



| <i>March Happenings</i> |  | <i>April Happenings</i> |  |
|-------------------------|--|-------------------------|--|
| 1                       | Mad Science 3:35 – 4:35pm  | 5                       | Classes Resume   |
| 2-10                    | ISAT TESTING WEEK 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Grades              | 6                       | Young Rembrandts 3:35 – 4:35pm   |
| 2                       | <b>PTA Meeting 7:00pm</b>  | 8                       | Spanish for Kids 3:35 – 4:45pm   |
| 6                       | Community Coffee with Dr. Harper 8:30am                                | 12                      | Mad Science 3:35 – 4:45pm  |
| 9                       | Young Rembrandts 3:35 – 4:35pm   | 15                      | Spanish for Kids 3:35 – 4:45pm   |
| 10                      | <b>Butterbraids Pick-up 3:45 – 6:00pm</b>                              | 19                      | Mad Science 3:35 – 4:45pm  |
| 11                      | Spanish for Kids 3:35 – 4:45pm   | 20                      | Volunteer Luncheon 11:15-12:45   |
| 15                      | <b>School Supply Kit Orders Due</b>                                    | 20                      | District Special Education PTA Meeting 7:00pm at Administration Center |
| 16                      | Young Rembrandts 3:35 – 4:35pm   | 21                      | <b>Fine Arts Night 5:30 – 8:30pm</b>                                   |
| 16                      | <b>Talent Show Rehearsal 3:40-5:00pm</b>                               | 22                      | Spanish for Kids 3:35 – 4:45pm   |
| 18                      | Spanish for Kids 3:35 – 4:45pm   | 23                      | Market Day Orders Due  |
| 18                      | <b>Time For Kids Forms Due</b>   | 23                      | <b>Spring Carnival 5:00 – 8:00pm</b>                                   |
| 19                      | End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter   | 26                      | Mad Science 3:35 – 4:45pm  |
| 19                      | <b>Yearbook Orders Due</b>   | 28                      | Market Day Pick-up 6:45 – 7:30pm                                       |
| 19                      | Market Day Orders Due  | 29                      | Lockdown Drill   |
| 19                      | <b>Eichelberger's Got Talent 7:00pm</b>                                | 29                      | Spanish for Kids 3:35 – 4:45pm   |
| 19                      | District Special Education PTA Meeting 7:00pm at Administration Center | 29                      | Mid-Terms Sent Home  |
| 23                      | Spring Pictures  |                         |  |
| 23                      | Young Rembrandts 3:35 – 4:35pm   |                         |  |
| 24                      | Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00-5:00pm                                 |                         |  |
| 24                      | Market Day Pick-up 6:45 – 7:30pm                                       |                         |  |
| 25                      | Early Dismissal 11:55am  |                         |  |
| 25                      | Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:00-9:00pm                                 |                         |  |
| 26                      | NO SCHOOL<br>Parent/Teacher Conferences 8:00-11:00am                   |                         |  |
| 29                      | First Day of Spring Break (through April 2)                            |                         |  |



**PTA Meetings** Please join us on **March 2 at 7:00pm** for the bi-monthly PTA meeting in the school media center. All mothers, fathers, teachers, and staff are encouraged to attend. **New ideas are welcome!!** This is also a great opportunity to meet other parents and learn about academic and extra-curricular school happenings. The meetings are only about 1 hour long and quiet activities are available for the children.

**\*\*\*At this month's meeting, we will again be taking nominations and voting for the 2010/2011 PTA board members. This is a great way to get involved with your child's school and help to make it the best it can be!\*\*\***

If you are interesting in running for president, vice president, treasurer or secretary, please contact Dawn Knoebel at [dawnknoebel2003@yahoo.com](mailto:dawnknoebel2003@yahoo.com)



Fans vs.



Fans Box Tops Collection Challenge



Wow!! What a close race! In the end, the Cubs fans and Sox fans were neck-and-neck with the final count of Sox: \$353.70 to Cubs: \$353.40.

It is incredible that we were able to collect such an amazing amount! The last minute collection turned in was huge!!

