

EASTSIDE NEWSLETTER

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Eastside Alternative School

October 23, 2008

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

PEACE FESTIVAL

*Eastside **will be** doing an all school Peace Festival this year. It will happen in January 2009 to help celebrate the New Year. Watch the newsletter for the exact date and time.*

PUMPKIN PATCH TRIP

Permission slips for the all school trip to Northern Lights Pumpkin Patch on Friday, October 31st were due today. If you have not turned in your form, please do so by tomorrow. Extra forms are available with Marguerite. If your child(ren) will not be attending school that day, please be sure and let their advisee teacher know.

WE WILL NOW BE TAKING SCHOOL BUSES TO THE PUMPKIN PATCH, SO PARENT DRIVERS ARE NO LONGER NEEDED!!!

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.*

TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL PARENT CONFERENCE

Parent conferences are one of the best communication tools for home to school. Here are some things to think/talk about before you come.

1. *Ask your child how things are going at school. What are some of the things your child likes about school and what are some of his/her dislikes.*
2. *Arrive on time and keep in mind parents, staff and students are a team.*
3. *Be curious. Ask about your child's performance socially, use of time and work completion (both in class and homework).*
4. *Ask about what can be done at home to help support what is happening in the classroom.*

Remember, a conference is a time to talk and to listen. Be tactful but honest. It takes a village, so let's work together to create the best learning situation possible.

Attached to the back of the newsletter (not included on web site) is a copy of the form used at Eastside for goal conferences. Feel free to brainstorm together and bring the rough draft in at your conference time. Sometimes a little extra think time is extremely helpful.

A NOTE ABOUT OUR GUEST PROJECT TEACHERS

Lance Larwood ~ I was born in Eugene and, after being drafted in the army, went to the University of Oregon to get my teaching credentials. I took my first teaching job in a Cree Native American village in Northern Alberta. After two years in Canada I returned to Oregon, taking a job at Evergreen Alternative School where I taught 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade and sometimes 1st and 2nd grade . . . for the next 30 years! I miss kids now that I am retired and so here I am ~ here at Eastside, ready to play ~ oh, I mean work, with kids again.

Sara Glater ~ is back this year for the November project. I am the director of the multigenerational program, Art Soup and am a practicing artist. I hold one graduate degree in printmaking and one in theater design. I invite dialogue and begin each class with a turtle tale. I have several live turtles to tell about.

Bill DeWein ~ was a first grade teacher here in Eugene for many years as well as an artist extraordinaire. Now that he has retired, he has taught many projects for Eastside (the last one was quilting!) and is always a favorite of our students.

LOST AND FOUND

Is your child missing a coat, jacket, gloves, lunch box, etc.? If so, be sure and stop in the main hallway (near the office) during conferences next week as all items will be displayed on tables.

Fall Project -- November 3 - 25, 2008

Printmaking Jr: Bill DeWein, Grades 1-2 (art)

In this project, we will explore the art of printmaking. Students will do a variety of wonderful projects using the medium of printmaking, creating work to take home as well as sharing their ideas with the 4-5 class.

Paper, Paper, Paper: Kathy, Grades 1-2 (art,math)

*Use paper to curl, fold, weave, make a card, an envelope, a kite, a balancing paper, a sturdy tower, a tessellation, and a work of art. This class uses math and your imagination to explore ways paper works. **I would love a 5th grade helper. If interested, please see Kathy.***

Garage Band 101: Eric, Grades 2-3 (technology, music)

Come join us as we learn how to use Garage Band, a program designed to help you meet your inner Mozart and create a musical masterpiece that you can play for friends and family.

Chocolate: Susan, Grades 2-3 (history, geography, literature, science)

*Come learn everything you ever wanted to know about chocolate - where it grows, how it's made, who discovered it, who manufactures it, and who writes about! We'll even drink Aztec hot chocolate, if you're brave enough to try it! **If you took this class last year, please DO NOT sign up for it again.***

Salmon: Chris, Grades 3-4-5 (science, art, music)

Immerse yourself in the world of salmon. Study their life cycle through art, music and stories.

Mummy's Message: Lance Larwood, Grades 4-5

This class will use a simulation of an archaeological expedition into one of peoples most mysterious creations, the pyramid. We will learn facts about ancient Egyptian culture and compare them to ours. You and your team will make decisions and try to discover the secret message hidden in the Great Pyramid!

Printmaking: Sara Glater, Grades 4-5 (art)

Printmaking is full of surprise and layers. In this project, we will create a range of prints from carved to stencil to collage and more. As always, students will be encouraged to explore and develop their own ideas and will be pleased to discover happy results.

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, October 29th. Any requests for project change need to be turned in by 12:00 noon Thursday, October 30th.

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). 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)

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

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

A NOTE FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

The flu season is from November to April, with most cases occurring between late December and early March, but the vaccine is usually offered between September and mid-November (and may be given at other times of the year).

Getting the shot before the flu season is in full force gives the body a chance to build up immunity to, or protection from the virus. Although you can get a flu shot well into flu season, it's best to try to get it earlier rather than later. However, even when there are only 2 or 3 months left in the flu season, it's still a good idea to get protection.

BARN DANCES

*Just a reminder that the "**Barn Dance**" is tonight! Last names A - L are here from 6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. and last names M - Z are here from 7:15 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.*

Insert not included:

Student Goal Sheet for Conferences