

Eisenhower Informer



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Academic Performance Index

The Oklahoma State Department of Education created and implemented the Academic Performance Index to address the accountability standard set forth by the federal law "No Child Left Behind". The API provides a single score to quantify schools' performance in seven areas: test scores, attendance, dropout and graduation rates, average ACT scores and Advance Placement offerings.

Eisenhower has received the final accountability report for the 2007-2008 school year and the results are VERY GOOD! Eisenhower once again had a perfect total score of 1500. We tested 100% of our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students and our math scores went up from the previous year however our reading scores did decrease slightly. In 2005-2006 we scored 1485 for math and 1557 for reading. In 2006-

2007 we scored 1511 in math and 1535 in reading. Last year, we scored 1529 in math and 1514 in reading. The statewide performance targets are 932 for math and 914 for reading. Our school scored well above those targets!

Our attendance rate increased from 96.5 to 97.6! Thank you for helping us make this jump; we could not have done this without parent support. We received an API score of 1300 for attendance. The state target for attendance is 664.

These scores are a tribute to the language immersion program we have at Eisenhower as well as our library media center, art, music, physical education, pre-kindergarten, and gifted and talented program. These scores are also a tribute to the rich community we have created with

our Eisenhower PTA, Eisenhower Foundation, Partner in Education and ALL of our Eisenhower parents. Year after year, our school proves that as a TEAM we can and do accomplish more!

Thank you for playing such an active role in your child's education. We are a great team and together we can ensure success every day for every child at EIS!

Thank you
Stacy Strow

READ ALL ABOUT IT!

This week's Superintendent's Bulletin (a TPS publication sent weekly to the district's employees) features a spotlight on a special EIS event:

While they cannot yet vote, students at Eisenhower International School have been studying the presidential election and on Thursday, October 30, they'll participate in a mock presidential election.

Eisenhower administrators say the children are going through the entire process: Registering to vote and entering a booth to cast a ballot



