



The Egret Express

James B. Edwards Elementary school's weekly Email newsletter

Dates to Remember

January 14: Teacher Work Day (no students)

January 15: Professional Development Day (no students)

January 18: Martin Luther King Jr. Day (schools and offices closed)

January 19: Report Cards

January 22: Awards Assembly for 4th and 5th Graders: 8:00 am

January 27: Early Release Day

A Note from Mrs. Mitchell

It is great to be back after a relaxing break! We are off to a fast and furious start after the New MAP testing has been going well and we should be finished with the entire school within the week. In general, we have been very pleased with the growth of our students.

We will send home PASS individual student reports with our 4th and 5th graders on Friday, Jan 8th. All other PASS data and statistics are still embargoed by the State Department of Education.

The Low Country Food Bank was very thankful for our contribution and wanted everyone at James B. Edwards to realize what a profound effect our participation made in their community. They noted that our generous donation of 1,035 pounds of food was enough for 809 meals! Great job! I would like to thank Mrs. Hope Thompson for coordinating the food drive for us.

We've noticed that late arrivals are on the increase in the mornings. Please allow yourself a few

week we will announce our dates for Family Reading Night and our annual Science Fair.

Thanks for all that you do and try to stay warm!

Mrs. Mitchell

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 Ghanaian culture 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 via 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.

A Note From Mr. Simpson-Third Grade Teacher

I would like to organize a book drive to help our classroom teachers build or improve their classroom library. If you are a parent who has books your children are not reading anymore, let me find a good home for them. Let me know when you plan to bring them to the school so I can make sure they don't stay in the front office for very long. However, we cannot have books in the classroom that are out of date or in bad condition. Please be selective in your donations. If you know of others with older children who may have outgrown their books, please let them know. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Andrew Simpson

Around Town

January 9 and 10: Winter Wonderland: Blackbeard's Cove. Play in Real Snow. For more information visit www.blackbeardscove.com

January 9 and 10: Best of Broadway 2009-2010: Wizard of Oz: North Charleston Coliseum 7:00-9:00 pm each night. For more information visit www.coliseum.org.

The first boll weevil found in South Carolina is on display at the Pendleton District Agricultural Museum

Duncan Park Baseball Stadium in Spartanburg is the oldest minor league stadium in the nation