

# EASTSIDE NEWSLETTER

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Eastside Alternative School

January 29, 2009

January 30 (F) . . . . . NO SCHOOL ~ Grading Day  
February 2 (M) . . . . . NO SCHOOL ~ Planning Day  
February 6 (F) . . . . . All School Trip to Skate World  
February 6 (F) . . . . . Report Cards Sent Home  
February 12 (Th) . . . . . Valentine's Day Parties in Advisee 2:00 p.m. - 2:40 p.m.  
February 12 (Th) . . . . . Site Council Meeting @3:00 p.m. in Room 11  
February 13 (F) . . . . . NO SCHOOL ~ Professional Development Day  
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.*

### **A NOTE FROM PRINCIPAL WALLY**

*I wanted to clarify why our Valentine's Day parties will be held on **Thursday, February 12th instead of Friday, February 13th.** As you may remember, Eastside adopted the same extended day schedule as Harris when they moved to this site. This gives both staffs an opportunity for more planning days as they work together on the new merger. Because each school day is 15 minutes longer, staff gets to use the extra accrued time as planning days. February 13th will be one such day. Let me know if you have any more questions regarding this schedule. Our apologies for the misinformation in last week's newsletter.*

### **VALENTINE'S DAY PARTIES**

*Students will have Valentine parties on **Thursday, February 12th 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.*

### **SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET SURVEY FOR PARENTS**

*The Eugene School District is preparing for significant budget cuts, due to the worsening Oregon economy and declining projections for tax revenues.*

*The district is inviting input on budget priorities and possible budget-balancing strategies via an online survey at: <<http://www.4j.lane.edu>. **The survey will be open through Sunday, February 1.***

*One thing to keep in mind when answering the survey is that there are a few things on the survey that SOUND general but are specific programs. These are "literacy programs" for struggling students and PBS (Positive Behavior Support), which is a program based on rewards to get positive student behavior.*

*Based on the most recent news from state officials, 4J is expecting that our budget shortfall could reach \$14–\$17 million for next year. That's about 10% of the district's operating budget or equivalent to the cost of operating two of the district's high schools for one year.*

*The 4J Budget Committee and the School Board will need to make some difficult choices about staffing, programs and services. We sincerely appreciate our community's long-standing support for our schools and our students. Please take a few minutes to respond to the survey and to provide suggestions and comments. The results will be shared with the 4J Budget Committee prior to their February 9 meeting.*

### **ENROLLMENT INFORMATION**

*If you have not yet turned in your Enrollment Information Form (that was in last week's newsletter) indicating whether or not your child will be attending the new merged school next year, please take a few moments to fill it out and return it to Theresa in the office. If you need another form, please see Theresa.*

*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://www.4j.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.*

### **NEEDED**

*Once in a while our younger students need a clean pair of underwear. If you can help donate some used, clean underwear we would certainly appreciate it. Any donations can be taken to the office.*

## **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.*

## **SOUTH EUGENE CAL RIPKEN/BABE RUTH BASEBALL AT MOSHOFSKY**

*Registration and player evaluations for the 2009 season for South Eugene Babe Ruth Baseball shall be held **Sunday February 8th** at the University of Oregon Moshofski Indoor Complex. **For player's age 6 yrs to 9 years of age as of April 30th, 2009, session run from 4:15 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.; for ages 10 years to 12 years of age, session runs 5:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and for ages 13 years to 14 years of age, 7:15 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** Registration and uniform fitting is at the door, all players must attend the evaluation session of their age group. Player evaluations are for determining placement on a team. All players should dress wearing baseball clothing; baseball or tennis shoes, baseball glove and bat. Player evaluations will include infield and outfield, batting and running for time. No South Eugene Baseball or Willamette Valley Babe Ruth All-star uniform may be worn during the player evaluations. South Eugene Babe Ruth Baseball is open to any player who resides within the South Eugene High School boundary. For questions contact Ron Jack at 343-4530 or 484-6624 or <<mailto:rjack@pbcins.com>>[rjack@pbcins.com](mailto:rjack@pbcins.com) for more information.*

**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](mailto:cyahner@msn.com) or Tamara Torrence [trtorrence@yahoo.com](mailto:trtorrence@yahoo.com). Reserve a seat on the bus by Sunday, February 1st by e-mailing: [jmarshall@stand.org](mailto: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.***