

EASTSIDE NEWSLETTER

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Eastside Alternative School

November 6, 2008

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

A NOTE FROM PRINCIPAL WALLY

A reminder to parents and staff that the parking lot of the Temple Bethel Israel Synagogue, directly across from the school, is only available for student drop off parking between 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. There is to be no school related parking in the TBI lot after 8:30 a.m. Thanks for your help with this.

JOG-A-THON NEWS

This year's jog-a-thon is over and we would like to thank all the students who participated. Thanks to the generosity of the parents Eastside and Harris raised \$7,846.26. If anyone still has a pledge envelope that needs to be turned in, please feel free to turn it in to your advisee teacher as soon as possible.

Special thanks to Heather Stice for all her work on this. It was a wonderful event!

Eastside Staff

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.

REMINDER: NO SCHOOL NEXT MONDAY & TUESDAY

PICTURE RETAKES

*Picture retakes will be next **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.*

A VISIT FROM THE GREAT PUMPKIN

Last Friday the pumpkin patch trip had to be canceled because we had promised not to go in the rain and had to make the decision early (when it was pouring!) to prevent being charged for the busses.

Thankfully, the Great Pumpkin (alias Tom Cramer) went into action. He drove all the way out to the farm and personally carted almost 300 pumpkins and squash, along with a generous supply of broomstick cornstalks, onto his truck and out to our baseball field. With the help of some wonderful fifth graders, he proceeded to make it look just like an actual pumpkin patch! It was a beautiful site, seeing all the students running down in unison after recess to find their perfect pumpkin. How lucky we are to have parents as wonderful as Tom bring the pumpkin patch to us. We love you, Tom!

Since only part of the money went to pay for the pumpkins, we would like to leave the balance in an account to pay for the buses for our field trip to the skating rink in December. Thank you!

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)