



The Egret Express

James B. Edwards Elementary school's weekly Email newsletter

Dates to Remember

December 9: Cookie Dough Orders ready for pickup NEW DATE

December 11: Cultural Arts Contest Deadline

December 11: Wacky Holiday Hat Day (see below)

December 18: Red and Green Day (see below)

December 21-January 1: Holiday Winter Break-Schools Closed

A Note from Mrs. Mitchell

Dear Parents,

James B. Edwards is proud to announce that Mrs. Kelly Newsom is our 2010 Teacher of the Year! We would also like to congratulate Mr. Simpson on representing James B. Edwards as our Distinguished Reading Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Burkeen recently earned her National Board Certification. Congratulations to all of them!

I would like to thank the Endowment for helping to fund our new technology assistant! Mrs. Jill Weatherford is doing a wonderful job in the computer lab! Mrs. Tamara Lee is our new part-time assistant with Ms. Werner and Mrs. Nancy Baldwin is our part-time interventionist. They are all magnificent additions to our staff at James B. Edwards.

Please see Ms. Erin Bua, our guidance counselor, if you are interested in adopting a "JBE Angel" from our very own holiday tree! Gifts may be turned in wrapped or unwrapped by Wednesday, December 16 th. For more details, please see the "Angel Tree" segment further down in our newsletter.

On Friday, December 11th students will have an opportunity to participate in our "Wacky Holiday Hat Day." To participate, students will need to bring in a non-perishable food item. We will donate all food items to the Low Country Food Bank.

Friday, December 18th will be red and green day! Come dressed in red and green attire to celebrate our last day before the holiday break!

Mrs. Mitchell

A Note from Mrs. DiCenzo

Dear Parents,

Thank you all for being so cooperative during our lockdown on Tuesday. The students behaved very well and I did not hear any parent complain about the inconvenience of having to come and get our bikers and walkers. Thank you for being so supportive and helping to keep all of our students safe.

Since safety is also important for our bus riders, I would appreciate it if you would review the safety rules of riding a bus with your child/children. Students should not change seats, stand up, have their feet or bags in the aisles, or be loud when the bus is moving. The rules are listed in our handbook. Thank you.

Anne DiCenzo

James B. Edwards Tom Lee Endowment

The James B. Edwards Tom Lee Endowment welcomes Technology TA Jill Weatherford. The Endowment provided the additional funding needed for Ms. Weatherford to be hired as a full time teacher. This is the Endowment's first example of what our Parent and School partnership can accomplish when funding key curriculum for our school and children's education. Through your support and growth of the endowment, we, the parents, can play a more active role in deciding the courses available and quality of our children's education. Thanks to everyone who has contributed to the Endowment through your time and contributions, and we ask for your continued support. If you have any questions around the Endowment please email Peter Holmi (pmholmi@msn.com) Endowment President or any of the committee members below.

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JBE Angel Tree

The JBE Angel Tree is posted in the office and the angels are ready for adoption. We have already placed 22 angels and our goal is 35. That leaves just 13 more to go. Several classes have adopted angels but we need parents to help as well. Here is how it works. Each angel has a number, gender and age posted on the front. Come to the office, adopt an angel, and sign up on the sheet next to your angel's number. We have written some gift ideas on the back of each angel. Please return all gifts (with the angel attached) by December 16. Gifts can be wrapped or unwrapped. Help us make the holidays brighter for our angels.

Cookie Dough

Cookie Dough Pick Up will be Wednesday, Dec. 9th from 12-7 PM in the cafeteria. Orders of 3 or less will be sent home with the student. If you would like to volunteer on Wed, please call Claudine Ottinger at 884-1974

Cultural Arts Contest

Hey students! Don't forget the Cultural Arts Contest deadline is Friday, December 11. The theme this year is "Beauty is...". You can draw or paint a picture, compose a song and sing it for Mrs. All, write a story, or take a photograph. Get out there and get creative!

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

JBE will be 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 January 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.

Reader's Digest Needed

Mrs. Rostin in second grade is looking for 15 copies of old Reader's Digest for a holiday project. If you have any or know someone who does, please bring them to the front office as soon as possible. Thank you.

Around Town

December 5: Daniel Island Holiday Festival: Family Circle Tennis Center. The Tennis Center will come alive with bargains galore and a vast assortment of unique gifts for the entire family. For more information visit www.danielislandholidayfestival.com

December 5: The 29th Annual Parade of Boats starts along the Mt. Pleasant waterfront around 5:30 and viewing from downtown starts around 6:30pm. For more information visit www.charlestoncity.info.

December 10-20: The Charleston Christmas Special at the Charleston Music Hall. Tickets are on sale online at www.etix.com. For more information call 1-800-514-3849 or visit www.BradAndJenniferMoranz.com.

December 12-13: The Nutcracker: Gaillard Auditorium and North Charleston Performing arts Center - Tickets range from \$30-\$45. For more information visit www.charlestonballet.com.

December 13: Mt. Pleasant Christmas Parade starts as soon as the sun goes down. It runs from Shem Creek to Sea Island Shopping Center along Coleman Blvd. For more information visit www.mtpleasantrec.com.

South Carolina - Did you know?

Number of K-12 Public School Districts-85

Number of K-12 Public Schools-1,144

Number of public four-year colleges-11

Number of private four-year colleges-21

The Lake City tobacco market was established in 1898, and has grown to become one of the two largest markets in South Carolina today.

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