



The Egret Express

James B. Edwards Elementary school's weekly Email newsletter

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February 19, 22 and 23: Scholastic Book Fair

February 23: Family Reading Night

February 24: Early Release Day

from Mrs. DiCenzo

for the state report card was sent home to fifth grade parents. Please complete and return them to the office. Your responses are so important to let us know how we need to improve.

ve Family Reading Night next Tuesday evening along with the Scholastic Book Fair. We hope many of you will come and enjoy it with us.

y will be an early release for the students so the teachers can participate in professional development. We will dismiss at 12:40 p.m.

e we may finally have a warm weekend:)

enzo, Assistant Principal

A Post

Funds Keep Our Children Safe

ow that the PTA purchased key card swipe locks for the Kindergarten annex as well as both side doors on the main building? Can you please approve this purchase, so it would have been impossible without the PTA fundraising efforts. The key card system will be much safer for our students. The teacher will simply have to hold their identification card up to a laser reader to open the door. We will not have to worry about keys or doors left propped open. Also, the key card machine will allow a teacher to enter the school more quickly in the event of an emergency. Check out the new machines the next time you are at school!

to everyone who joins the PTA and participates in our important fundraising efforts.

Safety Concerns

as received numerous urgent letters, emails and comments in reference to what has become a serious safety concern for our children: **LIVING HABITS!** One child has been hit, but thankfully, not hurt. Let's make some changes JBE parents!

ngo, PTA President

Reading Night

Reading Night will be Tuesday, February 23. The Scholastic Book Fair will be open starting at 4:30 and pizza will be available from 5:00-5:45. The PTA will have a brief meeting at 5:45 and the Reading Night activities will be immediately after. We had great reviews of M... so please join us for another fun filled family evening.

Since we 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 p...

from the James B Edwards Tom Lee Endowment Fund

The Endowment Fund is looking to raise \$20,000 for JBE. The majority of this money will be used to pay for our Technology te... and for the 2010-2011 school year. In the future, the Endowment hopes to add a science or foreign language program. We will be... campaign the week of March 1 to raise these funds. There are three ways you can contribute: by mail, in the front office or on-l... e.org under the "Donate" tab.

Ms. True, an Endowment Board member and an independent agent for Keller Williams, has volunteered to donate 10% of her commis... ment. If you are looking to buy/sell real estate or know of someone, please contact True at 442-6253.

for Google

Google is holding their annual Doodle 4 Google contest and they are inviting kids to exercise their creative imaginations around the theme "Anything, I Would..." Each school is allowed to submit 6 entries to Google, so the PTA is holding a their own contest to find... students. If you are interested, please go to <http://www.google.com/doodle4google/> and under the "school info" tab, print out an e... consent form and a Google template to start your creation. All entries must be submitted to your teacher by March 19. (Teacher... lder in the front office for Google entries). Entries will be judged and prizes will be awarded accordingly. First place will recei... Discovery Ice Cream.

stic Book Fair

Scholastic Book Fair is being held February 19, 22 and 23 in the Media Center. There will be special evening hours during Family Re... Tuesday, February 23. If you send money with your child, please remember to include 7.5% sales tax.

ool Book Drive-"Gifts for Ghana" and "Board Books for Babies"

Partnering up with the South Carolina International Reading Association (SCIRA) to help promote literacy worldwide. Our school wi... donations of gently used and new books for school libraries in Ghana. This is an excellent opportunity to have your child study G... and help the children have books to learn about new things and to take many journeys through the words of authors. The SCIRA i... gently used or new board books for babies. These board books will be distributed among local health centers for new mothers. T... run from December through February and donations may be sent to school with your child or dropped off in the front office. Le... book and share the gift of reading with children near and far.

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