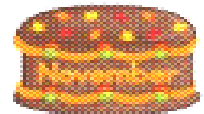
YOUR DOLPHIN CALENDAR



October 30
Pies, Pies, Pies
Orders Due

October 30
Parent/Teacher Confer-
ences

October 31
Parent/Teacher Confer-
ences



November 3-7
Book Fair
Safari

November 4th and 6th
Kindergarten Tour

November 8
Spades Night

November 14
Kids' World

November 16
Route 66 Run
Zoo Run

November 17
Fall Picture Day

November 26, 27, 28
No Classes
Thanksgiving Break

EIS PTA Unit Meeting Minutes October 9, 2008, 7:00-8:00 pm

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- A. Called meeting to order @ 7:10 pm.
- B. Presentation of flags by Cub Scout Bear Den.
- C. Welcome
- D. Approval of September 11, 2008 PTA minutes – **Motion: Stephanie Wheeler, 2nd – Cindy Becker. Motion passed.**
- E. Principal's Report
 - a. Naturalization Ceremony – occurred on October 8. Third through fifth grade students attended. 35 citizens from 21 different countries were naturalized. Thank you to Jessica Holtzschler for all her hard work.
 - b. Instructional Technology – would request the PTA provide this teacher with the same \$400 that other teachers receive. **Motion: Dana Drummond, 2nd – Bren Milleson. Motion passed.**
 - c. San Luis Potosi – Ms. Strow leaves Sunday and will be gone Monday, Oct. 13 through Wednesday, Oct. 15. Barbara McCrary will be in charge at EIS during her absence. The Spanish Exchange is currently ongoing with 10 of our students in San Luis and 10 of their students here at EIS.
 - d. Volunteer Hours – very important that we turn them in. Used on the report card issued by the State Board of Education.
 - e. Zoo Run – We took second place and earned \$385.
- F. Officer Reports
 - a. President – Rob Wright thanked The Milleson's for chairing Innisbrook and Kim Hutton for chairing Trivia Night.
 - b. 1st Vice President – Jennifer Seely reported that the directory is at the printer and should be ready next week. Spoke on behalf of Sutton Murray, Reflections Chair. Reflections is a program sponsored by the National PTA. Information is available on the bulletin board in the main hallway. This year we would like to have some small awards for those who participate/win. Request addition of a \$250 line item for Reflections. **Motion: Steve Heinen, 2nd – Christy Blystone. Motion passed.** Questions? Contact Sutton Murray. PTA memberships currently stand at 398.
 - c. 2nd Vice President – Dana Drummond spoke on volunteer opportunities. Kids World is coming up in November and many volunteers are needed for the four-day event. EIS will have a booth and we need volunteers to staff the booth. September hours are currently due. Please respond to the email. Volunteer form must be filled out each year. It is available in the forms shelf outside the main office. Strategic Planning teams have started to meet. The goal is for each of them to meet before Fall Break. The teams are providing the oversight committee with plans for what they would like to do.
 - d. Treasurer Report – Kevin Tillman presented an update. Stated that Innisbrook costs have not yet been paid.
 - e. Delegate Report – Brett Elbon discussed the upcoming TPS Parenting Seminar on November 15, 2008 from 8 am to noon. It will be held at Fulton Learning Academy. Parents are encouraged to attend and childcare is available. After the seminar, Dr. Ballard will hold a meeting/luncheon in order to meet parents in the district.
- G. Committee/Affiliate Reports
 - a. Fund Development – Miranda Pautler discussed
 - i. Chili's Night – Oct. 21, look for a flyer, EIS received 10% of proceeds.
 - ii. Race to Recycle – recycling phones with Motorola. They will accept, phones, cords, accessories but we only get "credit" for phones. We currently have 40 phones but need to have 100 before we can send them in. The drop off box is outside the office.
 - iii. EIS Car Boot Sale – also known as a garage sale. It is being planned for Saturday, Nov. 8. EIS will sell tables and possibly charge admission. A rain date will be selected as Stacy was concerned about opening the school to the general public. Dana Drummond will survey EIS families to determine if enough interest exists.

- b. Wisenhower Trivia Night – Kim Hutton reported that Trivia Night had an income of \$4000. Sixteen tables were filled and 20 volunteers helped out. In the future, it may be limited to 16 or 17 tables as 20 was a little crowded in 2007.
- c. Innisbrook – Bren Milleson reported a rough income of \$13,460 after expenses are paid. The lunch/limo award will be scheduled shortly. The online ordering at Innisbrook is available to us all year long. When you order online you do pay tax and shipping.
- d. Fiestivale 2009/Communications – Fiestivale is set for April 18, 2009 at the Oklahoma Jazz Hall of Fame. It will be catered by Rib Crib (food for everyone). Tickets will cost \$30. Donations and volunteers are needed. Please contact Christy Blystone.
- e. Book Fair – dates are Oct. 30 (parent/teacher conference) and November 3 through 7, 8:00 am to 3:30 pm. Volunteers are needed, please contact Jessica Holtzcher.
- f. Pie Sales – will occur Oct 15-30. Two new flavors have been added. LOTS of volunteers are needed for delivery day. Please contact Ivana O-Brien.
- g. Spirit Shirts – we will place one more order. Order forms are available on the website or outside the main office. Tulsa Run sign-up sheets are due no later than Oct. 14. Cost is only \$4 this year.

H. EIS Foundation – Steve Heine reported this year’s golf tournament will be March 30 at Meadowbrook. Please consider playing. Next year we will also host a Putt-Putt tournament. Janet Hasegawa is working on coordinating that. The next Foundation meeting is Oct. 21 at noon in the Emily Wood Room.

I. Announcements

- a. Spades Night is November 8, beginning at 6:30. Please join us.
- b. Paul Wheeler – offered his company truck for use by EIS for PTA functions, etc. Please contact his office (665-8559) as soon as you have a date in mind as scheduling can be challenging.

J. Meeting adjourned @8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Bruns

Get your Spirit shirts!!!

The latest order form for spirit shirts can be found online. Johnna Walker will be placing another order soon. If you’d like to purchase a spirit shirt, visit <http://www.eisenhowerinternational.org/> and drop your order off in the school office.

These red shirts are high-quality, moisture-wicking technical tees - perfect for sports and showing your Eisenhower pride! EIS students/parents/staff participating in local 'runs' will be encouraged to wear these shirts as the 'official' EIS TEAM TEE for all 'runs'.

Smaller children sizes are available in the short sleeve and long sleeve cotton T's and the hoodie. We also have a loose fitting Race T available for Adults - it is on the order form as looser fit Race Tee.

