

Eisenhower Informer

A newsletter for the Eisenhower International School family.

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~ dolphin calendar ~

March

- 5** Fiestvale
- 9** Daisy Troop #337 Meeting (3:15)
- 11** Pizza Bingo (6:30 – 8:30 pm) - Cafeteria
- 15** Spring Pictures
- 15-17** Bowling Field Trips
- 17-18** Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 18** No School
- 21-25** Spring Break – No School
- 28-31** Benchmark Testing – Grades 3 – 5
No EIS PTA Unit Meeting This Month

April

- 5** Skate Night (6:00 – 7:30 pm)
- 8** Book Covering Party (1:00 pm) - Library
- 8** Third Quarter Ends
- 11** Fourth Quarter Begins
- 11-15** State Testing Week – Grades 3 – 5



If your child is going to be absent for any reason, please contact the school office (746-9100) before 9:00 a.m. If we do not hear from you, your child's absent will go down as unexplained.

~ A Message from the Principal ~

Dear Parents:

Thank you so much for all the congratulation notes, cards, gifts, and warm thoughts during the birth of our second son. We are happy to report that the Strow family is doing well and everyone is adjusting to having a new baby in the house!

Even though I have been out on maternity leave, the policy on approving documents that are sent home or sent on the EIS ALL group are still in place. Please remember if you are sending something home, wanting to post something on the EIS ALL, or if you are sending a notice to all the parents in a class via email, these documents need to be approved by me before being sent. This policy was implemented to improve the communication process between school and parents and it has been successful. These documents can be dropped off at the office, sent to me via email, or given to Beth for approval.

Mardi Gras and the French Book Fair were both huge successes last month! This was the first Mardi Gras I have ever experienced at EIS and I enjoyed it very much. The students had a great time performing and took great pride in it. I want to take this time to thank all of the EIS staff and PARENTS who made both of these events possible. The teamwork between the two groups was evident and we couldn't have had either event without both teams working together! Thank you!

The EIS staff is looking forward to the new globes and maps for the classrooms which were ordered last week. We are excited to have a PTA which understood the need to bring our "international school" up-to-date with such important learning tools. We are hoping the order will arrive by the end of this month. Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Stacy Strow
Eisenhower Principal

Daisy Girl Scout Troop #337

Wed., March 9th at 3:15 p.m.

This month's meeting will be held in the EIS gymnasium where we will be having a special awards ceremony, refreshments and lots more fun!

With questions, contact troop leaders Dyanna Mortadha (mardidog1@cox.net) or Allison Geary (gearyaa@aol.com).

FIELD TRIP!!!!

Riverlanes Bowling Center

March 15th 2nd Grade
March 16th 1st Grade
3rd Grade
March 17th 4th & 5th Grades
Kinder



GIRL SCOUT TROOP 963 NEWS

The fifth grade Junior Girl Scout Troop 963 dedicated their February activities to "giving from the heart". The girls made valentines for the troops, then volunteered their time helping Blue Star Mothers pack the valentine boxes to be shipped to our service men and women. The Troop also made a flowerpot for the school office to hold pens. Stop by the office to see their beautiful blooming flowers! The last service project was to paint a ceiling tile to be donated to Hillcrest Hospital. The girls chose a beautiful design of two dolphins swimming in a sea of blue.

Also in February, was the annual cookie sale. Thanks to everyone who bought cookies. We appreciate your support of Girl Scouts. The cookies will be delivered in March.

During March, the Troop will be busy with the Oak Leaf Service unit service project. The focus is on "Lending a Paw" to help the various animal agencies in the Tulsa area. We also will be going on a weekend campout to Camp Swannie.

If you would like to get involved in the fun, contact one of the Troop co-leaders, Ruth Giessen or JoHelen Wilson. All fifth grade girls are invited to join.



HAS YOUR EMAIL CHANGED? DO YOU HAVE A NEW CELL NUMBER?



Help the directory committee and the school office maintain accurate contact records. Please verify your EIS directory listing and provide updates on any changes or errors.

French families, please email changes to Samantha Heinen 4heinens@cox.net.

Spanish families, please email changes to Jennifer Seely jenniferseely@cox.net.

Alternatively, you may fill in the form below and return it to the school office.

