



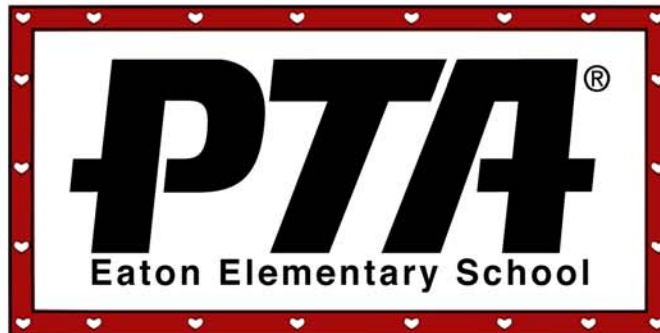
HEATHER BYERS, PRINCIPAL • KARLA CURRY, ASST. PRINCIPAL • TAMMY COVIL, PTA PRESIDENT

February/March

Dear Parents and Staff,

A belated "Happy New Year" to you all and welcome back! No doubt, the extended vacation we received as a result of the snow was helpful in easing the transition back into a semi-normal routine.

As I am sure many of you have heard, the New Hanover County School System is facing a budget crisis like none before. According to the latest figures, there is a potential **fourteen million dollar shortfall** next year (that's not a typo, it does say MILLION) in New Hanover County alone. Obviously, the cuts are going to be widespread and will extend deep into the heart of the classroom. They will most certainly affect the integrity of the work being done within the school and could threaten the high standard of excellence to which we have become accustomed. Rest assured, the teachers and staff at Eaton will continue to work diligently to provide our children with the best possible education. However; as a result of these budget cuts, their jobs will be made all the more difficult as they will be forced to do much more with far less. Although there isn't much we can do at the County level (the budget is handed down from the State), there is something we can do at the State level to try and protect education funding. Therefore, we are strongly encouraging everyone to contact your State representative as soon as possible to express your concern about the severe nature of the shortfall and to stress the importance of continued funding for the programs and services that enrich our children's education (i.e. Art, Music, PE, Media Specialty, etc.).



Many of the PTA Board members have already done so but we need more families to get involved in order for our voices to be heard! The names and contact information of our State representatives are provided below as well as on the PTA website. As always, the PTA will continue to speak on behalf of all children at Eaton and we will keep you posted as the situation unfolds.

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Representative Carolyn Justice:
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On a much lighter note, the 2011-2012 PTA Officer Nomination forms will be sent home in the next week or two. If you wish to nominate someone for an officer position, please be sure to contact him or her before making the nomination. It is also strongly recommended that those who are nominated have experience serving on the PTA. The final slate of officers will be presented by the Nominations Committee at our March 29th General Assembly and Election of Officers meeting on March 29th at 6:30 p.m. in the Multi-purpose room. We hope to see you then!

Tammy Covil

Eaton PTA President

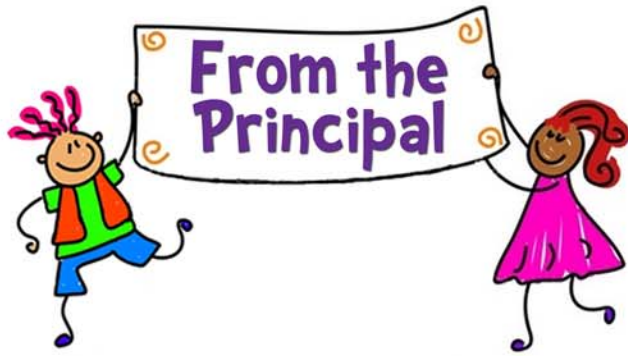
Box Tops For Education Totals

Eaton has collected enough Box Tops so far this school year to earn \$1,034.40! Thank you and keep them coming!



Kindergarten	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade
Baltezgar 569	Eure 333	Abernathy 743	Atterbury 467	Campbell 762	Byrd 234
Beard 122	MacDougall 367	Key 875	Causey 421	Matney 524	Cumbee-Moore 349
Delk 484	Mills 391	Nye 155	Glover 56	Pair 234	Kearney 479
Harriman 280	Sawyer 324	Studebaker 864	Reiner 442	Stewart 157	Mitchell 86

(Totals as of 12-17-2010)

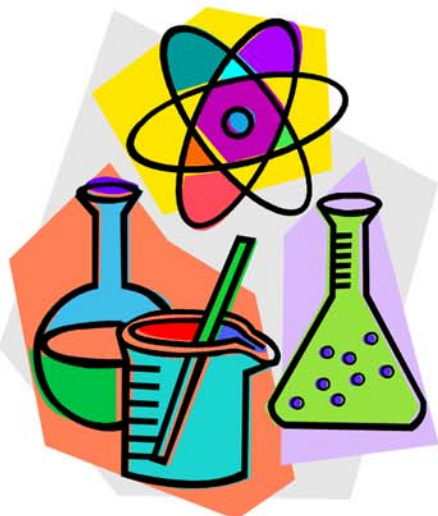


Welcome back and Happy New Year! I am sure many of you have made your 2011 New Year's resolutions, such as losing weight, eliminating sodas and extra snacks or maybe just trying to find ways to make your life a little less stressful. Wow, is that even possible? One way to make your life easier is to stick to your daily routines. Children do better when they follow a regular schedule – such as going to sleep, waking, studying and playing at the same time each day. It may also mean fewer power struggles with your child. When daily activities are always accomplished in the same way, kids know what to expect. Life will then be smooth sailing, right!

