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Dear Parents and Staff,

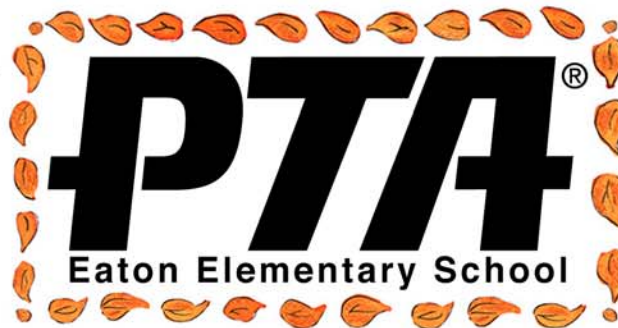
October/November

It's hard to believe we have completed the first nine weeks of the school year! The students have worked very hard and we hope this newsletter finds you and your family enjoying some much needed and well deserved rest and relaxation.

During the past nine weeks, the PTA was also hard at work raising funds to meet our annual budget goals. We are happy to report that we have had yet another successful fundraising year! The final tally books sold for the Attractions Dining and Value Guide fundraiser was 884. We'd like to thank Jennifer DeLaCourt for organizing the sales and Beth Knowles, Sheila DeFilippis, Corina Eddy, Susan Mitchell, and the teachers and staff who assisted us with the collection of monies and the distribution of books. The Olympian Fund Campaign was also very successful in that over \$15,000 was raised! Congratulations to Tyler Roth, Wilkerson Garrett, Bryce DeLaCourt, Ryan Legere, Jack Boggio, and Sidney Eavey who were the lucky winners of one of the prize packages and to Corey Combs who won the grand prize - a two-night stay at Great Wolf Lodge!

It's beginning to look a little like a 1960's flashback in the halls of Eaton! Our new tie dyed t-shirts look great and were by far the most ordered item in our spirit wear line. Special recognition goes to Ashley Harrell for her diligence in collecting and processing the orders. We certainly could not have done it without her!

Also, our Special Projects Chair, Paula Scott, was able to finish the tedious job of entering names, addresses and phone numbers to our Phone-A-Friend Directory while our Publications Coordinator, Jana Sheally, added the finishing touches to make it visually appealing. This was all completed in time for printing and distribution before break. They both did a wonderful job and we commend them for their hard work and speedy turn-around.



We are now shifting focus to prepare for one of the PTA's most popular events - Eaton's Annual Fall Festival - which is scheduled for Saturday, October 23rd from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. In order for this event to be a success, we need your help! The grade parents in each class have been assigned the difficult task of assembling a class themed basket, as well as scheduling volunteers to staff the

carnival games and soliciting donations of drinks and baked good items. If you can, please support your grade parent in these efforts by making a donation or volunteering your time. We are also looking for donations of goods and/or services from local businesses for the silent auction. If you own a business or know someone who does and would like to make a donation, please call our Fall Festival Chair, Christy Hicks, at (910) 620-5459 as soon as possible.

We thank you for your continued support!

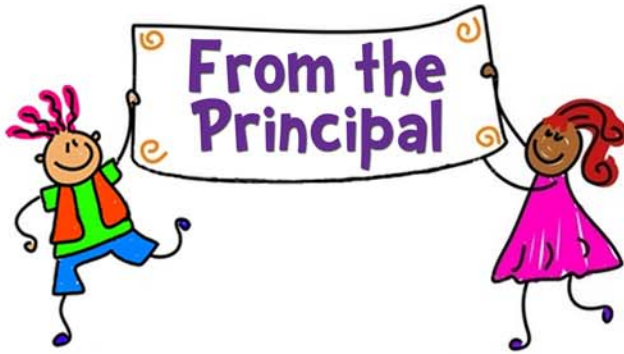
Tammy Covil

Eaton PTA President



The Yearbook Team needs your help! We are looking for parents to take photos of events happening throughout the school year. If you have taken pictures of students in the classroom, fishing with coach, on a field trip, or participating in any school event, please load them on a CD and leave them with Mrs. Mitchell in the office.

Or, you may email them to the Yearbook chair Melissa Byrd at: melissagbyrd@gmail.com



I hope you are having a wonderful break spending time with family and friends. Our annual Fall Festival is right around the corner. Save the date; Saturday, October 23rd 11:00-3:00. There will be **lots of games** and **plenty of food** for everyone. This festival has become a tradition and is a special time for Eaton families to come together. I promise you will have fun!

