

The Bearfoot Press

Eastside Elementary School

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MAY 2017

Parent Resource Center News!

Greetings Eastside Families!

We will have our last Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meeting of the school year on May 2nd at 12:00 p.m. in the Parent Resource Center. All parents & family members are invited to attend. This is an important meeting as we will be seeking your input in the revising of our school's Title I School-Parent Compact & Parent Involvement Policy, and the school district's Title I Parent Involvement Policy. Parents may feel free to provide input on these documents, which are posted on our school's website under Title I forms. You may email me with your suggestions/comments at mary.jackson@douglas.k12.ga.us.

Another important date for parents to be aware of is the Douglas County School District's Middle School Orientation, which will be held on May 11th at 6pm at all middle schools. This event is for current 5th grade students who will be in the 6th grade in the 2017 – 2018 school year. Please consult the middle school you are zoned for to obtain more information. Counselors from Stewart, Turner, and Chestnut Log are visiting our 5th graders on Wednesday, May 17 at 9:00.

Kindergarten Roundup will take place in Douglas County schools on Thursday, May 11th. Eastside Elementary staff will register students who will be attending kindergarten for the 2017 – 2018 school year, on May 11th from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Parents must have all required paperwork to register their child. Regular new student registration begins on May 2nd at Central Registration.

The PRC is open daily. Dr. Jackson will be in there to help parents find resources only on Mondays. All other days, please contact the office if you need assistance. You may contact Dr. Jackson at (770) 651-3885 or email mary.jackson@douglas.k12.ga.us. Have a great summer!

MAY

- 5/2 PAC Meeting at 12:00
- 5/2 3rd grade Field Trip
- 5/4 Field Day K, 3, & 4
- 5/5 Field Day 1, 2, & 5
- 5/6 Relay for Life
- 5/9 Kindergarten Awards at 8:30
- 5/10 1st & 2nd Grade Award at 8:30
- 5/10 3rd & 4th Grade Awards at 9:30
- 5/11 5th Grade Awards at 9:00
- 5/11 Kindergarten Round-up 9:00 – 6:00
- 5/12 Spring Fling 8:30 – 1:00
- 5/12 Talent Show 1:00
- 5/17 Middle School Counselors Visit 9am
- 5/19 Brilliant Bear Luncheon
- 5/24 K-5 Spring Parties
- 5/25 1/2 Day for students release at 11:30
- 5/26 Last Day of School & 1/2 Day for students release at 11:30
- 5/26 Report Cards go home

REMINDERS FROM THE FRONT OFFICE

- All students must be signed into the office after 8am.
- To avoid instructional interruptions, please schedule conferences with your child's teachers in advance.
- Please submit all transportation changes to the office.
- **Please make sure all fines have been paid prior to the end of the school year.**
- REMIND 101: To receive announcements from Eastside Elementary, please text @79h229 to 81010. Be sure to download the app to your smartphone or sign up using your email address at rmd.at/79h229.
- **Attendance is vital to academic success! Please ensure your child attends school every day.**

Summer Skills Practice K - 5th grades

Students may continue accessing their math and reading programs over the summer to maintain these skills. Use your school computer password. Links are also on the school's website.

* Math – iLearn (iPass) program website is: www.ilearn.com.

* Practice reading skills at www.myOn.com

* Typing skills on www.typing.com.

Eastside Talent Show

May 12 @ 1:00



Explore a good book this summer!



Visit your local library for fun & engaging summer reading programs for children.



PHYSICAL HAPPENINGS!

FIELD DAY is 3 days away!!!!!!! Parents if you could possibly volunteer to help on Field Day I would greatly appreciate it. Letters were sent home on Tuesday, April 19. Please return those to Coach George by May 2! Kindergarten, Third and Fourth Grade Field Days will be **Thursday, May 4** and First, Second and Fifth Grade Field Days will be **Friday, May 5**. *Kona Ice will be a part of our Field Days as well – Ices may be purchased on the day of your child's Field Day for \$2.00 - \$5.00.*

May 1 – 7 is National Physical Education and Sport Week!! Please visit Coach George's page on our school website for a "Ten at a Time" Physical Activity calendar! (Look under "Forms" for a downloadable calendar!)

Fourth and Fifth Graders will receive their Healthy Fitness Zone letters with their Report Cards. Please visit Coach George's page on our school website - eastside.dce.schoolinsites.com - for your child's Summer Fitness Plan!

Have a safe and Happy Summer! ☺

Chorus Corner

It has been an amazing year for our Eastside family! Our school has been recognized by the National Association of Music Merchants Foundation as a Support Music Merit School. One of only 92 in the country, we are *Eastside Proud* of the hard work and strides our Eastside Bears have made learning musical concepts, applying their skills, and excelling in their musicianship.

Congratulations to our Fifth Grade Longevity Chorus members: Nia Littles, Trista Youmans, Litzy Baharona, Jada Thomas, Kimyah Joseph, Cynteril Harmon, & Tanner Pearson. They have been faithful members of Chorus for 4 years. We wish them well in their Middle School music pursuits. A special shout out to Britney Owens and Nevaeh Gilbert for finishing their Eastside year as members of chorus. A legacy of musical excellence is marching forward with the next generation of singers and performers.

Special thanks to the American Legion Auxiliary for helping to make our Purple Up for Military Kids day a great success! Ms. Betty Mays, Unit 145 Douglasville volunteered her time and donated treats, school supplies, and prizes to our military kids. We were able to serve over 50 students. *The winning class for a Purple Up Popsicle party is . . . Ms. Yarmoluk's 1st Grade.*

Why music matters is profound and supported by research--it is academic and helps the brain to train for higher forms of thinking. My desire for our students is that this gift is accepted for all the possibilities it affords. Thank you for the privilege of being your music teacher for the past decade—it is my joy! Eastside Bears inspire me!

Kindergarten Corner



Kindergarten Awards Ceremony

May 9th at 8:30 am

Be sure to attend and celebrate with your child!!

Kindergarten Round Up!

Parents may register their child for kindergarten at the Kindergarten Round-Up on May 11th at Eastside Elementary School from 9am-6pm.

Be sure to plan a visit to your local health department or child's physician for Form 3231 (Certificate for Immunization) and Form 3300 (Eye, Ear, Dental, & Nutrition Exam).



Sight Words & More Videos

*Use QR Code Reader app to scan & play video on your smartphone

Chorus Corner

MUSIC MATTERS!



Tuesday Chorus Practice will end the 2nd Week of May.

*Relay 4 Life Event,
Saturday, May 6, 2017*

Coming soon: Awards Days & the 2017 Chorus Year-end Celebration!!

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Parents,

As we bring the 2016-2017 school year to an end, I ask that you work with your child this summer on their reading and mathematics skills. This helps when we are trying to catch students up when school begins.

Teacher requests for the 2017-2018 school year will not be taken.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated. Thank you.