

# Eisenhower Informer



A newsletter for the Eisenhower International School family.

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### May

- 8** EIS French Ambassadors Arrive Home
- 10** French Awards Celebration (Holland Hall 4:00)
- 11-12** OISAT Gift and Talented Testing
- 16-20** Gates McGinite Testing (2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>)
- 16-20** Music & Art Testing (3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>)
- 17** Cub Scouts Roundup, 7:00 pm
- 18** World Harmony Run Assembly, 12:30 pm
- 19** Band and String Performance, During Lunch
- 19** EIS PTA Unit Meeting - 6:30 pm Dinner;  
7:00 pm Meeting (Childcare Available)
- 20** EIS Foundation – Annual Members'  
Meeting, Noon
- 20** Informer Deadline, 3:00 pm
- 21** Spring Festival, 1:00 – 3:00 pm
- 24** Music & Drama Program, 2:00 & 7:00
- 25** Science Fair Setup & Judging, 4:00-8:00
- 26** Science Fair Interviews, 9:30-10:45 am  
& Viewing, 12:00-3:00 pm & 6:00-7:00 pm
- 26** School Talk Time, 2:00 pm
- 27** Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) Distribution
- 30** Memorial Day – No School

### June

- 2** Volunteer Thank You Breakfast, 7:45
- 2** Awards Assembly (K-2), 8:30
- 3** Volunteer Thank You Breakfast, 7:45
- 3** Awards Assembly (3-5), 8:30
- 3** 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Talent Show, 1:30
- 6-9** Fifth Grade Week
- 7** Skate Night (6:00 – 7:30 pm)
- 9** Beach Blanket Bingo & Last Day of School!!!

## ~ A Message from the Principal ~

Dear Parents:

Thank you to all the parents and staff who attended the April PTA meeting. The changes for the upcoming school year were discussed and questions from the audience were answered. The staff that attended felt the parents had good questions and most were satisfied with the answers they received. We at EIS expect our parents to be involved and expect our parents to hold us accountable for their child's education. We want the lines of communication to be open. Please feel free to talk to me or any staff member when you may have a suggestion, concern, or question. Thank you!

The staff at EIS recently nominated and voted for the EIS Spring Area V Awards! Congratulations to the following members of our community: Caden Broussard (5th Grade Girl), Cameron Cross (5th Grade Boy), Leonardo DeAndrade (Certified Personnel), Milagros Monsalve (Support Personnel), and Kathy Brittingham (Parent Volunteer). The five were all so deserving and represented our school well at the awards assembly.

May and June will prove to be busy months for our school. Make sure to check the calendars that are sent home to keep up with all the special events. There are several events that will need to be staffed with volunteers; please get in touch with Rhonda Allen if you can help. During these busy times, please don't forget to check in at the office upon arriving at school. This is a safety issue for all our students!

Thank you for your continued support! We appreciate you!

Sincerely,

Stacy Strow  
Eisenhower Principal

## **THANK YOU EIS VOLUNTEERS!!!!**

I wanted to thank all of you for all you do to help by volunteering. Here are just a few ways parents help make EIS a better place for our kids:

Homeroom Parents  
Festive Volunteers  
Jog-A-Thon Volunteers  
Newsletter Writers  
Building and Grounds Volunteers  
Jr. Great Book Volunteers  
Math and Science Enrichment  
Volunteers

Fundraiser Volunteers  
Yearbook Helpers  
Computer Lab Volunteers  
Outdoor Learning Center Volunteers  
Library Helpers  
Directory Volunteers  
PTA meetings all volunteers  
that make this possible

Popcorn Helpers  
Home and Back Stuffers  
Exchange Host Families  
Skate Night Volunteers  
PTA Reflections Helpers

This is only a short list off the top of my head. I am sure I haven't even made a dent in all the volunteering that goes on during the year to help Eisenhower be the incredible school that it is. EIS Parents and Staff together are such an asset for all of our children and are continually increasing the opportunities for each of our students.

## **WAYS YOU CAN VOLUNTEER**

We need various Committee Chairpersons for PTA 2005-06. I will be contacting those of you who volunteered this year to see if you might be willing to volunteer again next year. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact me by email [rhondaallen@cox.net](mailto:rhondaallen@cox.net). Also, be on the lookout for the Volunteer Form that will be coming home in the next few weeks for opportunities to volunteer for next school year. We are hoping to get a jumpstart on several of the committees and meet a couple of times over the summer. With the school year starting earlier next year, we want to get it off to a great start!

