

EASTSIDE NEWSLETTER

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Eastside Alternative School

October 30, 2008

October 31 (F)	All School Pumpkin Patch Trip to Northern Lights
October 31 (F)	Optional Parent Meeting @1:45 with Eric & Susan to answer any merger questions
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 12 (W)	Parent Meeting @6:30 p.m.
November 13 (Th)	Picture Retakes
November 14 (F)	Project Sign-Up (project to begin December 1)
November 27 & 28 (Th & F)	NO SCHOOL ~ Thanksgiving Holiday
December 19 (F)	All School Trip to Skate World
December 22 - January 2.	NO SCHOOL ~ Winter Break

PUMPKIN PATCH TRIP: *Just a reminder that the pumpkin patch trip is tomorrow morning. Rain jackets and sack lunches are a must! We will leave school around 9:00 a.m. on school busses and return at 1:30 p.m. for dismissal from school for the day. In case of a storm, we will return to school and dismiss at 1:30 p.m. as planned.*

MERGER UPDATE: *On Wednesday, November 12, 2008, from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. there will be a combined Harris/Eastside Parent meeting to get parent input related to the 09-10 plans for the merger of Eastside and Harris. Parents will have an opportunity to respond to concepts/ideas that staff have been working on for the "Ideal School". We will also be soliciting concepts/ideas from parents about your "Ideal School". We hope to see as many parents as possible at this important meeting. Child care will be provided*

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: *Due to the fact that there is no school on **Monday, November 10th and Tuesday, November 11th** all articles for the newsletter that week need to be submitted to Marguerite by **9:00 a.m. Friday, November 7th.***

PICTURE RETAKES: *Picture retakes will be **Thursday, November 13th.** Any student who did not have their picture taken may do so on this day. If you are unhappy with your child's picture the entire packet must be returned at the time of retakes.*

CALLING ALL TRICK-OR-TREATERS: *Fox Hollow Residential Care Center has asked that students in costume come to trick-or-treat from 3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. on Friday. They are missing the little ones!*

NOTE TAKER SOUGHT: *The Eastside parent group is in need of a note taker. Responsibilities include attending meetings, taking notes and posting those notes to the web site. Call Jennifer @343-2412 if you have time and interest to volunteer for this position.*

RUMMAGE SALE WRAP-UP AND THANK YOU: *We all did it! The rummage sale went very smoothly, thanks to everyone who pitched in. The number of volunteers is too big to list (we need to save those trees), but you all know who you are. THANK YOU! We couldn't have pulled off such a great event without all the donations and hard work of kids, families, staff, and friends from Harris and Eastside. We were able to help many families from the school and nonprofit agencies (such as Womenspace and Birth to Three's Teen Division) shop for a lot of warm clothes, free of charge. Many shoppers got great deals when everything went half price and later when everything was free. In addition to helping the community, we raised \$1,500 to help families in our school community with the The Helping Hearts Fund. It has been a wonderful community-building effort and I thank everyone of you.*

JoAnn

Thank you, JoAnn, for all your work on this. We so appreciate you!

The Eastside Staff

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)