

EASTSIDE NEWSLETTER

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Eastside Alternative School

March 19, 2009

March 20 (F)	School Choice Deadline - All forms need to be turned in by 5:00 p.m. to 200 N. Monroe Street
March 23 - 27 (M - F)	NO SCHOOL ~ Spring Vacation
March 30 (M)	NO SCHOOL ~ Staff Development
March 31 (T)	Classes Resume
April 3 (F)	Project Sign-Up (project to begin April 20th)
April 10 (F)	NO SCHOOL ~ Staff Development

THANK YOU PARENTS!

Last night's production couldn't have happened without our fabulous parents! We plan to thank you personally in our next newsletter, but we just had to take a moment to express our gratitude in a timely manner. You guys rock!

NOTICE FROM TBI

We had an agreement with Temple Beth Israel (TBI) to use their parking lot for drop off and pick-up until we had a parking lot of our own. Now that we have a parking lot we have been asked not to use TBI's parking lot anymore. If you continue to park there, your vehicle could be towed!

AFTER SCHOOL SPANISH

It's time to register for the spring term of Spanish with Amy Costales. Registration forms are available in the office and are due by April 3rd. Spanish will meet again in Room #1 from 1:40 p.m. to 2:40 p.m. April 8th through June 3rd. Spaces are limited, so please register early.

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.*

SPRING PHOTOS

*Life Touch will be coming to Harris and Eastside Schools tomorrow **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.*

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 - 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.