



September 4, 2009

Eye on the Eagles

Upcoming Events

September 7 - Labor Day - No School
September 8 - 7:00pm PTO Meeting
September 29 - PLC Day, 2:18 Dismissal



Curriculum Night

Thank you parents for attending our Curriculum Night to learn about your child's grade level academic expectations and specials' expectations. We had over 300 parents and students in attendance. Also, a huge thank you to our teachers for the time they spent preparing and presenting information, and thank you to the teachers and staff who provided babysitting and organized the details for the meal. This parent and school partnership is critical for the success of our students.

Safety Concerns

We ask that parents adhere to the No Parking Zone in front of the school and only drop off or pick up students in the cut out area. It is a huge help with the L Street traffic when parents park on side streets and walk to pick up their children. In addition to the side streets north of L Street, parents can park on the east end of Randolph Street and Sunrise Street by the swimming pool.

A reminder to our students who ride their bikes to school, please wear helmets and walk your bikes on the schools' sidewalks.

Also, dogs are not allowed on the school property as marked in the front area.



Juice Breaks

My favorite activity of the school year is Juice Breaks with the students. Thank you to the PTO for financially supporting this activity. I meet with a small group of students to enjoy apple juice, animal crackers, and conversations. I hear the students' favorite things about Eastridge, which is consistently their teachers!! By the first of October, I will have met with all the students. It is a wonderful way for me to personally get to know each of our students.



All students grades K-5 are evaluated each quarter on making connections in art; Core Ability #2 is Connect with Art and Core Ability #6 is Live with Art. To support these two standards, students are encouraged to bring items from home that connect to art. Items can include: artifacts, photographs, newspaper and magazine articles, website links, etc. Artifacts must be made by someone other than the student...a parent, aunt/uncle, grandparent, sibling, neighbor. Items are welcome all year long and may be brought to either art class or technology class to be shared. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Reeker at <breeker@lps.org> or 402.436.1135.

Art Contests

Due to the rigor of the art curriculum and standards, we are unable to be part of art contests during class time. However, Mr. Reeker posts contest information outside the art room for those who are interested. Stop by anytime and take a look.

Child Care Options

Dena Johnson from the Nebraska Department of Education provides a free booklet called "The Right Place" that offers information and guidance in finding the right child care provider for your children.

An online searchable roster is available for parents at www.hhs.state.ne.us/crl/ChildCareRoster.pdf; and parents are welcome to contact Dena Johnson at 402-557-6886 for a listing of licensed child care provider in your area.

Hy-Vee "Smiles for Education"



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.

JUNIOR PRAIRIE WOLVES BASKETBALL CLINIC 2009
Kindergarten through 5th grade boys

The Nebraska Wesleyan University men's basketball coaching staff and players would like to extend an invitation to attend the NWU basketball clinic. We are eager to help potential players develop and refine their talents. Basketball instruction is under the supervision of Head Men's Basketball Coach, Cam Schuknecht. Clinic activities include demonstrations by NWU staff and players, personal instruction on individual techniques, fundamentals, games and contests. Basic concepts and strategy of team play will also be emphasized.

Dates/Times = October 24th 8:30 - 11:30am _AND/OR_ November 7th 8:30 - 11:30am

Cost = \$25

If you are interested, please see or contact Miss Forsberg. mforsbe@lps.org



Milk

A reminder that milk costs \$.40.

