

EASTSIDE NEWSLETTER

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Eastside Alternative School

January 22, 2009

January 26 - 29 (M - Th) School Choice Visitation Week for School District 4J
January 28 (W) Parent Meeting from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
January 29 (Th) Peace Festival ~ 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
@Calvary Fellowship Hall
January 30 (F) NO SCHOOL ~ Grading Day
February 2 (M) NO SCHOOL ~ Planning Day
February 6 (F) All School Trip to Skate World
February 12 (Th) Site Council Meeting @3:00 p.m. in Room 11
February 13 (F) Valentine's Day Parties in Advisee
2:00 p.m. - 2:40 p.m.
February 16 (M) NO SCHOOL ~ President's Day
February 23 - 27 (M - Th) School Choice Visitation Week for School District 4J

Peace Festival Thursday, January 29th at Calvary Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. All School Peace Festival

Please have your child arrive at 6:40 p.m. The program will begin at 7:00 p.m. and conclude at 8:00 p.m. Note: Calvary Fellowship Hall is located at 4060 W. Amazon Drive.

SCHOOL TOURS

We are looking for a few more parents to lead school tours the weeks of January 26th thru January 29th as well as February 23rd thru February 27th. The tours will be at 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. If you are interested in leading a tour or tours, please contact Mieke Stevens at 338-0366 or e-mail: miekeandpatrick@msn.com

VALENTINE'S DAY PARTIES

*Students will have Valentine parties on **Friday, February 13th from 2:00 p.m. to 2:40 p.m. in advisee.** Remember that all party food items need to be store bought due to health regulations. Teachers will check all ingredients for peanut products ahead of time. Please check with your advisee before buying any food.*

EASTSIDE PARENT MEETING

The next Eastside parent meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 28th from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.** in the cafeteria. The meeting format will be similar to previous meetings. Wally will provide the latest information on the school merger process and field questions and then both Harris and Eastside parent groups will break out for their individual business meetings. Childcare will be provided. Please contact Jen Barwood to reserve space for your child(ren) at 343-2412 or e-mail jennifer@barwood.net

MIDDLE SCHOOL VISITS

Spencer Butte - Parents of 5th graders interested in attending Spencer Butte Middle School are invited to attend a school information meeting on:

Wednesday, January 28th at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 29th at 9:15 a.m.

If you have any questions, please contact the school at 687-3237.

Roosevelt - Parents of 5th graders interested in attending Roosevelt Middle School are invited to attend a school choice meeting on:

Wednesday, January 28th at 9:45 a.m.

followed by a student led tour at 10:30 a.m.

or a school choice open house on

Thursday, January 29th at 7:00 p.m. - no tour

If you have any questions, please contact the school at 687-3227. Flyers from Roosevelt were handed out to all 5th graders in language arts class today.

PARENTS OF 5TH GRADERS

Your student is guaranteed admittance to his or her neighborhood middle school. To be admitted to a middle school outside your neighborhood you are required to fill out a School Choice Request form. These forms are available at any school, in the Instruction Department at the Education Center, or online at <http://www4j.lane.edu>. This form is due no later than 5:00 p.m, **Friday, March 20th**, to the Instruction Department at 200 North Monroe Street. If you're unsure about your "neighborhood" middle school, you may contact boundaries at 687-3539.

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM OUR "MAKING A DIFFERENCE" CLASS

Please bring a can of food for our "Food Drive for Peace" in honor of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The food drive ends the day of the Peace Festival!

SCHOOL TOURS

All schools in 4J will be hosting tours for potential new students' parents the weeks of January 26th thru January 29th and February 23rd thru February 27th.

Please take a few moments to fill out the form indicating if your child(ren), Grades KG - 4 will or will not be attending the merged Eastside and Harris for the 2009-2010 school year and return it to Theresa, in the school office, by Thursday, January 29th.

*If you have a sibling who will be entering the merged Eastside and Harris next year, and this is not your neighborhood school, you are required to fill out a School Choice Request form. These forms are available at any school, in the Instruction Department at the Education Center, or online at <http://www4j.lane.edu>. This form is due no later than 5:00 p.m., **Friday, March 20th**, to the Instruction Department at 200 North Monroe Street.*

A NOTE FROM MIKE McCANN

I'm gathering a Safe Routes to School Committee for Eastside and Harris parents with an initial goal of collecting the necessary information to include our schools in an upcoming grant application. While the grant funds can be used for a number of purposes, I would like to use any funds received to make improvements to our bike parking area. In order to be included in the grant application we will need to collect surveys from parents, tally some student commute data, and develop an action plan for our schools that identifies the need for the grant money. I am happy to lead this effort but would like to have other parents involved with me. I'm open to meeting at any time that works for the group and its possible that we can do most of the work through e-mail correspondence, although we will need at least one day on the ground walking the neighborhood around the school. Please contact me at 683-4652 or mmccann22@gmail.com if you're able to help or would like some more information. Thanks for helping get the word out.

STAND FOR CHILDREN: *Don't miss the rally to protect kids and schools. Join us for a rally in Salem to protect kids and schools on **Monday, February 16th! (it's President's Day, a no-school day for 4J)**. The rally is sponsored by Stand for Children, an organization that advocates for quality education and human services that benefit Oregon's kids.*

These are tough economic times. Human services as well as public school budgets will surely be affected in the coming year. Despite this news, there is reason to hope that during this legislative session certain revenue measures can be passed to raise some additional funds to offset the cuts. Please come and show your support for school funding! If you have any questions, contact Carol Yahner cyahner@msn.com or Tamara Torrence trtorrence@yahoo.com. Reserve a seat on the bus by Sunday, February 1st by e-mailing: jmarshall@stand.org

When: Monday, Feb 16 (President's Day (no school day))

Where: State Capitol

Time: Noon - 1:00 p.m.

Buses leave South Eugene High School at 9:45 a.m.

Insert not included 1. Enrollment Form for next year (2009-2010)