

EASTSIDE NEWSLETTER

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Eastside Alternative School

April 23, 2009

May 8 (F) Early Release ~ School will be dismissed at 11:45 a.m. Lunch will be served

May 8 (F) Project Sign-Up (project to begin May 18th)

May 16 (Sat) 4th & 5th Grade Marimba Players at Saturday Market 11:00 a.m. - noon

May 20 (W) Community Dances in the Gym

Families w/last names A - L 6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

Families w/last names M - Z 7:30 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.

May 25 (M) NO SCHOOL ~ Memorial Day

May 27 (W) Choir Concert @6:30 p.m. in the gym

May 29 (F) Excellent Evening/Carnival

June 5 (F) 4th & 5th Grade Marimba Players at First Friday Art Walk

Willamette and Broadway 5:45 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

PARENT MEETING

Please come to a very important PTO meeting tonight, April 23rd at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. This meeting is being held right after the Kindergarten Round Up Meeting and Registration at 5:30 p.m. Homemade refreshments will be provided.

SHAKESPEARE PERFORMANCES

The 5th graders will be performing MacBeth in the gym for the Harris students on Thursday, May 14th at 1:20 p.m. and on Friday, May 15th at 1:20 p.m. for the Eastside students. A final gala performance for parents and friends will be at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, May 15th.

NOTE FROM KATHIE, OUR WONDERFUL SCHOOL COOK

Greetings, Parents! It's getting close to the end of the year so I can really use your help. Could you please check what you owe on your child's lunch account and remit payment on overdue accounts? This would really help with my paperwork. Slips for overdue charges should be going home once a week from your child's math teacher. If you're not sure of your account balance, just check with me.

GARDEN WORK PARTY THIS SUNDAY 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.:

Our neighbors at Temple Beth Israel are planning to come work in our garden as part of their Mitzvah Day Celebration (Good Deeds Day). We have two projects we are working on, building a compost bin and weeding. Please come and join in the work as a celebration of Earth Day, Good Neighbors, spring weather and the Goal of Composting Our Cafeteria Waste!

Last Fall, over 300 pounds of organic vegetables were harvested from our garden and shared by all the families in our school community. We can grow even more this year with your help. All you need to do is bring your garden gloves and a trowel. See you there!

SPRING BASKETS!:

As part of our school's spring fundraising effort, each class (Harris) and Advisee class (Eastside) will be putting together a gift basket to raffle off at the Excellent Evening/Carnival on Friday, May 29th.

Each basket will have a theme (chocolate lovers, kids crafts, gardening, family games, book lovers, sports, etc). Teachers will choose the theme for their room and a note will go home to parents with some suggestions for donations. The list is only a guide. Please feel free to use your imagination, be creative and have fun with the project!

To help with this effort we are looking for one parent volunteer per classroom. *This person would contact classmates' parents with the theme info/list of ideas and follow up with anyone with questions, send reminders before the donation deadline, etc. Please contact Carol Yahner at cyahner@msn.com or 349-9072 if you have any questions or are able to volunteer. Thanks!*

GLITTERARY WORD FESTIVAL:

The Glitterary Word Festival 2009 for kids and families is Saturday, April 25th from 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Eugene Public Library. This event is free for kids and families. The Young Writers Association (YWA) and Eugene Public Library team up again for this all-ages family play day inspired by the 2009 theme, "Home." Highlights include:

11:00 a.m.: Traveling around the Library, a "**story dance**" by choreographer Margo Van Ummersen and storyteller Louisa Lindsay-Sprouse, titled "**Finding Home.**"

Noon: School-age kids and their adults are invited to a writing workshop with Lawson Inada, Poet Laureate of Oregon.

2:00 p.m. : Hands on! Kids get to explore and create with writers, educators, and performers. Plus, they will be able to record their writing on Elsie, KLCC Radio's studio on wheels.

4:00 p.m.: Winners of YWA's writing contest read their works, then wind up with cake for everyone in honor of YWA's 15th birthday! Eastside's own Dylan Troyer will read his 1st place entry at the 4:00 p.m. part of the show!

For more information, call Eugene Public Library at (541) 682-8316.

Have you always liked to sing?

Here's your chance to perform! Oregon Children's
choir will be holding auditions

Saturdays

May 30th, June 6th and June 13th

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

and

Monday through Friday

June 1st through 12th.

4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Oregon Children's choir has been around since 1982
and offers opportunities for children from grade 2
through high school. To schedule your audition
please contact us at 343-0840.

For further information check us out at
<http://www.oregonchildrenschoir.com/>

Insert not included:

New Fifth Grade Raffle for Shakespeare