

The Bearfoot Press

Eastside Elementary School

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Greetings from the Bear Den Café!

Holiday Greetings from the Bear Den Café,

The "magic" candy cane seeds arrived from the North Pole and they are on the serving line in the "special" snow that helps them to grow. Our candy canes here at Eastside grow a little each week until our holiday break. On December 15th, everyone in attendance will receive a small candy cane from the School Nutrition Manager. We are so excited that Ms. Penny had this idea a few years ago and love watching the candy canes grow. Remember you must believe to receive.

We will be serving the holiday meal here at Eastside on December 7th. If you would like to join your child please call 770-651-3824 and let the School Nutrition Manager know that you are planning to attend. The cost is \$3.50 per guest (adults and children). The menu for the day is Turkey and dressing w/gravy, carrot soufflé, green beans, roll and apple crisp for dessert. The 2nd choice will be cheese pizza.

I hope everyone has a great remainder of the year. Enjoy the holiday break and we will see you next year on January 3, 2018.

Happy holidays,

Kathleen Albertson
Manager Eastside Elementary
770-651-3824



- 12/9 Douglas County Chess Tournament
- 12/10 Candy Coated Christmas Carol at First Presbyterian Church from 5:00 PM-7:00 PM
- 12/12 Final Eastside football game
- 12/13 Santa will be visiting our school and pictures are \$3
- 12/14 Class holiday parties (1:00 PM-2:00 PM)
- 12/14 In-School Christmas Program (9:00 AM)
- 12/15 Library books are due
- 12/15 Eastside Elementary School performs at the Douglas County Courthouse
- 12/15 Brilliant Bear Luncheon
- 12/18 Holiday Break Begins

REMINDERS FROM THE FRONT OFFICE

- After 8:00 AM students are tardy and must be signed in to the office by a parent or guardian.
- Your child must arrive by 7:50 AM to eat breakfast. This policy will be strictly enforced.
- Please submit all transportation changes to the front office in writing. *No exceptions* to this district policy.
- To avoid instructional interruptions, please schedule conferences with your child's teachers in advance.
- Students will not be allowed to check out after 2:15 PM or before 2:40 PM. We start dismissal at 2:40 PM.
- Please be sure to join your child's homeroom Class Dojo to receive important messages and communicate with their teacher.

PTA NEWS

Please don't forget to join PTA if you have not done so already. Your membership contributes so much to our school and to our kids. Membership is only \$6! There are envelopes and a dropbox in the office for your convenience.

Jamika Riley
PTA President

Chorus News

Our chorus will participate in the Christmas Parade on Friday, December 1, 2017. We will have spirit night at Arbor Place mall and we will be caroling at the Chick-Fil-a food court Thursday, December 14, 2017. You are invited to our in-school Christmas Program on Thursday, December 14, 2017. The Eastside chorus will perform for the Christmas Concert at the Courthouse on Friday, December 15, 2017. Permission slips need to be turned in ASAP with \$2 Fee. The performance will air at 12:45 PM on TV 23. Parents are welcome to be part of the audience but must arrive by noon for seating.

PHYSICAL HAPPENINGS!

Kindergarten and 1st grade parents, for safety reasons please continue to work with your child on learning to tie his/her shoes. Thank you!

All P.E. students will participate in the FitnessGram Fitness Test beginning in mid-January. For more information on this AND your child's Winter Break Fitness Plan please visit Coach George's page on our school website: eastside.dce.schoolinsites.com

Also, our Fitness goal is to have the 4th and 5th grade students be able to run a 5K by the end of the year! :-O They have been given a 0 to 5K walk/run program plan and a cross-training plan as well. Please ask your 4th or 5th grade student where theirs is and maybe you can join in the fitness fun!! You can also find these on Coach George's page.

Interesting article on exercise and your brain, check it out here:

<http://www.medicaldaily.com/physical-fitness-makes-your-brain-bigger-scientists-say-exercise-grows-white-matter-298608#.VDWefD2b2EA>.email

Music News

Special Days of December . . . Once upon a December is our winter theme. We have been learning about the traditions of Christmas Celebrations in Various Cultures. The Dreidel game and the Hanukkah celebration and the significant of the candelabra. The Miracle of Hanukkah and the symbols in Hebrew have helped us understand the significance of this culture with singing, and dancing celebrations. Kwanzaa is the Celebration of 7 Principles that emphasize the Family and Community and Culture. This celebration of 7 days was founded by Dr. Maulana Karenga. It is centered around the Kinara another Candelabra.

A Moment in History: Amid all the festive celebrations of December we cannot forget that December 7, 1941, the day Pearl Harbor was attacked and lead the Word War II. We are grateful for Veterans and our military this time of year and send our warmest wishes to those Eastside families who have members serving.

Friedliche Weihnachten, Habari Gani! , Happy Kwanzaa, Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas, to all of our Eastside Bears!

Mary Moore

Music Specialist

Attention Parents!!!

Dr. Mary Jackson is the Parent Outreach Facilitator. Please feel free to call or stop by the Parent Resource Center (PRC). You can contact Dr. Jackson by email at Mary.Jackson@douglas.k12.ga.us or by calling at (770)651-3800.

Testing Tip: Highlight or underline key words, phrases, ideas and to go back to the text to find evidence or clues to support the answers.

Media Center News!

All Aboard!

The Polar Express will be leaving the Eastside station daily December 4th-15th. Students are invited to wear their pajamas on their trip to the North Pole! Notes will be sent home the day before your class' trip.



Santa hats will be available for \$5.

*Profits benefit ESES media center

All library books are due by December 15th.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Dear Parents and Guardians:

We are almost at the end of the 1st semester! Time is really going by fast. With that said, it is time for us to start preparing for the Georgia Milestones Assessment. Students in grades 3rd through 5th will take the assessment in April. We will hold parent meetings at the beginning of the new year and we would like as many parents to attend as possible. On another note, this is a reminder that we are not supposed to drop students off in the back of the school. This is a huge safety concern. As always, we appreciate your support and dedication to your child's education. I would like to wish everyone a happy holiday season and if you need anything from the school, do not hesitate to ask!

If you have questions or concerns for me, contact me at tim.jenkins@douglas.k12.ga.us or (770) 651-3800.

Educationally yours,
Mr. Jenkins, Principal