

# East Sunflower Elementary Newsletter

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**“Equitable Education for Every Student”**

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## Principal's Message

The month of October is filled with fun activities and learning opportunities for our students. Expectations are still high for all stakeholders. We encourage everyone to continue to work to enhance teaching and learning at ESE. One area in which we are working intensively to improve is students' reading abilities. By providing students with strategies to improve their reading such as building phonemic awareness, decoding words, expanding vocabulary, and increasing fluency we will create stronger readers. A second focus is teaching students how to cope with issues that affect our society such as bullying, illegal drugs, and sickness. Students will receive helpful tips and information that will positively influence their decision making. It is our mission to provide all students with an equitable education in a safe and positive environment.

--Principal Sawanda Washington

*Congratulations Judeyion Carter and  
Jaiilah Holmes on being elected  
Mr. and Miss East Sunflower Elementary  
for 2018 – 2019.*



## Upcoming Events at ESE

- ◆ 10/1 – 10/12 1<sup>st</sup> Nine Weeks Exams (K – 5<sup>th</sup> graders)
- ◆ 10/8 – 10/9 Fall Break (NO SCHOOL for STUDENTS)
- ◆ 10/9- Mr. and Miss ESE Coronation @ 6:00 P. M.
- ◆ 10/9- School Board Meeting @ 6 P.M. Central Office
- ◆ 10/10- Ruleville Central High Coronation @ 6:00 P.M.
- ◆ 10/11- Popcorn Sell Ends
- ◆ 10/12- **Homecoming** Week (Early Dismissal 2:00 P.M. on Friday)
- ◆ 10/15- School Health Council Meeting 4:15 P.M.
- ◆ 10/16- Regional Parent Meeting @ Delta State 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P. M.
- ◆ 10/17- Fire Safety Presentation
- ◆ 10/18- Report Card Distribution /Data Night from 4:00 P. M. to 6:00 P. M.
- ◆ 10/22 – 10/28 Red Ribbon Week
- ◆ 10/24-Walk to School Day/ Breast Cancer Awareness Workshop 4:00 P. M.
- ◆ 10/26- Student Dance Competition @ 2:00 P. M.
- ◆ 10/29-Bus Driver Appreciation @ 2:30 P. M.
- ◆ 10/30- PTO Meeting @ 5:00 P. M.
- ◆ 10/31 Haunted Hallways 4 to 5 P.M.
- ◆ 11/1- School Day Pictures
- ◆ 11/2- Honors Program @ 1:00 P. M.

## Health and Wellness Corner



### Health Benefits of Eating Nuts

Did you know pistachios may ease inflammation? Walnuts may help keep your brain sharp as you age? There are also other perks hiding in your nut bowl. Simply adding nuts to your diet lowers your chances of getting heart disease and they help improve your cholesterol. *Earl Liddell, P.E. Teacher*



**Birthday Wishes** to everyone celebrating a birthday in the month of October.





## Greeting Parents

I am Geraldine Ray, Parent Liaison bringing you greetings from ESE Parent Center for the 2018-2019 school year. I am very excited to begin this journey with you; working beside you so that you may become a partner in the educational process. As your Parent Liaison, my goals are to motivate, empower, and assist you in any way to ensure student success. My schedule at East Sunflower Elementary is Monday, Wednesday, and alternate Fridays from 7:00 A. M.-4:00 P. M. However, I will adjust my schedule to be available for you as needed. Remember, we have great resources in the Parent Center you can check out to help your child at home. So, with that said, remember, "With us plus you, there's nothing our students can't do"! Looking forward to a great year!

Geraldine Ray, Parent Liaison

### McKinney Vento Act

*Is an Act that provides urgently needed assistance to protect and improve the lives and safety of the homeless, with special emphasis on elderly persons, handicapped persons, and families with children. If you know of any families who are displaced, please let the parent inform the parent liaison.*

## Homecoming Week



- 10/10 "Camouflage Day" (Wear camouflage shirts, dress, pants, hat, and or shoes).  
 10/11 "Western Day" (Wear a cowboy/cowgirl hat, boots, and jeans)  
 10/12 "School Spirit Day" (Wear your favorite East Sunflower Elementary School T-shirt with jeans.)