Report cards go home on Wednesday, October 20th. Take time to discuss learning goals with your child. Praise your child for positive aspects of the report card and discuss ways they can improve. Most of all, let your child know that you care and make yourself available to help them achieve their goals.

Here are a few ways to **SUPPORT** YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING AND SCHOOL:

- Spend a few minutes every evening looking over handouts your child brings home. Fill out forms to return the next day.
- Contact your child's teacher immediately if you see a problem. Working together will help your child succeed.
- Attend conferences, parent meetings, and school events regularly.

Heather L. Byers

Principal

"Life doesn't require that we be the best, only that we try our best."

THANK YOU PTA MEMBERS!

Eaton Elementary parents, grandparents, relatives, friends, teachers and staff "rode the wave" to 100% PTA Membership!!

Because of **YOU**, Eaton Elementary, achieved 100% PTA Membership. This means that there is **one PTA member for each child enrolled at Eaton Elementary!** Once again, Eaton will receive recognition from the NCPTA and National PTA for achieving this goal.

Congratulations go to the following classes who received 100% participation first in their grade. Each class received the grand prize of an ice-cream sundae making party, which was enjoyed by all! Check out the hallways to see the results of the class surfers riding the waves!

Mrs. Delk & Mrs. Harriman
(tied for Kindergarten)
Ms. MacDougall - 1st grade
Mrs. Nye - 2nd grade
Mrs. Reiner - 3rd grade
Mrs. Pair - 4th grade
Mrs. Byrd - 5th grade

Congratulations also to all the classes who received 100% participation. They, too, will receive a special prize from the PTA.

Thank you again members for supporting Eaton Elementary! You will be receiving your PTA membership card soon. It will provide you with the information necessary to access the NCPTA website where you can receive valuable member benefits, discounts and resources.

We look forward to seeing you at the PTA meetings and school functions!

Susan Gray
PTA Membership

Happy Fall Break Eaton Families!

Eaton Families,

There are so many wonderful things happening at Eaton that are generating excitement among us all! We can be proud of what we are achieving at Eaton Elementary. We, Eaton staff and families, do make a difference in the lives of our students. And through them, I believe we are making our school and community a better place for everyone.

This year we will continue our Character Education Program with our "Character of Gold" traits which focus on the positive behavior of students. You can help by reinforcing the standards of good behavior and actions that we will be emphasizing each day. You may hear your students say that they received "Character of Gold" slips from their teachers and fellow peers. This is a great opportunity for you to reinforce and verbally praise your child for their good behavior. "Character of Gold" nominees will be able to participate in daily drawings to reinforce their positive behavior and actions. In addition, classes will be voting monthly on a student who exemplifies the "Character of Gold" trait for the month. Kathryn Yarborough, an Eaton parent, has graciously donated a Subway lunch from her Ogden location for our class and staff nominees each month!



For those of you who have not noticed, we now have a very active and responsible Safety Patrol program at Eaton led by Coach Roughton and Mr. Griffin. Safety Patrol is an organization that provides 5th grade students an opportunity to assist the school in maintaining a safe school environment. Our Safety Patrol members are viewed as school leaders and must maintain high standards of citizenship, behavior, and school work. You can take a look at our first track of Safety Patrol members on the bulletin board outside the office. Thank you Eaton Safety Patrol for helping to make our school a safe place to be.

Lastly, we are so appreciative of all the families, teachers, and staff who joined the PTA to help support the programs and enrichment for the children at Eaton Elementary School. Susan Gray is to be congratulated for all of her hard work in contributing to a very successful membership drive. We'll keep you posted on how those funds will be used!

I hope you all have a wonderful and relaxing fall break. We look forward to seeing you back on Monday, October 18th. See you then!

Karla Curry

Assistant Principal

3rd Annual Eaton Elementary

Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, November 20th
1:00 – 4:00 pm

Spread the word, the Eaton Holiday Bazaar is a success! We need your help to recruit vendors and advertise. Please contact Tracy Willis at 264-3490 or eatonholidaybazaar@yahoo.com

Get a flyer to post in your neighborhood and/or office. Get the email and forward to your contacts. Get on-board to volunteer if you have not done so already. We are counting on a large turnout and need to get word out to as many as we can.