Spring is quickly approaching, even though we just had snow (that was fun!), and kindergarten registration is just around the corner. If you have a rising kindergartener, you will need to register here at Eaton. In order to use your "sibling privilege," you will need to register starting Monday, February 21st through Friday, March 4th. Any student registered after this date will have to go through the county lottery process.

Heather L. Byers

Principal



Congratulations to this year's Science Fair Winners!

3rd Grade

1st Place: Barrett Buhler
2nd Place: Zack Lewis
3rd Place: Conner Leach

4th Grade

1st Place - Colin Batson
2nd Place - Vanessa Nowak
3rd Place - Gracie Cole

5th Grade

1st Place: Sydney Eavey
2nd Place: Cole Boggio
3rd Place: Caroline Sweeter
Honorable Mention: Hannah Glew

Vanessa Nowak was a winner at the County Science Fair!
We also had 2 former students win in the high school division:
Kinsley Morgan and Bob Stone (both at Isaac Bear)

Reflections Winners



During the break, the New Hanover County Council of PTA's announced the County level winners for the annual PTA Reflections contest. We are thrilled to report that Eaton had a very strong showing! We couldn't be more proud of the following budding young artists:

Photography

Grades K-2: 2nd place - **Lily Babel**
"Together We Can Find a Cure"

Visual Arts

Grades K-2: 1st place - **Tyler Roth**
"Together We Can Make Friends"

Musical Composition

Grades K-2: 1st place - **Jennifer Centa**
"Together We Can Canoe"

Grades 3-5: 1st place - **Cole Boggio**
"Together We Can Go to the Moon"

2nd place - **William Boggio**
"Together We Can Extend Our Hands"

3rd place - **Tyler Smith**
"Together We Can Make a Difference"

Happy New Year Eaton Families!

Dear Eaton Families,

Welcome Back and Happy New Year! Everyone seems to have made it back with renewed vigor and enthusiasm for the second half of the 2010-2011 school year. The New Year is always a time for new goals and resolutions. Over the past few months, there have been many instances of bullying reported by the media. I would like to encourage all of us to spend some time talking with our children about treating others with respect and kindness. In many instances, students feel that a comment or remark made to them deserves retaliation. This then escalates into an exchange where both students hurt one another. Please take some time with your children and talk with them about what happens during their day at school. Encourage reflection.

We are excited about a brand new year ahead. We look forward to working with you to help each of our students have a very successful year—full of learning, friendship and adventure.

Karla Curry

Assistant Principal

The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

To make donations to help fund Mrs. Matney's Colonial Day Project, please go to: www.donorschoose.org



Save The Date...Upcoming Events

February

- 3rd and 4th:** Talent Show Auditions: Polish those acts and be ready to strut your stuff!
- 7th - 11th:** Schoolastic Book Fair in the Media Center
- 8th:** PTA General Assembly and Kindergarten Chorus Performance: 6:30 p.m. in the Multi-purpose room
- 9th and 10th:** Grandparent's Day at the Book fair.
- 24th:** Mock Spelling Bee for 3-5th grades in the Media Center

March

- 2nd:** Muffins with Mom Last names A-M 7:00 a.m. in the Multi-purpose room
- 3rd:** Muffins with Mom Last names N-Z 7:00 a.m. in the Multi-purpose room
- 4th:** Spelling Bee 8:15 a.m. in the Multi-purpose room
- 11th:** Eaton's Annual Talent Show
- 29th:** PTA General Assembly (Election of Officers) and 4th and 5th grade Spring Chorus Performance: 6:30 p.m. in the Multi-purpose room.

MUSIC NOTES

FROM MRS. KANZLER

My Teacher Website: <http://teacherpages.nhcs.net/schools/eaton/carolinekanzler/pages/default.aspx>

Students in Kindergarten – 5th grades have been learning about composers of the month.

Our January composer of the month was Patsy Cline and our February composer is the North Carolina jazz musician, John Coltrane. For more information on these composers, see my 'Composer of the Month' page on my teacher website.



Kindergarten

Kindergarten students are preparing for a February 8th PTA performance featuring music about the holidays in February. Songs will mark Valentine's Day, Groundhog Day, President's Day, and Black History Month.

1st & 2nd Grade

In 1st and 2nd grade, students have been preparing for the Pied Piper field trip to Thalian Hall. This is an interactive theater experience where students learn the music to accompany a given musical and attend the show and are invited to sing along from their audience seats. It is always a great experience for the students to see how music and theater go together in perfect harmony!

