



Eastridge Students

We are so proud of our 5th graders! Mrs. Young's class participated in a state-wide essay contest sponsored by McDonald's. Six of the ten state winners were Eastridge students! They are Arianna Molzen, Will Haefner, Anna Plettner-Nelson, Robin Rauner, Emily Richerson, and Katie Richerson. Each of these students won a \$50 Savings Bond and received coupons from McDonald's – all students who participated received a certificate. Two of the students, Arianna Molzen and Will Haefner read their essays today at the Nebraska State Capitol. The essays explained contributions made by Dr. Martin Luther King as he worked as a leader in the Civil Rights Movement. Dr. King was the youngest person to win a Nobel Peace Prize. He received this award for his tireless efforts to end segregation and discrimination in a peaceful manner. The work displayed by our Eastridge students demonstrated their passion and appreciation for Dr. King. The students' achievements were also a wonderful tribute to their writing skills, a testament to Mrs. Young's expertise in teaching writing, and an example of a culmination of sound instruction over time at Eastridge. Way to go!!

Next week is School Lunch Week

Put some "Magic" in Fun, Food and Fitness and come celebrate Nebraska School Lunch Week, January 21 to 25, 2008 with us! This year's theme emphasis is getting fit, trying new foods and learning more about healthy eating. Nebraska School Lunch Week showcases the healthy foods that are served each day at school. Did you know our dinner rolls, cinnamon rolls and garlic bread are all made fresh each day with whole wheat flour? We offer our four choices of fruits and vegetables in the elementary schools and up to twenty choices in the secondary schools. Every school also offers either a salad bar or an entrée salad for lunch. Our lunch meals average 30% fat for the week and we serve fat free and 1% milk. We take pride in serving healthy meals kids will eat.

Nebraska School Lunch Week also encourages students to get fit and get walking. Exercise and healthy eating habits are the "magic" for a healthy lifestyle. To find out more information about the nutritional content of school meals visit lps.org and click on Business Affairs and then Nutrition Services and you will see secondary and elementary nutrition facts listed there. And remember the healthy way to feed your brain is to eat school lunch every day!!!

The Landscape Committee will hold a meeting Thursday, January 24, at 4:00 pm in the media center. Everyone interested in new trees for the school's front yard is welcome to attend! Please contact Becca Jewell for more information: 465-0604 or rjewell@alltel.net

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 If you make a purchase at Office Depot, please designate Eastridge for their Back to Schools program. They will donate 5% of your purchase to our school to use on purchases of school supplies. Just give them this number – 70064174.



Mark Your Calendars! (See <http://eastridge.lps.org/> for more calendar information)

January

- 21-25 School lunch week
- 21 Schools not in session – Martin Luther King Day
- 29 School dismissed early – 2:18 PM

February

- 4 School Counselor Week
- 5-7 Scholastic Book Fair
- 5 Parent Teacher Conferences, 4:00-6:00
- 7 Parent Teacher Conferences, 4:00-8:00
- 12 PTO, 7:00 PM, Media Center,
6:30 Tour for Hawthorne to Eastridge parents
- 14 Valentine’s Day Party
- 18 Elementary Plan Day, Students do not attend
- 26 School dismissed early – 2:18 PM

March

- 4 Nebraska Teacher Recognition
- 4 PTO, 7:00 PM, Media Center,
6:30 Tour for Hawthorne to Eastridge parents
- 18 Eastridge Science Fair
- 18 School dismissed early – 2:18 PM
- 24-28 Spring Break, No School

April

- 1 LPS Science Fair
- 1 PTO, 7:00 Media Center
- 7-18 MAT8 Testing, Grades 3&5
- 14 Volunteer Appreciation Week
- 21 Elementary Plan Day, Students do not attend
- 27 Skate Party 48th & Old Cheney 6-8 PM
- 29 School dismissed early – 2:18 PM
- 29 Spring Concert 9:30 AM & 7:00 PM
- 30 Secretary Appreciation Day

Would you like to nominate an Eastridge teacher for the A+ Educator of the Week Award? Just call Tammi Peterman at 473-7354 or email her at tpeterman@journalstar.com for more information!

Are you or an organization you are affiliated with looking for a worthwhile project? We are looking for someone to paint our playground equipment! The Lincoln Public Schools will provide the paint and sandpaper. If you would like to take on this project, please call Dr. Reckewey at 436-1135. Thank you!

Wow!
 Eastridge PTO recently received \$425 from Boxtops For Education! Thank you for turning in your boxtops!

It’s cold and flu season once again. Please consider picking up an extra box of tissues on your next trip to the store to donate to your child’s classroom, resource classrooms and specialist’s rooms. Thank you!

