.m. & 7:15 p.m.*

*6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. - for families with last names beginning with letters A-L*

*7:15 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - for families with last names beginning with letters M-Z*

### ***PENDING: 4J Board Meeting, December 3, 2008***

*(Ed. Center - 200 North Monroe Street)*

*Harris/Eastside 4th & 5th Grade Marimba*

### ***Bookfair Concert: THURSDAY, December 4th\* (in the Gym)***

*\*Originally scheduled for 12/3/08 but changed to accommodate 4J Board meeting*

*Harris/Eastside Choir 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.*

*Harris/Eastside 4th Grade Marimba 7:00 p.m. - 7:20 p.m.*

*Harris/Eastside 5th Grade Marimba 7:20 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.*

### ***Harris/Eastside Winter Sing (in the Gym)***

*December 18 (Thursday) 6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.*

***PUMPKIN PATCH PERMISSION FORM ON NEXT PAGE --->***

# Pumpkin Patch Field Trip To Northern Lights For All of Eastside

When: Friday, October 31, 2008  
Time: Leave at 9:00 a.m.; Return at 1:30 p.m.  
Bring: Sack Lunch (or order from the school)  
Warm clothes in layers, raincoat (possibly)  
Cost: \$5.00 per student

We need parent drivers and will be going by Advisee. Please fill out the form below and return it to your advisee teacher by Thursday, October 23, 2008.

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Check all that apply:

\_\_\_ Enclosed is \$ 5.00 for \_\_\_\_\_  
(Student's Name)

\_\_\_ Scholarship Needed

\_\_\_ We would like to order a school sack lunch.  
\_\_\_ Use my ticket \_\_\_ Enclosed is \$2.10

\_\_\_ I will provide a sack lunch for my child

\_\_\_ I will provide a booster seat for my child.

\_\_\_ **Yes! I can drive on October 31st.**

I have seat belts for \_\_\_\_\_ students.

I have checked with Theresa to make sure my insurance card is up to date

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent's Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone #

***Please return this slip to your advisor by October 23rd!***