Child(ren)'s Name(s) (language-grade): _____

Parent's Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State Zip: _____

Phone Numbers: _____ Circle: Mom's/Dad's & Home/Work/Cell

E-mail address: _____

*** Please specify if any data is to be deleted; otherwise, only the updated information will be added.**

BOOKS BOOKS BOOKS BOOKS!

The library has lots of books that need to get on the shelves so your children can read, read, read them!!! And you can help get these books on the shelves!

How: Come to the book covering party! There will be food, drink, and jolly times, and you will learn how to cover books, an easy and fun way to help out with EIS's incredible library!

When: Friday, April 8th, 2005, at 1:00 pm

Where: The Emily Wood Room

Why: Help the library without having to BUY or SELL ANYTHING!!!! NO MATH INVOLVED!!!!

Questions? Talk to Mrs. McCrary, Mrs. Karlin, or contact Nelly Vanzetti (749-9744; dmelly@msn.com).

JOAN HATLEY, FRENCH 2ND GRADE PARATEACHER AND PIANIST, WILL BE PERFORMING IN THE FOLLOWING CONCERTS:

Wednesday, March 9, 12:10-12:50 p.m. - Performing Arts Center's Brown Bag It recital series
Westby Pavilion in the Performing Arts Center
Tulsa Oratorio Chorus performing, Joan Hatley, accompanist

Wednesday, April 13, 12:10-12:50 p.m. - PAC's Brown Bag It recital series
Williams Theater in the Performing Arts Center
Joan Hatley and Mary Sallee, duo-pianists

Friday, April 29, 7:30 p.m. - Evenings at the Bernsen concert series
Great Hall in the Bernsen Community Life Center, 7th and Boston
Joan Hatley and Mary Sallee, duo-pianists



Congratulations!

Eisenhower's own Neosha Pendergraft, Spanish 2nd, won the Grand Prize in a Tulsa art contest last month. The contest entitled "Ways That I Shine" was sponsored by the Indian Health Care Resource Center and was open to all elementary age students of Native American descent. Neosha (an Eastern Band Cherokee) painted an acrylic self-portrait of herself wearing the jingle dress that she wears when she dances at Pow Wows. She won a girl's mountain bike with a helmet and bicycle lock. Congratulations, Neosha!

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Cub Scout Troop 318 recently held their annual Pinewood Derby. The boys' creativity, imagination & aerodynamic engineering resulted in a diverse collection of hand-made, colorful cars. Each boy's individual talents were evident in their personal creations. Fish raced against rockets and wedges challenged roadsters. Every boy was a winner & received a certificate of award touting the qualities of his unique design. The evening culminated in the following Pack members receiving accolades for being the top three speediest cars overall:

1st Place - Conner Brittingham

2nd Place - Zachary Pfeifer

3rd Place - Andrew Gould



The question for this month is ...

“Why Does the Fifth Grade Have so Many Fundraisers?”

The Fifth Grade has organized several fundraising events throughout the year to help defray the expenses of celebrating our fifth grader's final year at Eisenhower. When you participate in events like Pizza Bingo, Valentine Balloon-a-Grams, after school Candy Sales and PTA Dinners, the proceeds go towards expenses of providing a memorable last year for our fifth graders.

Your participation specifically helps to fund things like: class t-shirts, class memory books, Fifth Grade Week events and field trip, an end of year banquet and the traditional class gift which they will leave to the school. These fundraising events are designed to not only raise the necessary funds required to finance these memorable events for our fifth graders, but also to be fun that families at Eisenhower can participate in without great expense. If you have participated in any of these money-raising events, the Fifth Grade Committee would like to thank you for your support and generosity!

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BINGO!!!



PIZZA - BINGO

**Friday, March 11th
6:30 – 8:30**



Join your friends in the
Eisenhower Cafeteria for an evening of fun.

Bingo Cards \$2.00/each or 3 for \$5.00
Pizza..... \$1.00/slice
Pop \$.50
Candy \$.75

Grand Prizes include:
★ **Digital Camera**
★ **Karaoke Machine**

A night not to be missed benefiting the 5th grade class fund.

Please RSVP by returning the bottom portion of this flyer to the Pizza Bingo Box on the table in front of the office or send an e-mail to PizzaBingo@hotmail.com by Wednesday, March 9.

of Adults attending _____

of Children attending _____

Although you are welcome to attend even if you don't RSVP, your assistance in obtaining an accurate head-count is very much appreciated.

