



August 24, 2007

Eye on the Eagles

Dear Eastridge Families,

The first week of school has gone smoothly. Thank you for your work in getting your child safely to and from school on time. The Eastridge staff did an excellent job of getting the school year started right for each child.

An area of concern expressed this week dealt with the traffic flow as children were dropped off and picked up. Here are some points to remember.

- Do not park in front of the orange cone. That area is for buses and day care vans.
- The cut out in front of the school is for quick pick up and drop off only. Do not park in that area and leave your car unattended as students are arriving and being dismissed.
- Do not park in any “No Parking” areas. That includes not parking in any crosswalk area.
- Do not pick up or drop off children in the parking lot.

Yes, it may be inconvenient to park on one of the side streets or further down on L Street, but the inconvenience is worth our childrens’ safety. Thank you for your help in following this plan. Thanks also to the Lincoln Police Department for their enforcement assistance.

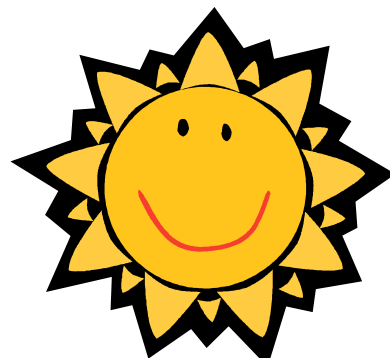
Many of the Eastridge staff members will meet on the next two Saturdays to learn more about Response To Intervention (RTI). RTI is a process used to provide additional support for students in need, using research based interventions and careful data monitoring. Eastridge teachers and paraeducators should be commended for their dedication to continuous improvement.

Please remember, there will be an early dismissal next Tuesday, August 28 for Professional Learning Community (PLC) time. Eastridge students will be dismissed at 2:18. Please refer to the schedule provided in this newsletter for more details.

It’s not too late to join the planning committee for Eastridge’s Grand Re-Opening on October 7. That committee will meet again on Tuesday, August 28 at 4:00 PM in the Media Center. It looks as if this will be a wonderful celebration of Eastridge’s history, heritage, and culture.

August 28 will be a busy day – that is also the day Volunteer Training is scheduled. Please join us in the Media Center at 1:00 if you would like to volunteer in the classroom and if you have not participated in this training yet. Mrs. Wallingford and I will look forward to seeing you. If this time does not work for you, just call me and we will schedule another time for you. Your involvement at Eastridge is important to us.

Have a good week.
Kris Reckewey



Mark Your Calendars!

Plan on attending the Eastridge Grand Re-opening (Celebrating 50+ Years of Excellence!) on Sunday, October 7, from 2:00-5:00 PM.

Calendar (See <http://eastridge.lps.org/> for more calendar information)

August

- 28 1:00, Volunteer Training, Media Center
- 28 2:18 PLC time – students dismissed early
- 28 4:00 Grand Re-opening Celebration Committee, Media Center

September

- 3 Labor Day, No School
- 4 7:00 PTO, Media Center
- 17 Constitution Day
- 25 2:18 PLC time – students dismissed early
- 27-28 Heritage School, 4th Grade

THANK YOU to our new PTO Board

President – Vicki Squires
President-Elect – Kim Braaten
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Secretary – Karina Reinke
Treasurer – Matt Scherer

Information Sheets

The Student Census Information Sheet provides the office with vital information in case of student illness or emergency. Be sure to turn your sheet into the office, and please remember to update when information changes. Also, please keep your student's lunch balance up to date.
Thank You

Apple Nameplates

Check out the beautiful apple nameplates outside each of the classrooms. Mr. Keslar cut out all of the apples. Under the direction of Mr. Reeker, staff members helped to paint the apples red. Since Mr. Eighme has the best penmanship, he wrote each staff member's name on the apples. Mr. Reeker went over the names with paint. This is a perfect example of how our staff works together to make Eastridge an even better place to be! Way to go!



EARLY RELEASE SCHEDULE
TUESDAY, AUGUST 28TH
Grades 1-5 9:00- 2:18
AM Kindergarten 9:00-11:14
PM Kindergarten 12:04 – 2:18
ExCITE & ECSE Students not in attendance

Check out our website for incredible Eastridge pictures at <http://eastridge.lps.org/>. Thank you Mr. Reeker for making our website extraordinary!

Arriving at Eastridge - Students should not arrive at Eastridge before 8:50 a.m. There is no supervision outside before 8:50 a.m.