

EASTSIDE NEWSLETTER

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Eastside Alternative School

December 4, 2008

December 5 (F)	Project Sign-Up (project begins Jan 6th)
December 11 (Th)	Site Council Meeting @3:00 p.m. in Room 11
December 12 (F)	NO SCHOOL ~ Planning Day
December 18 (Th)	Eastside/Harris Winter Sing 6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.
December 19 (F)	All School Trip to Skate World
December 22 - January 2.	NO SCHOOL ~ Winter Break
January 5 (M)	NO SCHOOL ~ Staff Development

TO OUR WONDERFUL EASTSIDE COMMUNITY

I want to thank you all for the past three weeks of incredible support and love that has been expressed in support of Karen and our family. From the beautiful rainbow poster that hangs in her hospital room, to the scads of fan mail, to the daily dinners brought to our house for the kids and myself, to the hand made cards and posters, to the parent who mowed our lawn. As if that were not enough, then Craig Leve stops by our house and hands me a card filled with wonderful notes with a generous gift for us. I want you all to know how important your support has been, and Karen and the kids join me in a huge "Thank you"! Karen continues to make amazing progress in what will be a long journey back, but like anything in life, those great things are worth working for. So, thank you so much, may Eastside continue to make a positive difference in your lives and the life of this community. It certainly has for us!

*Love,
Vic*

HOLIDAY CRAFT WEDNESDAY WORKSHOPS COMING UP!

On Wednesday, December 10th and 17th, your children will have the choice of making crafts in their Wednesday Workshops. In the spirit of the Eastside tradition of making holiday crafts to benefit those in need, the December 10th workshop will involve a craft which will be given to the children at the Relief Nursery. Right now we have one hands-on craft which we know the Relief Nursery wants to distribute to their children. If anyone has an idea for another craft which can be made at the workshops next Wednesday and another charitable destination for that craft in the community, please call Liz Phelps @344-5865 or sign up on the sheet outside Marguerite's office by this Friday, December 5th.

In keeping with the Eastside tradition of creating holiday crafts which can come home and be part of family celebrations, your children will have a choice of craft workshops on Wednesday, December 17th that will come home with them. This is a parent-run event, so the number of craft workshops your child gets to choose from depends on the number of parents willing to lead a craft. If you have a craft idea and would like to

lead one of these workshops, please contact Liz Phelps @344-5865 or sign up by Marguerite's office by Monday, December 8th.

Many helpers are needed for both these Wednesdays! If you would like to assist in a workshop (but not plan it), please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the hall outside Marguerite's workroom. The kids will have fun and so will you! The workshops are Wednesday, December 10th and 17th from 12:45-1:30 (try to arrive at 12:30). Please sign up!

Questions? Please call Liz Phelps @344-5865 or Abby Gershenzon@485-1418 or e-mail at: abbyger@gmail.com.

MERGER UPDATE FROM WALLY

As a part of the development on the new merged school, we will have an Advisory Committee made up of representatives of all stakeholder groups. This will take the place of the IOC committee that had been announced at the November 12th parent teacher meeting. The Advisory Committee will meet on Wednesdays, from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., beginning December 17th. I imagine there will be more advisory committee meeting on the front end than there will be as the year goes on.

The changes from the IOC to the Advisory Committee include:

3 parents from each school, instead of 2, (2 parents chosen by the site council, 1 by the principal)

The Advisory Committee will have a more specific charge of reviewing, modifying and refining proposals developed by staff

The Advisory Committee can develop proposals for the staff to consider

The staff will still vote on any proposal and send recommendations to the principal for final review. If the principal agrees with the recommended proposal, the principal will forward the proposal to the superintendent for consideration by the school board. The school board will have decision making authority for the new merged school.

Below is an explanation of the structure of the Advisory Committee.

*Wally Bryant
Principal*

HARRIS/EASTSIDE MERGER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Advisory Committee Mission

To review, modify and refine proposals developed by the campus staff regarding the new merged school at the Harris/Eastside campus. The Advisory Committee may also make proposals for the campus staff to consider.

