

# Eisenhower Informer



A newsletter for the Eisenhower International School family.

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## ~ A Message from the Principal ~

Dear Parents:

As the end of the year approaches and we begin preparations for the next one, we should all take time to reflect on the last 9 months! As I reflect I realize all the wonderful tasks that were accomplished this year! None of those tasks could have been possible without each and everyone one of you!

The PTA Executive Board, Donna Boswell, LaToshia Stephens, Rhonda Allen, Amy Howard, and Rob Wright were quite a team. Thank you all for your service and your support this year! It was a joy to meet you, get to know you and your family, and work with you in reaching our common goal: helping our students achieve success.

Thank you to all the volunteers that helped in the PTA. Whether it was providing snacks for your student's class, supervising on a field trip, serving as a homeroom parent, organizing a fund raiser, spearheading a committee, managing skate night, volunteering to help in the library, handling communications, or maintaining our website. None of these tasks could have been accomplished without you! Thank you!

There were many successes we all had this year that should be celebrated in our reflection. Many awards were received; many accomplishments were mastered by all! The staff at EIS is committed and exceptional! The support the PTA provides our staff is enormous and much appreciated! Thank you!

As we reflect and envision the upcoming year; let's keep in mind our district's mission: "To provide a quality learning experience for every student, every day without exception!" We are part of this community and we do what we do for one reason: the students! When we keep the students and their success our main focus then we will never fail!

Enjoy the upcoming summer with your family! See you on August 22, 2005!

Sincerely,

Stacy Strow  
Eisenhower Principal

## ~ dolphin calendar ~

### May

**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

**9** Beach Blanket Bingo & Last Day of School!!!

**\*\* EIS School Supply Packets Are Here Again! \*\***

The deadline to order your child's teacher-approved supply packet is now. Order forms are available outside the main office and are due ASAP. Supplies will be in your child's classroom for labeling at the Open House. **Same time and help Eisenhower raise some money.** Questions, please contact La Toshia Stephens 665-6279.

**Principal Strow and the entire Staff  
at Eisenhower would like to thank  
the PTA for a fun, successful  
SPRING FLING - IT WAS THE BEST EVER!!!**

**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!!!!



**GO TEAM!!!**



The Eisenhower 5th Grade Baseball Team is having another good year, playing in the CETBO division of Tulsa Kids Baseball. Their record is 7-3-1, with one regular season game remaining. They should qualify for the City Championship Tournament. It's really great to see how well they have improved over the past 5 years. This year's team consists of: Ross Martin, Nicholas Bowlin, Peter Folkins, Glade Inhofe, Connor Brittingham, Nick Vandivort, Gannon Harris, Mitchell Cox, Strephon O'Brien, Alex Belauste, Luke Ketchum, Tony Hudgens, Trevor Grant, & Orion Jones.

~ A Message from the PTA President ~

As incoming PTA President, I wanted to take this opportunity to first say *Thank You* for embracing and encouraging my newfound leadership abilities. I would like to simply think that I am a diamond in the rough and now is simply my opportunity to shine for Eisenhower's students, teachers and parents. Over the past four years of having served on the board, I have been a part of many wonderful and exciting things here at Eisenhower like the security system, computer lab, computers and furniture, classroom rugs, maps and globes, soccer goals, a sink in the art room and the French kinder classroom, and library books and CDs in the target languages. And although PTA did not have a hand in the wonderful library, it is still an awesome feeling to know that our parents, community and Foundation were able to bring such a wonderful vision to life. We are more than blessed to have the support and collected efforts of our parents, administrators and PTA.

These last few weeks I have had the chance to hear families express their joy in getting letters of acceptance into the elementary school or middle school of their choice and two things come to mind: the *immeasurable joy* they feel about their acceptance and that their selection was a school of *their choice*. We all have had the opportunity to feel that same immeasurable joy when our child was accepted into Eisenhower; that feeling of accomplishment for both us, as parents, and our child; and to also now be a part of something special when it comes to education. We realize that we had other opportunities but *chose* Eisenhower for all the wonderful things it encourages and provides to our children. Yes, Tulsa Public has other wonderful elementary schools, but not like EIS; not with the community and friendship bonds that we have. We chose not only a school but a community and culture. What happened? What changed? And when did it change? Lately, these are questions that I find myself asking parents who at one time were bubbling over with immeasurable joy to be here over 57 other public elementary schools. Administration changes, teachers leave, teachers retire, school needs change, and students' needs change, my point is all things at some time will change and regardless of what those changes are, Eisenhower is still a wonderful school that offers multi-language immersion and we, as parents, help foster that environment. And at some point if we, as parents, find that change is too overwhelming and our once immeasurable joy has turned to confusion and frustration, we can always choose to be somewhere else. No one place can be all things to all people. We choose on a daily basis what we can live with and those things we can live without. Some people disappoint us, while others rise to the occasion. In a volunteer-based organization like PTA, we must all realize that our individual levels of expectation are different but that our main goal and objective is to better serve our EIS community. I am simply one public servant who has immeasurable joy about the place and community of which I chose to be a part. I want to keep that same feeling of excitement while making a positive difference here at Eisenhower. Will you help me? I am only one, but together we can move mountains. Will you help me?

La Toshia Stephens  
PTA President

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2005 – 2006 School Year**

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If, over the summer break, you need any of us please feel free to contact us. Have a wonderful summer and we look forward to working with you this upcoming school year.