THE HOLIDAYS WILL BE HERE BEFORE WE KNOW IT AND EATON WILL BE READY!

MUSIC NOTES

FROM MRS. KANZLER

Students in kindergarten – 5th grades have been learning about composers of the month. Our September composer was Franz Liszt (1811 - 1886) and the October composer will be Benjamin Britten (1913 - 1976). For more information on these composers, see my 'Composer of the Month' page on my teacher website.



KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarteners have learned how to read quarter notes (θ Ta) , eighth notes (Ti-Ti) , and quarter rests (open quiet hands). Encourage your child to draw these for you and try to trick you! You will be amazed at how smart they are and how much they love reading music rhythms. We are also discovering the science in music of how little instruments make high sounds and big instruments make low sounds.

1ST GRADE

1st graders have been learning music vocabulary words to describe different musical styles, such as slow, fancy, dreamy, fast, percussion. We have also experimented with loud and soft sounds and moving with locomotor and non-locomotor movements to describe music.

2ND GRADE

2nd graders have learned about reading treble clef music notation and how "FACE" spells the spaces on the music staff and "Every Good Boy Deserves Fudge" tells us the lines of the treble clef.

3RD GRADE

We have been increasing our musical literacy by learning to read treble clef music notation and playing these notes on our xylophones, metallophones, and glockenspiels. Students have also been rotating through stations of being the composer and conductor for the whole class.

4TH GRADE

4th graders have learned about musical symbols and reading treble clef notation in preparation for playing recorders. We have started learning to hold and play a recorder and have begun our Recorder Karate curriculum.

5TH GRADE

5th grade students have been reviewing reading treble clef notation and learning to play it on the ukulele. Students have learned to strum patterns, play chords C, F and C7, read ukulele tablature like a graph in math, and play songs like "Hot Cross Buns", "John Jacob Jingleheimer Schmidt", and "Shoo Fly" on the ukulele. All the chords and class music selections are available on my website on the ukulele page to print and play from home.

TECH CORNER

Kellie Shanahan

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Technology Assistant



During the past nine weeks students have been busy seeing and using 21st century technology. Teachers have been busy using their interactive white boards. The students love the visual presentation and interacting with the lesson. In the computer lab the students are learning to word process, complete webquests, and create power points. Students of all ages are able to navigate to the technology web site in order to access links to educational games. These are great resources to use over intersession. Please talk with your child about internet safety as this will be an upcoming unit in the computer lab.

Add Eaton's homepage <http://www.nhcs.net/eaton/> to your favorites. This will allow your child easy access to their favorite links, as well as, keep you abreast of all the wonderful things happening at Eaton!





OLYMPIAN FUND UPDATE

We are pleased to announce that our 2010-2011 Olympian Fund Planned Giving Drive was a success! We've raised approximately \$15,000, enough to cover all of our planned events and sponsored activities for this school year. Thanks to all who participated in this year's fundraising drive. Every dollar counts, and the PTA works hard to ensure that this money is spent wisely and in the best interests of our Eaton Olympians!!

Congratulations go out to **Mrs. Beard's class** the winner of our contest for the most money raised for Olympian Fund. This class has won a pizza party as a token of our appreciation for their hard work!

We would also like to congratulate **Cory Combs**, winner of the Grand Prize, a two-day stay at the Great Wolf Lodge in Concord, NC!

Thanks again to all the families who participate in this drive. We look forward to carrying out our programming for this year and hope everyone will attend the wonderful events put on by the PTA!!

Liz Smith

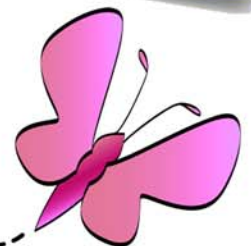
Ways and Means Chair



Sara Matney & Carli Batson were selected to be in the State Honors Chorus in Winston-Salem. Both scored in the top 150 to earn a spot out of over 500 who auditioned. CONGRATS!!!

"Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experiences of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, vision cleared, ambition inspired and success achieved"
--Helen Adams Keller

Congratulations Eaton Elementary for being awarded designation as a North Carolina Honor School of Excellence based on performance on the state's ABCs tests!!!