Committee Membership

The committee will consist of six parents, (three from Harris and three from Eastside); two will be selected by the respective site councils and one parent for each school by the principal. There will also be six teachers, (three from each school), and one classified representative. The teachers and classified representative will be selected by their schools employee group. The campus principal will also be a committee member.

Process for the Development of the New School

The teaching staff will develop proposals for the new school to be submitted to the merger advisory committee for review, modification and refinement. Changes/revisions will be submitted back to the staff by the advisory committee as needed. After a proposal has been reviewed by the staff and the advisory committee, there will be a staff vote on the proposal. If consensus cannot be reached by the staff on a proposal, a 75% majority vote by the staff will be enough to move the recommendation to the principal for final review. If the principal agrees with the recommended proposal, the principal will forward it to the superintendent for consideration by the school board. The school board will have decision making authority for the new merged school.

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM SITE COUNCIL PARENTS

The Advisory Committee will include two parents selected by the site council. We think it would be best if the parent representatives were elected by the parent community. Both Craig Leve and Tamara Torrence, as elected members of site council, are willing to serve in this role. However, we would also like to open these positions up to other parents who might be interested in serving. If you are interested in being on the committee, please submit a brief 'candidacy statement' to Marguerite @ moore_m@4j.lane.edu by Monday 12/8. These will be published in the newsletter and likely posted on the Eastside parent website. We will have a ballot box in the school office from December 11th to December 15th. The positions need to be seated by 12/17, the date of the first meeting. Please consider running for a seat. Please vote!

NEW JOG-A-THON TOTAL

A new grand total of \$9,238.76 has been collected for the jog-a-thon. Many thanks to all those families who have contributed. Thanks again to Heather Shaw for the amazing job she did on this event!

PARENT MEETING

*There **will not** be an Eastside parent meeting in December due to the many other school related events this month. Parent facilitators plan to regroup and hold the next parent meeting during the second week of January. Stay tuned for details! Thank you.*

TAG WORKSHOP

Please mark your calendars and spread the word to interested colleagues and parents. Paula Wilkes, a professor from Pacific University (and TAG expert), will be conducting a parent workshop here in the 4J Auditorium on January 14th from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Paula's topic will be: "Positive Gifted Identity Development and the Role of the Parent."

A NOTE FROM CHRIS EVANS IN ROOM 10

Many of you may have heard that Room 10 has been working on creating a cable access TV program. I am pleased to announce that the first episode of ENN's (Eastside Network News) Something to Talk About aired 30 times on Comcast Channel 29 in the weeks before the election. The show featured interviews with Mayoral candidates Jim Torrey and Kitty Piercy as well as our own David Adee. The kids were the reporters, camera operators, writers and video editors. They did a superb job. We are currently working on finishing our next 4 episodes. Our guests include Jeremiah Johnson, Chinese Acrobat "Sandy", Vint Cerf, Kristen Forrstell, Ernie Kent, Jan Eliot, Greg Oden or Brandon Roy, The Frets (an Eastside band) the Roosevelt Choir and Orchestra, along with various classroom activities. When we finish our first 4 episodes, the station will give us a prime time bi-weekly slot starting in January. Time and day TBA. We are currently seeking interesting people to interview. We are also seeking musical acts, comedy routines, short plays, stories, jokes, musical performances, science experiments, and artwork that is suitable for our show. Anyone who would like a venue to showcase their talent, please send an e-mail to me at evans_c@4j.lane.edu.

WELCOME

Please welcome our new work-study student, Caitlin Nelson. Caitlin comes to us from South Eugene High School and is a former Eastside student. Welcome, Caitlin!

LOST AND FOUND

Just a reminder to check the bins located inside the cafeteria if you're missing any items such as: coats, jackets, scarves, lunch boxes, etc.

Peace Festival Project – January 6 - 29, 2009

Making A Difference: Susan, Grades 1-2
(social studies, environmental science, art, history)

This project will explore the concept of philanthropy and ways students at any age can enrich their communities through small gifts of their time and talent. Projects may include, but are not limited to, planting seeds, adopting an endangered animal, writing stories to share with others, and making a giant "Blue Sky" mural to share with the school. We will also study individuals who made a difference in history through their selfless acts of courage and determination. From Johnny Appleseed to Rosa Parks, we will honor some of the difference-makers who have made our world a better place.