With this close of a race and this many box tops collected, we are all winners!!! To celebrate a Cubs/Sox day will be celebrated on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Wear your jerseys and shirts and show your team pride along with Mr. Harris and Mr. Hartman, who will each be wearing the opposite team's jerseys.

Keep saving box tops and soup labels. And, please note that the CAP is required from the juice bottles (Fusion,etc.), not the UPC.



**Talent Show on Friday, March 19 at 7:00pm.**

Try-outs/rehearsal is Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> from 3:40-5:00pm. All acts must attend the dress rehearsal. More information and a sign-up flier will be coming home soon. Admission is free and concessions will be sold. For more info contact Zorina Thomas at (773) 678-3485 or [zorinathomas@hotmail.com](mailto:zorinathomas@hotmail.com)

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**2009-2010 Yearbook orders are due March 19<sup>th</sup>.**

If you do not have an order form, you can still send a request and \$16 payment to the school office Attn: Amy Draper for Yearbooks. Also, anyone who would like to donate any amount of money to go toward buying a yearbook for a child at our school that cannot afford one can also send the information in to Amy Draper. ANY amount is appreciated and would be a wonderful gift to a child who is not able to afford one. If we all can give a little...together we can do a lot! Questions? Please contact Lisa at 815-609-9125 or [ldonofrio@ameritech.net](mailto:ldonofrio@ameritech.net)



**Spring Fundraiser Reminder -- Butter braids pick-up is March 10 from 3:45 – 6:00pm.**



**Spring photos will be taken on Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

If you would like to volunteer to assist the students as they prepare for the photos, please contact Dawn Knoebel at [dawnknoebel2003@yahoo.com](mailto:dawnknoebel2003@yahoo.com) or 630-750-5332.

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**Spirit Wear** Go Gators! Spring spirit wear order forms will be coming home soon.



The first week of March, your child will bring home a brochure about the opportunity to order a school supply kit for next year through the Eichelberger PTA. This kit will include everything your child needs for next year, and it will save you a trip or two to the store to try and collect everything. **Orders are due back by March 15.** Sorry, no late forms can be accepted.

All elementary schools in District 202 have the same supply lists for next year, so a kit purchased from Eichelberger will be good for any school in the district.

Incoming kindergarteners may purchase supply kits also. Please let your friends and neighbors with incoming kindergarteners know. Thanks!!



Again this year we will be distributing information to support the Time For Kids program for next year. The Time For Kids magazines are used in the classrooms to support the current events curriculum.

**This program can be free and we can save our school thousands of dollars** if each student fills out just one book of addresses. Please note that no magazine subscriptions need to be ordered. **Forms come home on March 16<sup>th</sup> and must be returned by March 18<sup>th</sup>.**



## Spring Carnival and BBQ

**The spring celebration and carnival will be held on Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5:00- 8:00 pm.**

This will be the social event finale and a fun evening to spend with Eichelberger students, parents, faculty, and staff. The evening will include games, a dunk tank, the cake walk, face painting, barbeque provided by 5-B's Catering, and much more!

All family members (and even extended family members and other friends) are welcome.

Pre-orders will be taken for the barbeque dinners, which include chicken, pork chops, or hotdogs, side items and drinks. Order forms will come home in April.

*Volunteers and raffle items are needed for this event. If you can help, donate, or have questions, please contact Dawn Knoebel at 630-750-5332 or [dawnknoebel2003@yahoo.com](mailto:dawnknoebel2003@yahoo.com)*



## Family Movie Night Was So Much Fun!!!

We had a great turnout of around 170 students, siblings, and parents for Family Movie Night. Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who made this evening possible. All pictures taken have been sent home with the students last week. If for some reason you didn't receive pictures you thought you should have, please contact Krista Mailhiot at [kmailhiot@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kmailhiot@sbcglobal.net).

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# Administration News

## State Tests on the Horizon

The ISAT tests are quickly approaching for students in grades 3, 4 and 5. All students in the state of Illinois are required to take the assessment. The tests will be administered from March 2- 10, with make-up tests running until March 12. PLEASE DO NOT schedule appointments or vacations during these tests.



## Character Trait for March is Citizenship

Your children will be learning about the citizenship character trait during March. They will be rewarded with a Citizenship Award if they demonstrate that characteristic throughout the month. We always encourage families to reinforce our monthly character trait at home as well and thank you for all of your support.