### **ATTENTION ALL EISENHOWER VOLUNTEERS YOU ARE INVITED:**

**WHO:** Anyone who has volunteered in any way at EIS this year

**WHAT:** Volunteer "Thank You"

**WHEN:** The morning before Awards Assembly.  
Choose which morning is best for you:  
K-2 7:45 June 2<sup>nd</sup>  
3-5 7:45 June 3<sup>rd</sup>  
(Awards Assembly will begin at 8:30)

**WHERE:** Emily Wood Room

Please come have coffee, juice, and doughnuts as we celebrate the gift of your time for all our children! Please come and enjoy this small token of our great appreciation!!!!

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

Spring Festival will be May 21<sup>st</sup> 1:00 – 3:00 pm at Eisenhower. We need lots of volunteers to help with the carnival-type events. Please contact Karen Bruns at kfbruns@cox.net to volunteer.

Beach Blanket Bingo is set for the last day of school, May 9<sup>th</sup>. Please contact LaToshia Stephens to volunteer to help, aprildiamonds1@cox.net , 665-6279.

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## **PTA NEEDS YOU!!!!**

PTA is **desperately** searching for the following positions for the 2005-2006 school year. PLEASE contact Rhonda Allen if you would be willing to help serve in one of the following positions:

1. Fund Development Chair - Person to oversee and serve as a point person for committees that generate funds for PTA. Attend monthly PTA and board meetings.
2. Communications Chair - PTA board position that provides oversight and serves as point person for those committees involved with communication between the school, PTA, and the community.
3. Newsletter "EIS Informer" - gather news, write and layout articles, distribute the week after the monthly PTA meeting.
4. Monthly Skate Night Chair - inform families of the dates of Skate Night. Come up with door prizes and keep skate rules and regulations forms.

## **EIS FOUNDATION MEETING**

The EIS Foundation will hold its annual members' meeting on May 20, 2005 at Noon at EIS. All members are invited to join. The primary purpose of the meeting will be to accept nominations for any vacant seats on the 2005-06 Board of Directors and to hold an election to fill those seats. We will also provide a recap of the year. If you have any questions, please contact Derek Reid or Lane Wilson.



### *Notes from Daisy Girl Scout Troop #337*

Our EIS Daisies have been busy this spring with an outing to Camp Tallchief in April to join more than 100 other girls from our area for a day of fun, games and hiking. Closer to home, Troop 337 celebrated Earth Day by planting pansies, phlox and gerbera daisies (what else!) in the gardens near the EIS kinder entrance. The EIS family is invited to check it out!

Our next meeting is Wed., May 11th at 3:15. With questions, contact leaders Dyanna Mortadha at 836-4806 or Allison Geary at 712-1632.

### *Notes from Cub Scout Pack #318*

It was a sunny day and a cold night when Eisenhower Pack 318 Cub Scouts went camping April 23. The Webelos (4th graders) went out the night before to the Cub Camp at Keystone and set it all up. Then on Saturday, we welcomed the rest of the campers and opened with a flag ceremony lead by Nick Johnson.



We had an afternoon of games and scout activities with free time to explore the woods and the lake. The kids all had a great time. Where else can a child not get in trouble for getting dirty?

The evening campfire was full of songs and skits put on by the Dens. The Wolves' skit went something like this: Boy 1: "Look, Smoke Signals!" Boy 2: "What does it say?" Boy 1: "Help . . . My . . . Blanket . . . Is . . . On . . . Fire!"

The campfire ended with a moving flag retirement ceremony. We had four flags to retire, as their job of serving our country has been done. We learned how to honor America in respectfully retiring its great symbol.

If your boy is not already a part of Cub Scouts, don't let him miss out! Come to the Ice Cream Pack Meeting and join us May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 at EIS gym. Cub Scouts is open to all boys from first grade to fifth, so Kinders, now is your chance to get ready for Tiger Cubs in the Fall!

Yours in Scouting,  
*Kendall Johnson*  
Scout Master, Pack 318

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Parents: We're looking for a few good leaders. If you want to be a part of leadership of Cub Scouts, call Kendall Johnson at 747-0254 or Tom Holtzcher at 491-4025. There are plenty of opportunities available, beginning with Tiger Den Leaders for next Fall (new 1st graders). Existing cubbers, think about stepping up to keep the Pack strong. We have one of the model Packs in the city and we want to keep it that way. It can only happen with strong leadership. Thanks in advance for being a part of your child's lives.

A special invitation to all  
**Eisenhower students**  
(and their families)

Join us for a carnival like no other:

# SPRING FLING

**Saturday, May 21st • 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.**

on the Eisenhower east playground @ 2819 S. New Haven



Clowns • Games • Concessions\* • A Really BIG Slide • Fire Truck • More!



\*Admission is free, but some items will be available for purchase.

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## 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](mailto:4heinens@cox.net).

Spanish families, please email changes to Jennifer Seely [jenniferseely@cox.net](mailto: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.**