Thoughtful Theater: Brynne & Larry, Grades 1-4
(drama, history)

Come join us as we explore issues of social justice and equality through dramatic play. We will also be putting together a dramatic performance for the Peace Festival.

PSA (Public Service Announcement): Chris, Grades 1-5
(drama, technology)

Write, design, photograph, act and create a t.v. commercial that can help make a difference in the world. This will air on the Comcast Channel 29 show, "Something to Talk About".

Listen to the Music: Rock Songs That Made A Difference: Eric, Grades 3-5
(music, history)

While we love singing along to our favorite tune, sometimes we don't understand just how powerful the lyrics are. Explore with us as we look at some of the songs that promoted a higher social consciousness. We'll create a song or 2 to promote social equality.

Peace Festival Choir: Kathy and Darcy DuRuz, Grades 3-5
(music, history)

This will be a large choir so come ready to listen and sing. We will focus on songs that have made a difference in our country's history. If you like to sing, come join us!

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,, December 10th. Any requests for project change need to be turned in by 3:00 p.m. Thursday, December 11th.

INTERESTED IN ADVANCING YOUR SKIING SKILLS?

Interested in advancing your skiing skills, thought about ski racing? Check out Warp, Willamette Alpine Race Program. Perfect for winter break ski enthusiasts - December 26th through December 30th. Flyers are available at the school. This is a family-oriented ski club that focuses on teaching kids the thrill of skiing and ski racing with other young skiers between the ages of 7 and 18. Coaches are supportive and enthusiastic and will teach racers the skills and techniques they need to participate in ski races and become excellent skiers. Attend the 5 day winter camp during winter break and, at that point, decide if you want to continue on and join our race team. Contact information: <<http://www.warpracing.com/>>www.warpracing.com or call (541) 728-5205.

A REMINDER FROM MUSIC TEACHER, DAVID ADEE

*Harris/Eastside Choir & Marimba **Book Fair Concert** (aka "The Big Mixer") is **TONIGHT** (in the Gym)*

**Originally scheduled for 12/3/8 but changed to accommodate 4J Board meeting*

Choir 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

4th Grade Marimba 7:00 p.m. - 7:20 p.m.

5th Grade Marimba 7:20 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

Arrival: *Please be in the gym at least 10 minutes before your group is scheduled to perform, or find a seat early and watch the whole thing. See you there!*

Dress: *Students performing need to wear their super hip and groovy Harris/Eastside Music T-shirts (buy one from David Adee for \$5), pants and comfortable shoes. Parents can also wear their super hip and groovy Harris/Eastside Music T-shirts or whatever you like!*

Music T-shirts: *\$5 for short sleeve, \$10 long sleeve. Available to children and adults, we have all sizes. Contribute an extra \$5 or \$10 to the T-shirt fund, if you wish, to help all students have a shirt.*

Eastside's Annual Field Trip to Skate World is almost here!!!

We will be taking busses to go to Skate World on:

When: Friday, December 19th

***Cost: \$3.50, which includes
entry fee, skate rental and transportation
**** rental fee for roller blades is extra!*******

Lunch at Eastside: 11:15 a.m.

Leave School: 11:30 a.m.

Return to Eastside: 2:30 p.m. (dismissed for the break!)

Check all that apply:

*Enclosed is \$3.50 for _____
(Student Name)*

Scholarship Needed

*My child(ren) will not be attending the skating trip but **will be** at
school for math, language arts and lunch and will be picked up by
_____ at 11:30 a.m.*

*My child(ren) _____ **will not be** in
school this day*

*I will be driving my child(ren) to Skate World and joining you
there. After skating, I will take my child(ren) with me*

*If we know the approximate number of students who will be going skating
we can order the right number of busses.*

***Please return the dotted portion to your advisee teacher
by Thursday, December 11th!***