## Note from Nurse Anne...

### Kindergarten and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Students

Reminder: Dental forms are due by May 3, 2010 for ALL kindergarten & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students. Please make your appointment and return the completed form as soon as possible.

### Information for 5th grade students and their parents

- It is time to schedule your 6th grade physical exam.
- A 6th grade physical exam may be used as a sport physical, but a sport physical may not be used for a 6th grade physical.
- 6th grade physical exams will be accepted by your elementary nurse any time before June 2, 2010.
- 6th grade physical exams must be received by the John F. Kennedy Middle School nurse's office before schedules are mailed in August. No exam-No schedule.
- Please make a copy of the physical exam for your records.

## PTA Sponsors Kids to Kids International Project

Eichelberger's PTA generously provided the necessary funds for our students to participate in a book making project through Kids to Kids International (KTKI), a non-profit organization. Our goal is to send student crafted books to Afghanistan by the end of the second week of March. Fifth grade newspaper club is donating funds from Y-Tie sales to help purchase much needed school supplies to send along with our books. Please visit <http://www.ktki.org> for detailed information about this organization's mission.

## PE/Health News

Welcome to spring!! By the time you read this, we hope that good weather is on its way.

We completed our Jump Rope for Heart during PE classes the week of Feb 8<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup>. We would like to send out a giant Thank You to all who donated to the American Heart Association. With your help, our school raised close to \$5,000.

We have started our volleyball unit and are starting fitness testing for grades 3-5. These are standardized tests that follow the fitness levels as your child progresses through school. We will start to get into spring sports as the weather gets better.

Once again, thank you to our wonderful Eichelberger community for your support for Jump Rope for Heart.



## Music/Choir News

In the music department we have been busy learning our songs for the Fine Arts Night concert, new rhythms, and trying to earn our recorder karate belts.

4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents please remind your students to bring their recorders, folders, and pencils to music class. Without these supplies your student is not able to have the experience of learning to play a musical instrument.

Choir parents please make sure that your child is dropped off at door F each A and C morning for choir. *If it is after 8:05 please drop your child off at the main door.* **Also, remember that the Choir T-shirt order form and \$9.50 are due by March 5th.**

As always, if you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at [Etrudelle@psd202.org](mailto:Etrudelle@psd202.org) or (815) 577-3606 ext 2825  
Miss Trudelle

## Media Center News

We are so proud of 128 of our students who earned a free ticket to **Six Flags Great America!** They earned their ticket by completing six hours of recreational reading at home, documented by a parent. From March 8th to April 30th, we will be offering another great reading program to all of our students – **Jammer Book Buddies**. This reading program is offered by the Joliet Jackhammers. Students are rewarded for reaching their specific reading goals (which are determined by each grade level), with the opportunity to earn up to 8 general admission/lawn vouchers for specific JackHammers baseball games.

On February 22<sup>nd</sup>, our fifth graders had a great time participating in Eichelberger's second annual **Battle of the Books!** Seventy of our students formed 14 teams, who battled voraciously until the winning team was determined. Our student winning team was the **MKDJs**. Coming in a close second was **Mystery, Inc.** Then on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, the MKDJs took on our teacher team, **The All Star Staff**, who were joined this year by Mr. Harris and Mr. Hartman. It was a great battle, with the **MKDJs** being crowned the winners!

Our Kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> graders voted for their favorite **Monarch** book last month. Each classroom had their favorite, but overall, *Once I Ate a Pie*, was voted as the favorite for our school. We will have to wait a few more weeks to see what the official winner is! Our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders are voting for their favorite **Caudill** book this week. Since the voting is not completed at press time, I'll have to let you know which book was voted as their favorite next month!

Until then, enjoy the warmer weather and *keep reading!*

Mrs. Mix and Mrs. Rodriguez  
Eichelberger Media Center



## Tumble Books

Tumble Books is a vast online library of books available to Eichelberger Elementary School families. Students can listen to hundreds of books online. Each book has activities, games, and quizzes. Families can logon by going to <http://www.tumblebooklibrary.com>. Our login is **eichelberger** and our password is **books**. Enjoy!