All red spirit
school on Fri-



wear is approved for students to
days!

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Library News



Book Fair Safari is Coming Soon!

November 3-November 7, 2008

8:15 am-3:30 pm

Special Events

Monday -Muffins & More

7:15am-9:00am

Wednesday Lunch

Go Wild with your child

It's a "Grand Event"

Grandparents/parents are invited to enjoy lunch with student and visit the Book Fair

Thursday Lunch with Dad

Enjoy lunch with your student and have a POPsicle at the Book Fair

Special times for the Book Fair during Parent/Teacher Conferences

October 30th 3:30pm-7:00pm

October 31st 8:00am-10:00am

Interested in helping with the Book Fair?

Signup in the Library-many slots are still available

Book Covering Sessions

After the Book Fair we will need to cover all the new books we will be adding to the Library

November 13-Thursday, 8:30, Emily Wood Room

November 14-Friday, 2:30, Emily Wood Room

Additional Library Volunteer Opportunities

The Library still needs a few extra persons for book maintenance and shelving throughout the year

Contact Jessica Holtzsch

Tholtz5@yahoo.com or 491.4025

A NOTE FROM YOUR PTA

On behalf of the PTA Board, I would like to thank everyone who participated in Innisbrook, our key fall fundraiser, and made it a resounding success. Thanks to your selling efforts and generosity, we were able to raise over \$12,500.00 and exceed our goal for this year. A special thanks to Lance and Bren Milleson for all their hard work chairing and coordinating this event, and to all the volunteers who assisted them.

I would also like to thank everyone who participated in the 3rd annual Wisenhower Trivia Night. In addition to having a great evening of trivia, fun and food, we raised approximately \$4,000.00 for our school. Another special thanks to committee chairs Kim and Ethan Warlick, Karen Bruns for chairing the desert auction at the event, and the many other volunteers that made this event happen. Trivia Night is relatively new, but has been very successful all three years we have done it, and shows no sign of slowing down!

Don't forget Spades Night on November 8. Spades Night is not a fundraiser, just a PTA sponsored get-together of cards and food, and a great opportunity to get to know other parents. Please contact Grey and Shelley Strickland for more details.

We wish you all a happy Thanksgiving, and a most wonderful holiday season! We do not conduct PTA meetings in November and December, since all EIS families are busy with the holiday season, but feel free to contact myself or any other PTA boardmember if you have any questions or concerns regarding PTA business. Our next PTA meeting is January 8, 2009. I hope to see you there!

Rob Wright,
EIS PTA President

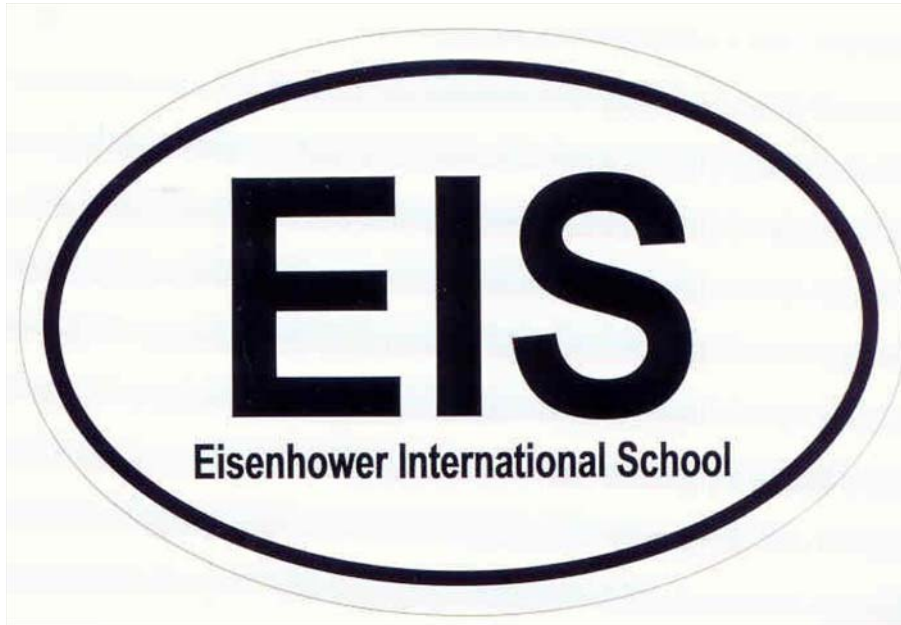


Thank you to the EIS PTA for providing the breakfast at the naturalization ceremony. Special thanks to Jessica Holtzcher for setting up and for being the best AM-BASSADOR ever!



