

EASTSIDE NEWSLETTER

687-3286

Eastside Alternative School

March 12, 2009

March 13 (F) Project Sign-Up (project to begin March 31st)

March 18 (W) Eastside Express @7:00 p.m. (All School Production) Calvary Fellowship Hall Dress Rehearsal, 9:00 am - 11:15 am

March 20 (F) **School Choice Deadline** - All forms need to be turned in by 5:00 p.m. to 200 N. Monroe Street or turn into Theresa by Wednesday, March 18th

March 23 - 27 (M - F) NO SCHOOL ~ Spring Vacation

March 30 (M) NO SCHOOL ~ Staff Development

March 31 (T) Classes Resume

DRESS REHEARSAL

We will be taking school buses to Calvary Fellowship Hall next Wednesday, March 18th to practice for the play that night. We will leave school around 9:00 a.m. and return around 11:15 a.m. Please try not to schedule appointments for your child(ren) during this time. Thanks!

HARASSMENT ISSUES AT EASTSIDE

Last week, we heard great news about our school's future at the school board meeting. But sadly, we also heard disheartening reports of racial incidents at a local high school and a call to take proactive steps to educate students and create a school environment where children can safely and openly discuss issues of race.

Unfortunately, we have had incidents here at Eastside, even this past week, where a child has been verbally attacked simply because of their race. Earlier in the year, we had an incident of sexual graffiti in the boy's bathroom in the middle wing of the school where an individual student was targeted. The bathroom graffiti issue remains unsolved, so if you have any information about this please contact the school office at 687-3286.

We have asked the district for help facilitating conversations with our entire school, but more importantly, we are asking for your support to begin these discussions at home. Only if we work together as a community on this problem can we expect any real change.

The pain of bullying because of size, sex, race, religion, even academic grouping can hurt a child on a deeply personal level. We here at Eastside are committed to a zero tolerance policy of discrimination of any kind. More information will be shared in future newsletters but until then, please join with us by being our eyes and ears in creating a welcoming, safe school for every child who walks through our doors.

Bryenne, Chris, Didi, Eric, Kathy, Kim, Larry, Marguerite, Susan and Wally

Alice in Wonderland

Wednesday, March 18, 2009

7:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.

Calvary Fellowship Hall

Parents have been so wonderful helping with our production! We are excited to be able to perform for you next Wednesday night and ask all students to report to their designated rooms at 6:40 p.m. to put on costumes and apply make-up, if needed.

If you are available to help with make-up before the show, please let Susan or Larry know ASAP. If a few parents could help teachers load trucks with props and risers after the show, it will be a tremendous help.

The Eastside staff also asks for your help keeping the noise level down during the production. It is so hard to hear those young voices! If a sibling begins to cry, please take them into the lobby. If you miss part of the show, don't worry. We are having it recorded for you by Stafford Video and tapes can be ordered beforehand.

There will be a jar by the front door for those wishing to make a donation to offset the costs of make-up, props, and a fee to Calvary Fellowship for the use of their facilities. Of course, this is completely optional.

ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

*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.*

NEW SCHOOL NAME

With the board approval for the merged school, we will also have a new name for our school. The board is the governing body that will make a final decision about the name. The board policy on naming a school is included in this newsletter. Below is the time line and process. Contact principal Wally if you have any questions!

DISTRICT POLICY NAMING OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS

The board will select names of schools in the district in which the students and parents may take pride. Personal prejudice or favoritism, political pressure and current fashion shall not influence the selection process. The following categories are suggested:

People: *Names of distinguished men or women who have made outstanding contributions to the community, state, nation or general welfare of humanity, in the fields of arts and letters, science, government or education. (Names of people still active in their careers are not acceptable so 'Gusinow Academy' is out.*

Places: *Names of recognized historical and geological landmarks or areas, geographic subdivisions or points of interest.*

Themes: *Thematic names which reflect the character of the community, culturally and historically, or which identify it by reference to indigenous and characteristic flora and fauna. (Sorry, no 'Institute of Poison Oak'!)*

SCHOOL NAMING TIME LINE

March 12/13 - Time line, process and board policy in newsletters to parents of both schools

March 12/13 ~ Teachers will share time line, process and board policy with students.

March 12 - 31 ~ Names may be submitted to school, (jar in office, e-mails to secretary, (Shelby@4j.lane.edu), names to teachers, a rationale for the name needs to be submitted with name. We will have a form to make this easier.

March 19 ~ The name selection process/time line will be a PTO meeting agenda item.

April 1 ~ Advisory Committee meets to select top three names to submit to the board.

April 3 ~ Name recommendations submitted to Superintendent for the board meeting.

April 15 ~ Presentation of the name at the board meeting.

April 29 ~ Board information given back to the Advisory Committee as needed.

May 6 ~ School Board votes for final decision.

SPRING PHOTOS

*Life Touch will be coming to Harris and Eastside Schools on **Friday, March 20th** to take spring photos of your child(ren). All students will have their picture taken and Life Touch will send home the photo packet. Parents will decide if they want to purchase the photos. If they do they will send their payment in. If not, they will bring the pictures back to school.*

DIRECT DONATION FUND DRIVE

Our new school needs money!

If you can, please donate directly to
Theresa in the office

In our direct drive, no part of your contribution
or time goes to candy or gift or magazine
suppliers ~ ~ 100 % goes toward our children's
education: staffing, supplies, projects, music,
etc.

Please join the effort!

**NO AMOUNT IS TOO
BIG OR TOO SMALL**

**ALL DONATIONS ARE
MUCH APPRECIATED!**

Spring Project

March 31 - April 17, 2009

Mad Scientist: Susan, Grades 1-2 (science)

Come do experiments like a mad scientist! Every day we'll explore a new science concept and culminate it with a hands-on experience. Learning has never been this much fun. Join us!

Lifting Heavy Things: Kathy, Grades 1-2 (science)

Have you ever wanted to build and test machines? In this class, we will do just that. We will build, use, and examine machines. Working in groups, we will figure out how and why they work as well as discuss the disadvantages of different machine types.

Eco-Columns: Chris, Grades 2-3 (science/ecology)

Build an ecosystem in a bottle. Learn about plants and animals and their symbiotic relationships.

Brain Surgery 101: Lance Larwood, Grades 3-5 (science/anatomy)

In this class, we will learn all about the brain and how it controls your body. By the time you're done, you should know enough to take over for Dr. Frankenstein.

Inventive Inventors: Eric, Grades 3-5 (science)

Come with us as we look at some of the world's most notable inventors and their creations. We'll also explore some famous "mistakes" that turned out to be quite helpful. We'll read, draw, build and write during our time together.

The Tropics, Pam Kinion & Skylar Ginsberg, Grades 4-5 (geography/science)

Dive into the tropics as we journey to tropical places to learn about the plants and animals that live there. Discover the mysteries of how the sun affects you. Create tropical craft projects and explore tropical foods, all without ever leaving Oregon!

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, March 18th. Any requests for project change need to be turned in by 3:00 p.m. Thursday, March 19th.