



EASTSIDE NEWS

A monthly newsletter for Eastside parents

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School-Home Connection

In March, we will be having our 3rd Annual Career Day here at Eastside. If you have an interesting career that you are willing to come present to our students about, please contact Mrs. French at (269) 435-8960 or at Lfrench@constps.org. More information to follow.

At this time, I am also looking for two parents from each class to come in that day for 30 minutes to help walk a group from your child's classroom around the career fair. If you are interested, please contact me at the above information as well.

Mrs. Lindsay French,
School-Home Coordinator

MARKET DAY

PTA Market Day items for February delivery need to be ordered online by January 31. The more items purchased, the more \$\$ our school will earn!

Check out www.marketday.com

St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital

Thank you for your support of St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. We are thrilled to have the first and second graders at Eastside participating in this Math-A-Thon project, which raises money for St. Jude's. Eastside has proudly raised nearly \$54,000 participating in this event every other year since 1990.

Please call Eastside if you have any questions. Thank you again for your support and your continued encouragement of your child's involvement in this worthwhile endeavor.

Libby Owens, Program Coordinator

Nestle Water

Labels from Nestle water bottles are being collected to help raise money for gym class equipment/playground. You can send labels in from these water bottles with your child. Mr. McGee is collecting them.



Upcoming Events

February

- 4 Market Day Pick Up (5:00-6:00 p)
- 4 PTA Mtg-6:00 pm (Child care & snacks provided)
- 6 Ident-A-Kid
- 6 Spirit Wear Orders Sent Home
- 9 0-5 Playgroup-ES 10:00-11:15 am
- 9 Board Mtg-7:00 p @ Eastside
- 10 100's day
- 11 Y5s Field Trip
- 12 Valentine's Day Celebrations
- 12 PTA Scrip Deadline
- 13-16 Mid-Winter Break/
NO SCHOOL!
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 17-18 Reader's Digest Fundraiser—all coupons need to be filled out completely and returned on Feb 18. You need not purchase in order to participate.
- 20 Bible Release
- 23 0-5 Playgroup-ES 10:00-11:15 am
- 24 Penny Day (\$ goes to an educational assembly)
- 27 Wacky Hair Day
- 27 Popcorn Friday
- 27 Spirit Wear Orders/Money Due



March

READING MONTH

- 4 Market Day Pick Up (5:00-6:00 p)
- 4 PTA Mtg-6:00 pm (Child care & snacks provided)
- 6 End of 2nd Trimester - ½ day of school; dismissal at 11:15 am
- 9 0-5 Playgroup-ES 10:00-11:15 am
- 12 Parent Meetings - Kindergarten Roundup (for new families of students going into Young Fives or Kindergarten) - 3:00 or 6:30 p.m.
- 13 Pajama Day
- 13 PTA Scrip Deadline
- 16 Board Mtg-7:00 p @ CHS
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 18 Spring Pictures
- 19 2nd Grade Music Program
- 20 Career Day
- 20 Bible Release
- 23 0-5 Playgroup-ES 10:00-11:15 am
- 26 Kindergarten Roundup 5:00-7:30 p
- 27 Popcorn Friday
- 29 PTA Mother-Son Bowling



April

- 1 Market Day 5:00-6:00 p
- 1 PTA Mtg-6:00 pm (Child care & snack provided)
- 3 Hawaiian Day Spring Break April 6-10, 2009
NO SCHOOL THIS WEEK!
- 12 Easter
- 13 0-5 Playgroup-ES 10:00-11:15 am
- 16 Parent Meeting - Kindergarten Roundup (for new families of students going into Young Fives or Kindergarten) - 6:30 p.m.
- 17 Progress Reports
- 17 Bible Release
- 17 PTA Scrip Deadline
- 19-25 Administrative Professionals Week
- 20 Board Meeting- 7:00 p @ CHS
- 20-24 Parent-Teacher Conferences Week
- 22-23 Mobile Dentist
- 24 Popcorn Friday
- 27 0-5 Playgroup-ES 10:00-11:15 am



Resources

▪ **Free/Low Cost Health Care** - The Michigan Department of Community Health recently announced the creation of a new website to provide information on available resources for free and low-cost health care - "How Can I Get Free or Low Cost Health Care for Me & My Family?" The Webpage is located at www.michigan.gov/healthcarehelp and acts as a portal for finding free or low cost health care resources available throughout Michigan. For additional information, or for suggestions to improve the site, feel free to contact the MDCH Health Planning and Access to Care Section at (517) 241-2966 or HPAC@michigan.gov

▪ **Jobs:** Such websites such as www.careerbuilder.com and www.monster.com, are great places to begin searching for job openings in this area, simply by typing in the zip code in which you would like to seek employment and begin your search.

