



The Egret Express

James B. Edwards Elementary school's weekly Email newsletter

Dates to Remember

February 15: Presidents Day: Offices and School Closed

February 18, 19, 22 and 23: Scholastic Book Fair

February 23: Family Reading Night

The PTA Post

Your PTA Money Takes Students to May Day in Colonial America

Did you know that our 2010 May Day production will be based on Colonial America? Every year, each department is given PTA funds to use to purchase resources and supplies not provided by CCSD. This year Ms. All used the Music Department funds to purchase an educational program about Colonial America. This program is a complement to the fourth grade social studies curriculum, and the May Day program will be developed from this material. All grade levels will be learning about Colonial America during music class as they prepare for the May Day performance. Ask your child about life in Colonial America as compared to life today.

Thank you to everyone who joins the PTA and participates in our important fund-raising efforts.

Parent Volunteer Wish List for Patriot Unit/May Day

Below is a list of items needed for this years May Day.

WHITTILING: A parent is needed to demonstrate whittling, display-whittled objects, and talk about the history of whittling.

HORNBOOKS: A parent(s) is needed to cut out 12 hornbook shapes according to a provided pattern, bring them to school for students to stain, paste text, Mod Podge to cover edges, then coat with 2 coats of water clean-up polyurethane. (Complete directions supplied)
Students would work in pairs, with each class completing a different aspect of the project. (To occur during scheduled art class)

BAKING FOR BANQUET: Following May Day/Patriots Day skit, students will return to classrooms. Each classroom will rotate through the common area for a reception of colonial baked goods and punch, served in period style. A team of mothers is needed to coordinate decorating the common area and tables, and baking and displaying the cookies and punch. (Recipes, including 'Cheese Hedgehog', 'Mrs. Lloyd's Jumbles', and 'Cedar Park Ginger Cakes', are provided) (There is a possibility that this 'tea' will take place on a field trip to an historical location on a different day.)

SCENERY: Parents to paint scenery.

NEED TO BORROW:

1. 4 benches from a trestle dining table for one-room schoolhouse benches.
2. 15 snare drums from drum sets, child size or adult size. We also need 15 sets of drumsticks.

COSTUMES:

A. Ascots: We need 50 men's handkerchiefs, gathered at one end with a strip of lace sewn to bottom edge. The ties can be a string run through a casing above the gathering thread. (Example will be provided)

B. 60 gathered calico skirts: Does anyone have any large pieces of small print fabric up in the attic? Would anyone be willing to purchase a bolt of calico from Wal-Mart or other fabric source and donate it? We need enough to tear into 1 yard by 2 yard pieces – gathering the

long end to 1 yard with elastic inserted into a casing. (Examples will be provided) Skirts should be left un-hemmed so that 4th grade girls can learn to hem stitch as part of their colonial training. (To occur in a scheduled art class) 2 parent volunteers per class to assist in art room during this time.

PLEASE CONTACT MRS. ALL IF YOU ARE WILLING TO SIGN UP FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE PROJECTS.

STAY TUNED FOR NEW IDEAS AS THEY DEVELOP!!

Jump Rope for Heart

Don't forget next week during PE class students who signed up will participate in Jump Rope for Heart. Please bring any donations to PE class next week. If you collected money online with your website, please print a copy and bring it to school.

Family Reading Night

Family Reading Night will be Tuesday, February 23. The Scholastic Book Fair will be open starting at 4:30 and pizza will be available from 5:00-5:45pm. Please pre-order your pizza with the order form that went home this week. The PTA will have a brief meeting at 5:45 and the Reading Night activities will be immediately after. We had great reviews of Math Night this past fall, so please join us for another fun filled family evening.

PS: If you have run out of cookie dough, the PTA will be selling some of their extra boxes at this event. Tubs are \$12 and pre-portioned packages are \$14.

100 by 100

Congratulations!! The following students reached their goal of 100 AR points by the 100th Day of School (January 29)

3rd Grade: Ben Bell, Ann Gilliam, Davis Ginn, Eric Holmi, Trinity Morris, Liv Provosty, Lydia Ratliff and Tori Streetman

4th Grade: Elise Blackburn, Kaitlyn Evensen, Samantha Gause, Jackson Howe, Julia Igoe, Jack Rogers and Graham Tulowitzky

5th Grade: Allison Burton, Evan Kitten, Dominic Marosok, Kate Sherman and Reid Tulowitzky

Mr. Simpson's Book Drive

Mr. Simpson (Third Grade) is still looking for book donations to help classroom teachers build their classroom libraries. He has had a great response so far and has found homes for many books. He can always use more, so start your Spring Cleaning early and donate your gently used books to help him add to our classrooms. If you know of others with older children who may have outgrown their books, please let them know.

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held February 18, 19, 22 and 23 In the Media Center. There will be special evening hours during Family Reading Night on Tuesday, February 23. A preview of books available will be sent home next week. If you send money with your child, please remember to Include 7.5% sales tax.

JBE School Book Drive-"Gifts for Ghana" and "Board Books for Babies"

JBE is teaming up with the South Carolina International Reading Association (SCIRA) to help promote literacy worldwide. Our school will be accepting donations of gently used and new books for school libraries in Ghana. This is an excellent opportunity to have your child study Ghana as a country and help the children have books to learn about new things and to take many journeys through the words of authors. The SCIRA is also collecting gently used or new board books for babies. These board books will be distributed among local health centers for new mothers. The Book Drive will run from December through February and donations may be sent to school with your child or dropped off in the front office. Let's all try to donate a book and share the gift of reading with children near and far.

Around Town

February 12-14: Southeastern Wildlife Expo-Downtown Charleston
Various activities and events daily. For more information visit:

www.sewe.com

South Carolina - Did you know?

Bomb Island on Lake Murray each spring and summer is the home of a very unusual event. Each year thousands of Purple Martins return to this island to roost for the summer. The island has been declared a bird sanctuary and it is quite a sight to watch these birds return to Bomb Island each day around sunset.

Red Spider Lilies were first planted in the US, in the Willington-Mt. Carmel area when Dr. James Morrow sent them and other plants from the Orient while he served as surgeon with Commodore Perry's expedition to open trade with Japan.