During the week of Fall Break, French Fifth Graders, Grace Elbon, Ellis LeBlanc, Sheridan Nolen, & Will Spaeth, attended a weeklong People to People World Leadership Forum in Washington, D.C. President Dwight Eisenhower created the People to People Programs in 1956. During this week EIS's representatives developed their leadership skills, learned about times in American history when people's leadership qualities determined national and world events, visited national memorials, historic sites, and museums, met with important leaders, explored current challenges, and practiced teambuilding skills with others at the forum. To maximize their interaction with People to People participants from other states, upon arrival at the forum, the EIS participants were separated from the other EIS participants and shared a room with two forum participants they had never met.

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3 x 4.5” oval, European design decal!
Great for cars, notebooks, etc.**



These ultra-cool stickers are only **\$3 apiece.**
Or...be **twice**
as cool Name and Grade Number of Stickers **for**
\$5.

*Please make your check payable to EIS Class of 2010

**Return form with payment to the school office or
find Connie Welch on the south playground after
school for yours today!**

Questions?

clwelch4@cox.net or 665-4151

TPS Welcomes Our New Superintendent, Dr. Keith Ballard



Before becoming the Superintendent of Tulsa Public Schools, Dr. Keith Ballard was Executive Director of the Oklahoma State School Boards Association (OSSBA). He has more than 35 years of service in public education. Dr. Ballard began his educational career in 1972 as a teacher in Coweta Public Schools. He moved to Oologah, Oklahoma, in 1974 where he taught and served in several administrative positions including Superintendent from 1986 until 1992. Dr. Ballard then moved to Claremore where he served as Superintendent of Claremore Public Schools before assuming the position with OSSBA on January 1, 2000.

Although Dr. Ballard has lived in Oklahoma during his entire professional career, he is a native of Kiowa, Kansas, where he attended kindergarten through the twelfth grade. He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology and Speech from Kansas State University in Hays, Kansas; a Master's Degree as a Reading Specialist from Northwestern University in Alva, Oklahoma; and a Doctorate in Educational Administration from Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Dr. Ballard has served as an adjunct professor of school law for Southern Nazarene University, Tulsa and Oklahoma City branches, and Oral Roberts University in Tulsa. He currently serves as a professor in Educational Leadership at the University of Oklahoma. In addition, Dr. Ballard currently serves on the State Superintendent's Advisory Council and is past chairman of the Oklahoma Education Coalition and of the Oklahoma Educational Technology Trust. He served on the United Suburban Schools Association Executive Committee where he was the 1996-97 president and was on the executive committee of the Oklahoma Association of School Administrators where he served as president in 1997-98. Dr. Ballard currently serves on the American Association of School Administrators and the National School Boards Association Liaison Committee representing executive directors on the National School Boards Association (NSBA) Board of Directors.

Dr. Ballard has also been active for several years with the Oklahoma State Legislature regarding educational issues. He meets regularly with key legislators and other state leaders to help shape educational legislation and policy. Dr. Ballard has served on several committees to study statewide educational issues, including School Funding Formula, All-Day Kindergarten, Mid-term Adjustment, Hold-Harmless, Gifted and Talented, and English as a Second Language.

Dr. Ballard has been honored as being named one of NSBA's "Executive Educator 100" in 1988, "Who's Who in American Education" and "Who's Who Among Top Executives."

His wife of 38 years, Christie, is a retired school librarian and has worked part-time as the executive director of the Rogers County Literacy Council. She is now fully retired and baby-sits their grandchildren. They have three children: son Matthew, an attorney in Tulsa, and his wife Traci, also an attorney who works in the Educational Leadership program at OU-Tulsa; daughter Michelle, a fourth grade teacher in Verdigris, Oklahoma; and son Michael, a coach and Spanish teacher in Claremore Public Schools. Keith and Christie have two grandchildren, Aston Lewis Andrews and Kizer Isabella Ballard, both are two years old.