- 10/22 "Shade out Drugs" (Wear Shades)  
 10/23 "Orange You Glad To Be Drug Free" (Wear Orange Top/Khaki Bottom)  
 10/24 "Cancer Drugs" (Wear Pink/Khaki Bottom)  
 10/25 "Put a Cap on Drugs" (Wear a Cap)  
 10/26 "Team Up Against Drugs"



October 24<sup>th</sup> ESE will "GO PINK" in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month! Pink attire will be worn on October 24th and we will paint the school pink.



## Enhance Halloween Experiences for Kids

Kids love Halloween! They get to dress up and get free candy! What a perfect event! Give your kids safe and healthy Halloween memories that they will have for life.

- ❖ Offer trick-or-treaters healthy non-candy alternatives, such as pretzels, popcorn, apples, raisins, trail mix, and cereal.
- ❖ Distribute small tokens like story books, yo-yos, temporary tattoos, pencils, stickers, coloring books, bubbles, small games, and jewelry.
- ❖ Plan safe parties, pumpkin carvings, trunk or treat activities, sleepovers, or read a-louds that feature Halloween stories.
- ❖ Before kids go trick-or-treating, try to serve a healthy meal so they're not hungry when the candy starts coming in.
- ❖ Limit the amount of candy that is eaten at a given time and encourage children to share candy with others.





Not new to ESE, but new to the ESE library staff is Ms. Christye James, part-time library assistant. Ms. James is a valuable asset in providing library services to students and staff alike.

What else is new? Magazines, magazines, magazines, and books, books, books!

This year we have added to our collection for your information and reading pleasure, the following titles:

#### MAGAZINES

*American Girl*  
*Ask Chickadee*  
*Humpty Dumpty Magazine*  
*Ranger Rick, Jr.*  
*Time for Kids Grades, 3-4*  
*Time for Kids Grades, 5-6*  
*Scholastic Teacher*

#### BOOKS (17 of 55 New Titles)

*Biscuit's Day on the Farm*  
*Cerebral Palsy*  
*Dog Man: A Tale of Two Kittens*  
*Donald Trump 45<sup>th</sup> President*  
*Finding A Winnie: The Story of the World's Most Famous Bear*  
*Football*  
*Freedom over Me*  
*The Girl Who Drank the Moon*  
*Hello, Universe*  
*I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsberg Makes Her Mark*  
*Malala's Magic Pencil*  
*Math-terpieces: The Art of Problem-Solving*  
*Pizza Parts: Fractions*  
*Radiant Child: The Story of the Artist, Jean Michel Basquiat*  
*She Persisted: 13 American Women Who Changed the World*  
*Stink, the Incredible Shrinking Kid*  
*Who are Venus and Serena Williams?*

**Come and Check Us Out!**

*Thanks for being supportive grandparents!!*



*Grandparents are heroes without the cape!!*

The September 18<sup>th</sup> Parent Walk at ESE was a success!!



Parade Schedule

Commencement	5:30pm
Featuring	6:00pm
Parade	6:30pm
Victory	7:00pm
Concert	7:30pm
Well-wishers	8:00pm
Student work	8:30pm
Drinks/refreshments	9:00pm
Student's participation	9:30pm



**EAST SUNFLOWER ELEMENTARY MARDI GRAS MASQUERADE CORONATION**





*East Sunflower Elementary's Royal Court in the Homecoming Parade  
on October 12<sup>th</sup> in Ruleville, MS*

**East Sunflower Elementary School**

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# ***Send in your Box Tops NOW!!!!***

## **Attention East Sunflower Elementary Families!!**

It's time for the fall Box Top collection! Have your child bring the Box Tops that you have been collecting to school and give them to his/her teacher. There is also a collection jar by the time clock in the main office. We collect Box Tops all year long, so you can put them in the collection jar at any time. **Box Tops are a super easy fundraiser for everyone to participate in.** Have grandparents, aunts, uncles, and neighbors save their Box Tops for your child. Each Box Top is worth 10 cents for East Sunflower Elementary School. Keep an eye out for special Bonus Box Top offerings when you are grocery shopping. All proceeds will help sponsor student activities and purchase incentives for students.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call (662) 569 – 3137.



***“We are United for Excellence”***

