

Eliot River News

Parent Teacher Interviews TONIGHT!! and TOMORROW!!

Dates to Remember

Feb 10&11 - Parent Teacher Conferences (no school on Feb 11th)
Feb 14 - Valentines Day
Feb 15 - Grade 5 Skate Flag Day
Feb 21 - Islander Day (no classes)
Feb 22 - Grade 6 Skate
Mar 21-25 - March Break (no classes)
Apr 4 - Drama Festival for Grade 5's
Apr 7 - Report Cards
Apr 22 - Good Friday (no classes)
Apr 25 - Easter Monday (no classes)
Apr 26 - Prof. Dev. Day (no classes)

Parent Teacher Conferences

Notices have gone home with students for the upcoming Parent Teacher Conferences and we are looking forward to seeing all our parents at the school to discuss their students' progress.

Any parents wishing to be added to SAS for communication between home and ERES should give their email address to their child's homeroom teacher during Parent/Teacher conferences.

Library Book Fair

Our Book Fair is happening NOW. It will be open for parents during Parent Teacher Conferences and students have an opportunity to visit the sale as well. Books can be purchased for as little as \$2.00.

Legion Contest

Congratulations to Rebecca Rooney 5B and Bray Lee Mitchell 5B whose Royal Canadian Legion Art Contest entries won 1st prize, in their category, at the Provincial level and will be entered into the National Contest. Way to go girls!

Young Writers Poetry Contest

Congrats to the following students in 5B who sent entries to the Young Writers Poetry Contest: Rebecca Rooney, Becky Buchanan, Damon Gallant, Jeremy Monaghan, Dakota Clow, Noah Stewart, Reece MacDonald, Alex Jackson, Brandon O'Grady and Connor Crozier.

Band Testing for

Grade 6 Students

Students wishing to enter band at East Wiltshire in September must take an aptitude test. This 25 minute test will be administered in the band room at East Wiltshire on 2 separate days. Students may choose the day and time they wish to take the test. You do not have to sign up for a time, you simply show up at East Wiltshire a few minutes before the test, and we will accommodate. The dates are as follows:
Tuesday, February 22nd at 3:45 pm
or Thursday, February 24, at 3:45 pm or 7:00 pm.

Taking the test starts the selection process for that student. Results of the screening will not be known until early May. Students will be notified by mail of their personal results. Students accepted into the program will be sent a contract which will need to be returned to East Wiltshire School by the deadline date. You can stay up to date on this and other related band information by checking out the EWS band web page found at www.edu.pe.ca/eastwiltshire/fna.htm

School

Development

Staff had a very productive day on Tuesday, Feb 1. Results from the following programs were reviewed:

- "Tell Them From Me" teacher and student surveys;
- The results of June 2010 Grade 6 Reading and Writing provincial assessments;
- Reading, writing and math school wide assessments;
- School discipline data

There was lively and effective discussion around how we are doing, what we are doing well and where we need to improve. The remainder of the day was spent with staff working in their collaborative teams.

"Phone Me" Can't Be the Plan

Situations when we close school during the day can be very confusing and stressful for our students and staff. Many students and parents may not have their early closure plan finalized or memorized and this causes a lot of phone calls and anxiety. As well, many students do not have accurate information for contacting parents and emergency contacts. Please send these updates in to the school, so that your child will not be left unprepared to deal with emergencies, such as illness and early closure.

Please review your early closure plans and let your child and your child's teacher know right away.

Please don't make calling someone a part of the plan, as we cannot have 450 students using the phone.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Reminder of Sign Out Policy

We are asking parents who are picking their child(ren) up during the school day to come in to the office and sign our departure log. This will help ensure students' safety and will give us a record of students who have left the premises during each day.

Student Pick Up at the End of the Day

For safety reasons we are asking that those students being picked up in the parking lot wait in the gym to be dismissed with the students who walk home as soon as the buses depart.

We thank you for your cooperation in this matter as it is for the safety of the children.

Breakfast Program

February is apple juice month. If you can send in a can of apple juice, it would be greatly appreciated. The Breakfast Program is always looking for volunteers. If you can help out, please call the school at 368-4270.

Thank to the parent who made a recent donation. We are still in need of funds to continue the program until June. Any donation you can make will be greatly appreciated. It all helps to keep the program going.

Grade One & Kindergarten Registration

Parents are reminded to register students who will be starting school at Westwood this fall. Registration may be done over the phone (368-6855) or in person.

Lost and Found

We have several valuable items in our 'found department' including watches, rings, prescription eye glasses, leather gloves. As well, we are asking parents to check the lost and found in our lobby, to search for their child's clothing items. When you are in for Parent Teacher Conferences is the perfect opportunity. The number of items that have not been claimed is once again staggering and we would really like to see these items reclaimed by their owners.

Islander Day

Parks Canada invites families to explore PEI National Park on Island Day, Monday, February 21. Skate at Dalvay Lake, cross country ski on the Woodlands Trail, snowshoe or hike on the trails. From 1-3 visit the Dalvay Trail House (next to the admin parking lot) where Park staff will serve cider and hot chocolate and provide facts and information on how to enjoy your time in the park. For more info check www.parkscanada.gc.ca/pei or call 672-6350.

Reminder of changes to lunch order

Just a reminder that we have replaced the chicken wrap with a baked potato and that the baked potatoes are only \$1.00.



Also a reminder that the token sale takes place the second Tuesday of each month and that is when we have volunteers on hand to help with the orders. Please make every effort to purchase tokens on that day.