## **Read Across America Day**

March 2<sup>nd</sup> is Read Across America Day. This annual event commemorates Dr. Seuss' birthday and encourages children to celebrate reading. Families across the country are encouraged to celebrate reading together. Here are links that offer book suggestions and tips for helping your child select books:

<http://www.nea.org/grants/13026.htm> and <http://www.rif.org/parents/>.



## **Eichelberger Elementary's Fine Arts Night**



Please join us for our Fine Arts Night on Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> from 5:30-8:30pm.

This event will showcase the talents of all the students in the areas of music, band and art. Not only will there be artwork around the school, but also musical, choral and band performances throughout the evening. Performances will include second grade and fourth grade singing, Gator Chorus, and fifth grade band.

Artwork will be on display throughout the evening for everyone to enjoy either before or after the music and band performances.

Further information will be sent home soon. We look forward to seeing everyone at Eichelberger's Fine Arts Night!

\*Gator Chorus will also be performing on Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at Plainfield East High School at 7:00pm.\*



## **2010 CAPE Winners**

CAPE, District 202's Committee for the Coordination of Administration and Parent Groups for Educational Efficiency, will recognize outstanding parents, teachers and staff members for their dedication to students, their schools and community at the 34<sup>th</sup> annual CAPE awards night on Wednesday, March 3, 2010.

Congratulations to the following staff and parents chosen from Eichelberger Elementary by most votes from our staff and families.

### **The Bess Eichelberger Staff Member of the Year Award**

**Anne Savickas** worked as a District Permanent Sub Nurse, then at Walker 's Grove and has spent the last two years at Eichelberger Elementary. Her favorite part of the job is incorporating her broad interests and experiences, both professional and personal, into the work she does. Married to John for over 20 years, Anne also has two sons, Jonas, 16, and Tomas, 10, and two angels who watch over the four of them. The children of Eichelberger are lucky to have Nurse Anne.

**Trevor Harris** has served in District 202 for five years starting with Eagle Pointe, moving to Walker 's Grove and finally opening Eichelberger Elementary in 2008 as principal. He loves working with teachers, helping them to become better educators, hosting fun principal lunches and watching his students smile. He successfully united parents and students, all hailing from different schools, and created a tight-knit community. In his free time he enjoys playing men's fast pitch softball, heading into the city for a Sox game and spending time with his wife, Laura, and his kids, TJ, 5, and Kayla, 3.

**Nancy Adducci** has taught at Wesmere, Eagle Pointe and at Eichelberger. She loves being a kindergarten teacher and making a positive impact on her students. The kids love to see her smiling face in and out of the classroom and parents appreciate her caring approach to education. At home, she has her husband, Al, her son, Joe, and her daughters, Amanda and Katie.

### **Lifetime Achievement Award**

**Dawn Knoebel** has served as the President of Eichelberger's PTA for the last two years. Her dedication resonates through every school event and she is always there to offer a smile to veteran and new parents. She loves seeing the enjoyment on the faces of kids and parents whether she's handing out donuts to parade volunteers or passing out popcorn at movie night. Dawn and her husband Howie have lived in Plainfield for eight years with their three kids, Jake, 11, Alex, 9, and Brooklyn , 6.

**Kim Mason's** family has lived in District 202 for 5yrs. She has always volunteered as much as she could at her children's schools. She feels that it is her responsibility as a parent to help give her children the best educational experience possible. The time and energy she gives at Eichelberger is her way of saying "Thank you" to the staff for their hard work. Kim is an integral part of the volunteers at Eichelberger, always happy, smiling and ready to lend a hand. This award means a lot to her and her husband Mike, and her three boys Nathan, Hunter, and Brendan.

**Betsy Kaufman** doesn't live in Eichelberger, but you wouldn't know that from the amount of time she spends at school. While she's been in District 202 for three years, she's spent the majority of her time at Eichelberger but has also found time to serve at JFK and Plainfield East. She feels blessed by the variety of roles she's performed in the schools and her favorite part is the relationships she's made with amazing adults and children. At home she has her wonderful husband, Peter, and her four outstanding children Peter, Jake, Max and Sarah.