Do you have outgrown but still usable school uniforms cluttering your child's closet?  
Need to find new sizes at affordable prices for the upcoming school year?  
**Have we got a deal for you!**



# Eisenhower School Uniform Re-Sale

Wednesday, June 8, 3-6 pm

## Items to be sold:

- Gently used clothing that meets Eisenhower dress code, including shirts, pants, shorts, skirts, skorts, jumpers, sweatshirts and sweaters (no jeans).
- Accessories such as tights, matching hair bows, belts.
- Good condition school backpacks.
- Books/tapes/other educational materials, particularly in French or Spanish.

———— All proceeds raised will go to benefit the school! ————

## DO YOU WANT TO CONTRIBUTE ITEMS FOR RE-SALE?

You have two choices:



1. Bring them in and receive credit that can be used to purchase other merchandise. To get credit, bring your items to volunteers at the table in the hallway before and after school on

Wednesday, June 1; Thursday, June 2; or Monday, June 6.

For each acceptable item, you will receive \$1-\$4 in credit: (\$1 for books, tapes, belts & accessories; \$2 for screen T-shirts & backpacks; \$3 for embroidered shirts, pants, skirts, shorts, skorts & jumpers; \$4 for sweaters, sweatshirts & hoodies.)



2. Donate outright (all proceeds benefit Eisenhower). If you're not interested in shopping at the re-sale and don't need credit vouchers, then you can donate items by placing them in the marked box outside the office by June 6.

**ALL ITEMS MUST BE CLEAN, NO RIPS, STAINS, MISSING BUTTONS, ETC.!**

Unsold items will be used to create a clothes closet for emergencies or to assist families in need.

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Volunteer to help out and you get to shop early! To volunteer, contact Connie Welch, 665-4151, [clwelch4@cox.net](mailto:clwelch4@cox.net)  
If you have questions, contact Anna America, 834-6605, [annaamerica@yahoo.com](mailto:annaamerica@yahoo.com).



## What is Cooking at EIS?

A new fundraiser is in the early stages for the 2005-2006 school year. The PTA will sponsor a cookbook and all we need are a few of your favorite recipes! We are hoping to get full participation from all families and staff members at EIS. With the cultural diversity we have at our school, just imagine all the yummy recipes we can share! We hope to have the children contribute to the cookbook by providing the artwork for the cover or the divider pages.

We would like to have the cookbook available for purchase prior to the 2005 holiday season. In order to reach this goal, much of our work will need to be done over the summer. So, we need you to send your recipes via email to Karen Bruns ([kfbruns@cox.net](mailto:kfbruns@cox.net)) or Elaine Ard ([elaineard@yahoo.com](mailto:elaineard@yahoo.com)). Or if you prefer, forms are available in front of the office or at the following website: <http://www.morriscookbooks.com/dc/tns10/RecipeCollection.pdf>. Feel free to mail the forms to us over the summer: Karen Bruns, 223 E. 25th St., Tulsa, 74114 or Elaine Ard, 1211 E. 30th Place, Tulsa, 74114.

In addition, we are in need of some volunteers to work with us on this. Please contact us if you are willing to help out with this wonderful and yummy project!

Bon Appetit!

## Chill out . . . and Read!

Summer will be here soon, and so will the EIS Summer Reading program. This is a great way to practice your reading skills AND earn a fantastic ice cream party when school starts next fall. Watch for the Reading Record form in your home & back folder!

Stop by the EIS library during summer hours and pick out books in French, Spanish, or English. Students who will be in 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grades can even get started on the Sequoyah Reading List.

If you participate in the public library reading program, you can count those books on your list, too. Also, check at Borders and Barnes & Noble – they often have summer programs as well, so you can earn more prizes!

## Happy Reading!

### 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.**

## *Girl Scout News*

**Daisy Troop #337** is having a year-end celebration on Wed., June 8. At 3:15 that day, we will be traveling to the Girl Scout Council's Troop House in northwest Tulsa for an afternoon of fun including hiking, exploring, games, food and a flag ceremony.

We are so proud of our girls and have had a wonderful year with them. We'll be "bridging to Brownies" in September. We'll continue the fun with our new Brownies in 2005-06.

With questions, contact leaders Dyanna Mortadha at 836-4806 or Allison Geary at 712-1632.

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**Junior Girl Scout Troop #963** joined other Junior Girl Scouts from Oklahoma, Kansas and Arkansas for a "Girls' Night Out" at the Kansas Cosmosphere in April. For twenty-four hours, the scouts learned about space exploration, the galaxy and constellations, and female pioneers in space and aviation. They also got to experience some great space-related activities, like the G-Force simulator, spending time inside an American and a Russian space capsule, building a space rover robot, and building and launching paper rockets. If you are interested in aeronautics and space, the Kansas Cosmosphere in Hutchinson is certainly worth the trip!

Our troop year-end awards ceremony was held on May 20. Each girl received her membership star for completing another year as a Girl Scout. For some of our members, this was their 6<sup>th</sup> star! The girls also received the badges they have been working hard to earn. The troop members earned a total of 42 badges, plus several of the members received a special patch commemorating a flag ceremony performed on our last campout.

This summer the girls will be busy with several badge workshops being conducted by parents in the troop, attending summer camp, and participating in troop summer activities. Even though next fall the girls will be in different schools, we will still be Junior Girl Scout Troop 963. If you are a 5<sup>th</sup> grade girl, and would like to get in on the fun, contact one of the troop leaders (Ruth Giessen or JoHelen Wilson). It's never too late to become a Girl Scout.

## **CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

To the following students who have been selected for the 2005-2006 Mexico Exchange Program:

Amy Cairns  
Evan Charney  
Brandon Evans  
Jill Gehring  
Brooke Gould  
Trevor Grant

Christian Holtzscher  
Mary Jarnigan  
Noah Lewis  
Megan Mathewson  
Maggie Savage