



The Egret Express

James B. Edwards Elementary school's weekly Email newsletter

Dates to Remember

February 15: Presidents Day: School Closed (offices open)

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

February 23: Family Reading Night

A Note from Mrs. Mitchell

Dear Parents,

This has been a very busy week for everyone at James B. Edwards. I was very impressed with the projects that the fourth and fifth grade SAIL (Students Actively Involved in Learning) students created for their "Invention Convention." These students have spent the last four months researching, refining, and creating their unique inventions. Furthermore, they were able to follow the steps of creative problem solving throughout the process. Kudos to Mrs. Hane and all of the participants.

James B. Edwards is proud to be sponsoring "Hugs for Haiti." All proceeds will be donated to Water Missions International. Ms. Katie Freer, a representative from Water Missions International, presented a short overview to our students yesterday about their group and how our donations will help those in need of clean water in Haiti.

Please remember that one of our focus points at James B. Edwards is "time on task." In order to help your child achieve his or her fullest potential, we need your child to be at school and on time each day so that he/she will not miss crucial instruction and time on task.

Have a safe and restful weekend. Please note that students do not have school on Monday, February 15th due to the observance of President's Day, but school offices will be open.

Mrs. Mitchell

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.

The PTA Post

Your PTA Money Makes Our Students Accelerated Readers!

Did you know that the Accelerated Readers (AR) Program is purchased with PTA funds? Every year, each department is given PTA funds to use for resources and supplies not provided by CCSD. Mrs. Pedersen, our school librarian, uses the Media Center's funds to purchase the AR program. The AR program helps a student determine their individual reading level while also providing a reading level, point value and quiz for every book with an ISBN number. The quiz evaluates key skills such as reading comprehension and vocabulary. With the PTA funds, Mrs. Pedersen is able to purchase the entire catalog of quizzes as well as access rights for every JBE student.

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

PTA Positions Open for Next Year

It's not too early to start thinking about joining the PTA for the 2010-2011 school year. The following positions will be open next year and a brief description of responsibilities is included. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact our current PTA President Coby Mozingo at mozingo_c@bellsouth.net.

Vice President: 2-year term with the second year acting as President

Recording Secretary:

- Attend monthly PTA board meetings and take notes.
- Compile notes and send them out electronically to board members.
- Keep copies of notes from each meeting in the PTA binder.
- Handle other written correspondence for the board as necessary.
- Majority of this work can be done at home

Parent Volunteer Coordinator: ☐☐ -At beginning of year, input information from Parent Volunteer Forms into spreadsheet and distribute to PTA chairs

- During year, work with PTA Committee Chairs to recruit parents to help with special events and projects.
- Attending monthly PTA meetings is recommended
- Majority of this work can be done at home

Assistant Treasurer: 2-year term with the second year acting as Treasurer.

- Responsible for making all deposits for the PTA
- Acts as back up to the Treasurer.
- Attend monthly PTA meetings

Lunch Coordinator:

-Responsible for coordinating parent volunteers to cover lunch periods for teachers

-At beginning of year, obtain list of teachers, lunchtime slot, and parent volunteers from each class

-Call or email parents interested in helping and start inputting who can cover on which date and at which time

-Follow up with teachers periodically to be sure schedule is covered

-Majority of this can be done at home

-Attending monthly PTA meetings is recommended

Staff Appreciation: Looking for one Co-Chair.

-Responsibilities are to provide 3 luncheons for the staff (one before school starts, one during teacher appreciation week and one at the end of the year),

-Provide treats to the staff at the end of each 9 weeks

-Provide snacks for the monthly staff meetings

-Host an awesome 3-day teacher appreciation week.

-Attending monthly PTA meetings is recommended.

Cookie Dough Fundraising: 2 Co-Chairs Needed.

-Responsible for all coordination of Cookie Dough Fundraiser.

Doodle for Google

Google is holding their annual Doodle 4 Google contest and they are inviting kids to exercise their creative imaginations around the theme "If I Could Do Anything, I Would..." Each school is allowed to submit 6 entries to Google, so the PTA is holding a their own contest to find our most talented students. If you are interested, please go to <http://www.google.com/doodle4google/> and under the "school info" tab, print out an entry form, a parental consent form

and a Google template to start your creation. All entries must be submitted to your teacher by March 20. (Teachers, there will be a folder in the front office for Google entries). Entries will be judged and prizes will be awarded accordingly. First place will receive a \$20 gift card to Discovery Ice Cream.

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.