The 5th grade club "Girls in Charge" under the direction of Mrs. Utt have been busy making improvements to the school's courtyard recently. They have undertaken designing and planting a butterfly garden. The girls have been hard at work planting flowers, painting a bench, and several birdhouses. Also, the girls have added a personal touch by painting butterflies on their own rocks that were generously donated by Seaside Mulch. Hopefully once the spring rolls around, we will be able to enjoy beautiful butterflies and colorful flowers!

Thanks Girls!
Lisa Fuller
PTA Grounds Chair



About Us!!!

It has been a very busy first nine weeks! Everyone has adjusted to the routine and the rules in Kindergarten. We have been working on sharing, using our manners, and being good friends with 'good talking words'. It is always so much fun to watch the kids grow and become independent students. In language arts, we are focusing on letter recognition, alliteration, rhyming recognition, word identification/words in context, and story structure. In math, our focus has been on number recognition/writing, sharing equally, positional words, and identifying shapes. In social studies/science our focus has been "all about me", friendship, seasons, weather, manners, and sharing. We are all looking forward to the character parade and Fall Festival!



Welcome back first graders! The second quarter is always an exciting time for us, full of fun themes and activities. Since National Fire Prevention Week is in October, students are learning about fire safety and developing fire escape routes as well as learning their addresses and phone numbers in the case of an emergency. In addition, students will be reviewing both plane and three-dimensional shapes in math. They will be reviewing short vowel sounds and perfecting the fix-up strategies they have been learning about during language arts small group time. Our science unit will focus on solid earth materials such as rocks, minerals, and soil. Meanwhile, students are publishing and sharing stories in writing time. In social studies, we will discuss the importance of community helpers, the difference between goods and services, and what makes a person a consumer or a producer. Lastly, we are looking forward to going on our first field trip of the year next month. First graders will be comparing and contrasting past and present changes within the community as we visit Poplar Grove. As you can see, these kids are going to be busy!

We have enjoyed working on our Life Cycles unit this nine weeks. Our butterflies have hatched and we let them free in the courtyard. The courtyard has a butterfly garden and this was the perfect place to release them. We are excited about visiting the butterfly garden at Airlie Gardens. Our chicks are about ready to hatch. We will enjoy watching this process and learning about their life cycle. You'll probably hear a lot of peeping coming from all of our classrooms the last week before break. We also enjoyed reading stories in our reading theme "Nature Walk". On one Friday all second grade classes had a campout and made smores. A nature walk to Ogden Park was a great ending to a wonderful reading theme. We found all kinds of nature!!!



Wow! We can hardly believe that 1st quarter is already over! We've really enjoyed getting to know your children and watching them grow and mature. We ended the quarter with a field trip to downtown Wilmington on our annual Tarheels Go Walking Trip. The students had a blast learning about the different buildings in our community. We were able to take a tour of the fire station, the visitor's center, library, and the newly renovated Thalian Hall! As we approach 2nd quarter we have many new, exciting topics to cover. In math, we will be talking about multiplication and division. We will also be learning about measurement with capacity and mass. Our science unit will focus on the human body. We will be taking a trip on October 25th to UNCW to see Mr. Slim Goodbody in the Bodyology program. As you can see, we will be learning lots! We hope everyone has a wonderful, relaxing break and we look forward to seeing you all back on Monday, October 18th. Don't forget to read and study math facts!

How many calories are in a serving? How much energy will you get from your food? Your child should be able to answer these and many more questions after completing our Food Chemistry Unit and a visit from Mrs. Olsen, a guest speaker from the New Hanover County School Nutrition Program. Fourth grade is also busy working on the Regions of North Carolina and visiting Mrs. Parker, our media specialist. She is presenting the 4th grade with NC Surprises and a new topic each week. Have wonderful fall break, relax, and READ!



The 5th graders have been very busy and have a lot to look forward to in the coming weeks! Our DARE classes, taught by Deputy Curry, are in full-swing. The DARE decision making model is teaching us how to make smart choices and how to resist peer pressure. We are able to define our problem, assess the situation, respond smartly, and evaluate our decisions. We are also looking forward to our ropes course field trip at the end of October. While at the ropes course, we will learn to push ourselves and how to work as a team. So if you see a 5th grader, be sure to ask about these exciting events!

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