▪ **Homeless/Temporarily Displaced/Living with family or friends?** If this is your current living situation, please contact either myself or Mrs. Sara Russell (your new district Homeless Liaisons) and we can see about getting your additional resources for your children while attending Constantine Public Schools.

▪ **Free/Reduce Lunch Forms:** Has there been a change in your income recently due to a job change or living situation? If so, feel free to fill out a Free/Reduced Lunch form, located in our front office, and see if you qualify for lower or free breakfast and lunches for your child(ren) here in Constantine Public Schools.

Lindsay French, School-Home Coordinator

NOTICE

Parents & Guardians:

Just a reminder to call into the school when your child is ill. A doctor's note is required after three consecutive days.

Thanks for your attention to this!

School Closing & Delays



In the event of inclement weather/emergency school closings, please watch Channel 3, 16, 22, or 28, or you may listen to WFRN - 104.7 FM, WLKM - 95.9 FM, WMSH Sturgis - 99.3 FM, WNWN - 98.5 FM, U93 - 92.9 FM, B100 - 100.7 FM, WKFR - 103.3 FM, WRKR - 107.7 FM and WMMQ - 94.9 FM.

KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP

March 26, 2009

5:00-7:30 p.m.

Your child must be five on or before December 1, 2009 to enroll in Young Fives or Kindergarten.

You will need the following items before your child can attend school in September 2009.

Certified birth certificate
Immunization records
Proof of residency (such as a utility bill)
Proof of custody (if applicable).

Call Alicia at (269) 435-8960 if you have questions.

home.constps.org/buildings/eastside/

The Eastside office has pre-school applications available for the Michigan School Readiness Program in White Pigeon.

PLACEMENT POLICY AND SCREENING

December 2, 2008 – August 30, 2009
(Screened for placement in Young Fives or Kindergarten)

September 1, 2009 – December 1, 2009
(Placement in Young Fives)

Students must be five years old ON OR BEFORE
December 1, 2009 to enroll for the 2009-2010 school year.



For parents with students entering Eastside in fall 2009, please see important dates below. You will need to attend ONE of the following MANDATORY parent information meetings BEFORE your child can begin school in the fall.

This will provide you with required paper work that you can complete before Kindergarten Roundup and will save you time on that night. We will also be sharing information about our new screening policy, Kindergarten & Young Fives expectations and providing you with tons of resources to help partner with the school in your child's education!

Please plan to attend ONE of the following:

Attending on March 12 will allow you to receive Kindergarten Roundup paper work **before** the March 26 event

Thursday, March 12 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 12 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 16 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Career Fairs:

Western Michigan University – Kalamazoo’s Main Campus
100 W. Michigan Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI 49008

ENGINEERING AND APPLIED SCIENCES GET PREPARED SESSION

January 28, 6:30-8:30 p.m. (Parkview Campus)

Meet engineering professionals, who will help you prepare for a successful networking opportunity and career fair. Bring your resume and get instant feedback on ways to improve it. Learn about networking and interviewing skills.

NO "MAJOR" PROBLEM-EMPLOYERS WANT YOUR SKILLS, NOT JUST YOUR MAJOR

February 2, 4-5 p.m. (Bernhard Center, Room 210)

Learn how to effectively market your major to employers while focusing on communicating skills you have gained through your education and work experiences.

INTERVIEW ETIQUETTE AND DRESS

February 2, 5-6:30 p.m. (1360 Schneider Hall)

*Sponsored by the American Marketing Association

Enterprise Rent-A-Car professionals will help you ace each interview.

CAREER FAIR ETIQUETTE

February 2, 6:30-7:30 p.m. (Schneider Hall)

*Sponsored by Alpha Kappa Psi

Get prepared to network effectively. Enterprise Rent-A-Car will offer tips on how to network with employers at the Career Fair 2009.

ISM CAREER NIGHT

February 4, 6-10 p.m. (Fetzer Center)

Find out about internship and professional employment opportunities in purchasing /procurement and supply chain careers.

ENGINEERING AND APPLIED SCIENCES CAREER NIGHT

February 4, 6-10 p.m. (Parkview Campus)

Learn about internships and professional employment opportunities in engineering and applied sciences.

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Principal Notes:

We have nearly 130 Eastside families receiving **PRINCIPAL NOTES**—emails and updates about every week. If you are not receiving these updates and would like to, please send your email address and name to Kristin Flynn at kflynn@constps.org