Name _____

CULTURE BOX PROJECT

The Eisenhower International School –Tulsa Global Alliance Culture Box Project has been making a great educational impact in K-College classrooms, teachers' meetings and Kids World. The collection currently consists of 39 boxes, each representing a different country. Boxes have traveled from the Missouri border to Norman with stops at places like Catoosa inbetween. Presidential teacher, Betty Wright, used the Vietnamese box in Oklahoma City workshops.

The boxes have stimulated READING, encouraged MULTICULTURAL UNDERSTANDING and appreciation of diversity. The French and Bolivian boxes were exhibited at KIDS WORLD at the Eisenhower booths. Model United Nations students at Booker T. Washington and Oral Roberts University used the boxes and enhanced the boxes with their RESEARCH. The African boxes enhanced a Malawi student's presentation at TCC. These boxes can also FOSTER AN APPRECIATION of a child's own heritage. The films and books from the Spanish and Portuguese boxes have supplemented study of the explorers in the FIFTH GRADE AMERICAN HISTORY PASS OBJECTIVES at Eisenhower and Heritage Academy.

Thanks to a grant from the Charles Schusterman Family Foundation, Emily Wood has been able to check out, supplement, and enhance the boxes at Eisenhower and give workshops. Karen Schafer, Executive Director of TGA administers the grant. If you are traveling to one of the 39 culture box countries your leftover coins are very welcome.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED TO CONTINUE THIS PROJECT!

NEED 1

A Culture Box Sustainability Committee. The purpose of this Committee is simply to be aware and to promote awareness of the Culture Box Program at Eisenhower. We need a core of people to understand and advocate the Program in the future if we are to continue to receive grant money. There will only be two short lunch time (45 minute) meetings per year – one in the Spring and one in the Fall. The first meeting will be held on April 15 in the Emily Wood Room – The Global Learning Center. Feel free to bring your lunch.

Some of the parents who have signed up to help are: Michael Patton, Warren Wood, Allison Geary and Melanie Heil.

NEED 2

A second need is for parents to volunteer for one hour on a Friday afternoon checking artifacts after boxes are returned.

If you are interested and able to help with either of these activities, please sign below and return this sheet to the school office or email Emily Wood at emily_wood46@hotmail.com.

CULTURE BOX VOLUNTEER

Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Sign me up for:

Sustainability Committee _____

Fridays (work one hour between 1:00 & 3:00) _____

Circle the Date(s) You Can Help: March 4, April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, May 6, 13, 20, 27

Eisenhower PTA Unit Meeting Minutes

February 24, 2005

- Meeting called to order 7:04 pm
- Motion to accept January Minutes made by Jennifer Allen. MOTION CARRIES.
- Schools Attuned speaker, Carol Huffman, talks about the program and offers website, www.allkindsofminds.org.
- Emily Wood spoke about the Culture Box Program and the need volunteers. Volunteer forms to be included in informer.
- Steve Skeie, the interim principal, reported that the globes and maps that the Unit voted on in January have been ordered and are on the way.
- Rob Wright is absent, but LaToshia Stephens reports no changes from last month on treasurer's report.
- Samantha Heinen reports on Fiestivale and says donations are coming along. Last day to accept reservations is February 25th.
- Nothing new to report for the Spring Festival Committee.
- Nominating Committee nominates: LaToshia Stephens for President, Emily Hill for 1st Vice-President, Rhonda Allen for 2nd Vice-President, Rob Wright for Treasurer, Amy Howard for Secretary, Steve Heinen for PTA DeIegate, Elaine Ard for Site Council Representative, and Karen Bruns will continue her 2-year term as Site Council Representative.
- Motion to accept nominations from the Committee made by Kendall Johnson. MOTION CARRIES.
- New Business: Tawn Albright asks about policy for children playing outside. Melanie Heil, counselor, discussed TPS policy. 4 year old program brought up and the needs for it. Donna Boswell, president, informed unit Stacy Strow, principal, will be back for next unit meeting and this would be addressed then.
- Motion to cancel March meeting due to Spring Break made by Steve Heinen. MOTION CARRIES.
- Motion to adjourn meeting made by Kara Folkins. MOTION CARRIES.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm

Minutes submitted by Amy Howard, PTA secretary