

# EASTSIDE NEWSLETTER

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Eastside Alternative School

November 13, 2008

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

## **UPDATE ON KAREN**

*As most of you know, Karen, our beloved head teacher at Eastside last year, was in a bike accident last Saturday. Here is an update on her progress and a website to track her recovery. We made cards for her in advisee yesterday and Craig Leve is coordinating a gift for the family. We will soon come up with a support team to assist the family when Karen is released from the hospital.*

*Karen is maintaining a slow, stable pace towards healing. Her injuries include a broken right leg near the hip, 3 cracked ribs, broken left scapula, bruised internal organs and head contusion, and one lung that had filled with fluid. Karen is continuing to be heavily sedated and is still on the ventilator to help with breathing, and is sleeping most of the day. Occasionally, she briefly opens her eyes but can't speak due to the sedation and ventilator.*

*Some of Vic's family arrived on Wednesday. Vic understands that many people love Karen and want to visit. However, at this time, it's best not to visit until Karen gets through this initial stage of recovery. He thanks you for your understanding.*

**<http://www.carepages.com/carepages/163180/invitations/181297/54513a0dc396306f9b325834c9629d6ab550537f>**

## **TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES**

*The telephone directories arrived and were handed out thru Language Arts classes last Thursday (the directory was given to the older student with all siblings names on it). If your family did not receive one, please check with your child's language arts teacher. Many thanks to Nancy West, Tim Jordan, and Mike Jones for all their hard work in putting this directory together and to all the students for their absolutely beautiful artwork. **THEY LOOK GREAT!***

## **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))

## **ADMINISTERING MEDICATION AT SCHOOL**

Particularly during cold and flu season questions arise concerning the administration of medications at school. In order for medication to be taken at school, parents **MUST** fill out a medication dispensing form. This form can be picked up from the school office. Medication must be delivered **BY PARENT** in its original package or prescription bottle. Students are allowed to self-administer one day's dose of nonprescription medication with **WRITTEN CONSENT** of parent/guardian.

## **HARRIS/EASTSIDE BOOK FAIR**

The Harris/Eastside Scholastic Book Fair will be held from Monday, December 1st thru Thursday, December 4th. There will be great entertainment by your kids on Thursday evening ~ singing and marimbas! Are you interested in helping at the fair? If so, please fill out the form below and return it to Sandra in the library or Marguerite in Room 3A.

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Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Times Available: \_\_\_\_\_ Afternoons \_\_\_\_\_ Thursday evening

Available for special tasks prior to the Book Fair?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

**Fall Project -- December 1 - 19, 2008**

**Nocturnal Animals: Didi, Grades 1-2 (language arts, science, art)**

*Have you ever wondered about those creatures that go bump in the night? Join me as we explore which animals are active while we sleep. Who are they? What are they doing and how do they see in the dark?*

**Mythical Monsters: Eric, Grades 1-3 (social studies, history, art, l. arts)**

*Do you invite the boogeyman to play? Hang out with the nightmare in your closet? If so, come join us as we explore monsters found around the world. We'll write, paint, sculpt and learn about these fantastically frightening creatures during our terrifying time together.*

**Clay, Clay, Clay: Kathy, Grades 2-4 (art)**

*We'll make an unusual mixed media (clay, wire and beads) clay doll, a rattle, and some clay beads. Keep these finished products for yourself or make to give as a gift to someone special!*

**Mysteries: Susan, Grades 3-5 (history, art, science)**

*History has left us many unanswered questions. What was the purpose of Stonehenge? Did Atlantis ever exist? Where did the stone carvings of Easter Island come from? Why do people disappear in the Bermuda Triangle? In this project, students will formulate their own theories to these and many other mysteries. Come be a history detective with me!*

**Motion and Design: Lance Larwood, Grades 3-5 (science)**

*Welcome to the Motion and Design project. We will be designing vehicles, testing them, and evaluating and refining them until they meet specifications. You and your design team will apply physics concepts to solve practical problems, keep written records, and make technical drawings. You will share in the creativity of solving problems, testing ideas, and presenting results. Good luck!*

**Pterasaurs: Chris, Grades 4-5 (science, art, geology)**

*Study and build pterosaur skulls using cardboard, wood, paper mache and paint.*

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent Signature

***Projects will be posted on Wednesday, November 19th. Any requests for project change need to be turned in by 3:00 p.m. Thursday, November 20th.***