



September 18, 2009

Eye on the Eagles



Upcoming Events

September 29 – 2:18 dismissal, PLC Day

October 1 - Custodian Day

October 6 and 8 – Parent teacher conferences

October 12 – Elementary Plan Day – no school for elementary students

October 13 – 7:00 PTO Executive Board

October 20 – 2:18 dismissal, PLC Day

October 23 – End of first quarter

October 27 – 6:00-8:00pm – Skating Party

October 26-30 – Fall Break - No School

Eastridge Web Site

Be sure to check out our web site for updated activities and information! You can currently see pictures of our fourth grade trip to Spring Creek Prairie and attendees at our Curriculum Night.

Safety News

Our students have participated in two fire drills and a tornado drill. We are required to have a total of ten drills during a school year with two drills occurring during the first two weeks of school. A Code Red drill will also be conducted during each semester. The drills help us prepare for any emergency that may occur during the school day.

Kindergarten Lines

We ask that our kindergarten parents stand on the grass to the side of the morning lines as this will help the teachers take a count of students. It also helps the students see when the line starts to move into the building.

Volunteers

If you are interested in volunteering at school this year, please call Deb at 436-1135 to receive information. Thank you!



Original Works on the Horizon

Eastridge PTO will sponsor the Original Works Art Program again this year. Original Works prints original student work on a variety of products. Plans are for children K-5 to create a drawing with Mr. Reeker in art class. Then, on Friday, October 16, each child will receive a packet with art in the Friday folder. Families have one week to choose products and return order forms/checks (made out to Eastridge PTO) to Eastridge with delivery of products back to Eastridge by December 8...just in time for the holiday season! To see more about this program, please visit: <http://www.originalworks.com/blog/>. Proceeds from this fundraiser will support the Eastridge art program. Adults, siblings, cousins are all welcome to participate as well...just let Mr. Reeker know how many more additional order packets you need. If you have questions, please email Mr. Reeker @ breker@lps.org.



Study Smarts

Studying is a skill that students will need throughout their years of school. Help your child study effectively with these tips:

Start a Habit. Encourage your child to treat studying as a daily assignment, not just something that is done before a test. For example, s/he may study 10 minutes every night for a spelling test on Friday. After s/he finishes their regular homework, s/he can spend a little time reviewing notes or reading.

Mix it Up. If your child reviews information in several ways, s/he will be more likely to remember it. S/he might use colored pencils to copy each spelling word or math fact onto a separate index card. S/he can shuffle the cards and study them in a different order each time.

Picture This. Good readers form mental pictures as they read. To improve your child's comprehension, read a book without letting her/him see it. Then, ask her/him to guess what the illustrations look like. Examples: How are the characters dressed? Is the setting bright or gloomy?

Line Them Up. Sometimes students get math problems wrong simply because they haven't lined up the numbers correctly. ***Try this:*** Have your child work problems on graph paper, using one box per number. Once s/he gets used to this system, s/he'll be able to transfer the lining-up skills to regular paper.



Hy-Vee is once again offering their Hy-Vee's "Smiles for Education" program. Each week for eight weeks, Hy-Vee will hold a drawing to select ten winning students, for a total of 80 winners by the end of the program. Each of those students will receive a laptop computer and each of their schools will receive a donation of \$5,000 from Hy-Vee.

Hy-Vee encourages parents and staff to join them in the "Smiles for Education" program by visiting their local Hy-Vee store and registering their students' names for the drawing.



Just a reminder, if you did not sign up for a parent/teacher conference at Open House, please call the school office to schedule a conference.