3rd Grade

3rd graders are busy learning African-American spirituals, work songs, and games for Black History Month. Students are experiencing history through music as they explore traditional call-and-response singing, the purposes for these songs, and how jazz music is deeply rooted in it all.

4th Grade

4th grade has been continuing their hard work at earning recorder karate belts through the "Recorder Karate" curriculum. These belts begin at white and get sequentially harder as they go to the highest 7th degree black belt. This year, in an effort to make technology more relevant to students, I am posting all the music for the Recorder Karate belts in music on my teacher website. From there students can download, print the music, and write in their note letter name on the page. If for some reason, a student does not have access to a computer or printer at home, please let me know and we will arrange an alternate plan or paper copies for your child to use in class.

5th Grade

5th graders are continuing their skills in playing the ukulele. Students have begun learning the song "Be Friends" from the movie Napoleon Dynamite and have also to play specific notes on the ukulele to play a full 8-note C scale. This song and C scale fingerings are accessible through the ukulele page on my website. Students can download, print the music, and practice from home! I hope parents are enjoying how students are truly becoming independent music-makers.

TECH CORNER

Kellie Shanahan
CRT

Heidi Mazzocco
Technology Assistant



Kindergarten and 1st grade students have thoroughly enjoyed interacting with our new internet based program Reading Eggs. As they complete lessons geared toward their ability level they earn golden eggs. The children love to see their golden egg points continue to grow. We took advantage of the big snowstorm of 2011. Grades 2 and 3 word processed their adventures in the snow. The students also utilized the draw to tools to illustrate their stories. 4th and 5th grade students have been completing end of semester bench mark testing on the computer. They have also been creating power points that correlate with their social studies and science objectives.

A fun site for grades K-5 to enjoy during these cold winter days and nights is www.abcya.com. Have your child click on the appropriate grade and explore the many games they have available for all subjects.





About Us!!!

The kindergarten classes will be celebrating the month of February with special performances for their parents. Mrs. Harriman's students will be putting on a wedding to celebrate the joining of Mr. Q and Mrs. U. Mrs. Beard's students will be having a Fifties style Sock Hop, complete with poodle skirts and leather jackets. Mrs. Delk's children will be celebrating Valentine's Day with a Mardi Gras theme. The kindergarteners in Mrs. Baltezegar's class will don grass skirts and Hawaiian shirts to celebrate Valentine's Day Hawaiian style. All four classes will sing songs about love and friendship for their parents and enjoy refreshments as they open their Valentines.



This is a fun time for first grade! In math we are working on subtraction, measurement, geometry, and telling time. Our social studies lessons are based around Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as well as other important African-Americans in history. February is also Dental Health month and we will be learning about good dental and general hygiene. Our science kit focuses on plants and what they need for growth and survival. All of our first graders are improving greatly in their reading fluency and comprehension. Their teachers are all very proud of them!

The New Year has started out with a bang in 2nd grade! We are off and mixing in science with our study of matter. Students will learn about how solids, liquids and gases change through a series of exciting experiments that the children will love. Each experiment provides the child with a hands-on opportunity to learn and a chance for them to use teamwork and good character skills (that we have been learning school wide) with another student. The science topic of change is perfect for this time of year...because students are beginning to change--- from timid and dependent students to confident and independent workers. What an exciting thing to see!!!!



What an exciting winter it's been already! We hope everyone enjoyed their extra long winter break and had fun playing in the snow. We are excited to get settled back into a routine. 3rd graders have a lot going on this quarter! In science, your children will become soil scientists this quarter as we study the different types of soil and soil properties. Math will be packed full of fractions, fractions, fractions – comparing, ordering, finding equivalence, mixed numbers, and improper fractions. Please continue to work with your child on their multiplication facts as well. In reading, we will be digging deep into some non-fiction including stories about animal habitats and biographies. We will continue to work on test taking strategies as well. Finally, the 3rd grade team is fortunate to have an intern this semester from UNCW. We'd like to welcome Mr. Tyler Goodwin to our team. Tyler is a Senior at UNCW and an NC Teaching Fellow. He will be doing his internship in Mrs. Reiner's classroom but will have the opportunity to see and work with all of the 3rd graders at some point. We look forward to having him with us!

This nine weeks 4th grade will be ROCKIN' with our new science unit, "Rocks and Minerals." Each math class is currently working on fractions and would like to remind students to continue to memorize your multiplication and division facts! If you or anyone you know would like to make a donation to help fund Mrs. Matney's Colonial Day Project, please go to donorschoose.org.



Once again we have a very busy 9 weeks ahead of us! Please join the 5th grade in welcoming our 4 UNCW Student Interns: Kathleen Epperson, Keeley Griffin, Kyle Runner, and Suzanne Thomasmeyer. They will be at Eaton until Spring Break, at which time they will continue their internship in Belize through the UNCW Study Abroad Program. Students are learning all about the 13 colonies in Social Studies and investigating land and water during their science lessons. In math, we will continue to work with fractions and geometry. During our literacy time we will continue to explore the world of novels and short stories.