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August/September

Dear Parents and Staff,

Welcome to the 2010 - 2011 school year! On behalf of the Eaton Elementary PTA, I would like to extend a warm welcome to the parents and students returning to Eaton as well as the new families who are joining us for the first time this year.

You will soon be receiving the 2010 - 2011 Information Packet and Calendar. These items are provided to you courtesy of the Eaton PTA and are specifically designed to inform you about the many ways in which you can help the PTA in serving the needs of the teachers and students at Eaton. In the Information Packet you will find: a 2010 - 2011 PTA Board Leadership Listing, a sign-up form to become a member of the Eaton PTA; information on how you can volunteer and where your efforts are needed most; T-shirt order forms to show your school spirit; sign-up forms to be included in our Yahoo! Email List and our Phone-a-Friend Directory; passive fundraising instructions; and finally, information about our online resource: the Eaton PTA Website. The Eaton Olympian Calendar is a comprehensive, school-based calendar/school policy handbook. For your convenience, we have populated the year with pre-scheduled PTA and school-related events. We try to utilize as many resources as possible to keep our parents informed: printed or online versions of the calendar, Yahoo! Email notifications, the bi-monthly Olympiad Newsletter, the Eaton PTA Website, and the marquee in front of the school. We're confident there's very little chance you will miss an event!

In order to pay for the programs and projects we have planned for the year, we need to begin by raising funds. To this end, we will begin Attractions Dining Guide Sales on Monday, August 2nd. An envelope and sample book will be sent home in your child's book bag. Book sales will run through August 20th, so be sure to have all orders completed and unwanted books returned by this date.

Also, on Friday, August 13th, we will be launching our annual Olympian Fund Campaign. We'll be revealing the new Prize Packages for 2010 on Eaton Live! That afternoon, look for the envelope and instructions on how you can participate.

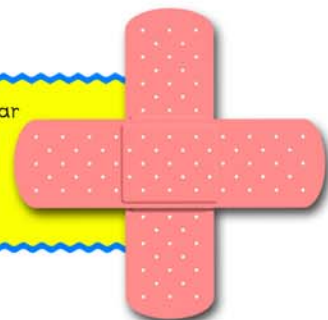
I am fortunate to be collaborating with a dedicated, hard-working group of parents on the PTA once again this year. We are busily planning and preparing for all the wonderful programs for which we are famous! As always, your input is welcome. If at any time you have questions, comments, or suggestions, please don't hesitate to contact me or a PTA board member.

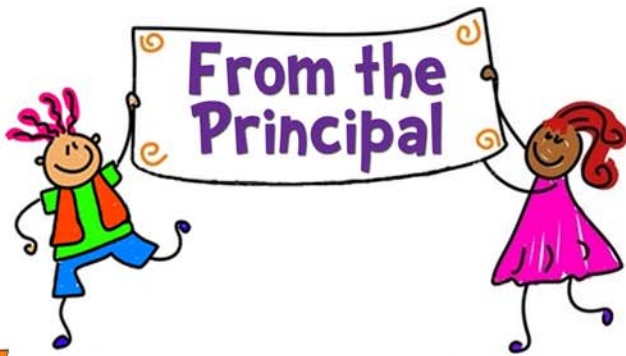
Let's work together to make this a successful year for everyone!

Tammy Covil

Eaton PTA President

WELCOME NURSE CANDACE!!! Nurse Candace Caporaletti has joined Eaton this year from Bradley Creek Elementary and will be helping to keep our kids healthy and germ-free. She loves to hear from parents, so please call her if you have any questions, issues or medical concerns. You can reach Nurse Candace at 397-1544 and her hours are 7:15 am - 2:15 pm.





Welcome back to many of our families and a special welcome to our new families. We are off to a great start, and I look forward to another fantastic year. Eaton continues to be a School of Excellence due to the hard work and dedication of our students and staff and the continued support we receive from our parents and grandparents.

If you have not joined the PTA, please do so. The PTA continues to enhance school-wide programs. They recently helped purchase mimios for every classroom. These additions will help move our students into the 21st century and as well as help to meet School Improvement goals. I also encourage you to get involved by volunteering in the media center, reading and tutoring to students, or having lunch with your child. Eaton is a family and everyone is welcome!

Periodically I will share some strategies or "tips for learning". Here are:

TOP 10 SUGGESTIONS FOR HELPING YOUR CHILD SUCCEED IN SCHOOL:

1. Attend all school functions
2. Limit time spent on non-educational computer games and video games.
3. Spend time on fun, educational activities such as reading and board Games.
4. Provide healthy meals and snacks. A good breakfast is important. Limit sugar and caffeine.
5. Limit time spent watching TV.
6. Facilitate regular physical activity.
7. Provide a space for doing homework and set a specific time.
8. Follow homework and school test schedules.
9. Provide regular cultural experiences, such as attending plays, concerts, and dance recitals. Many are free. Consider music or art lessons.
10. Schedule family field trips and vacations. Many cities have free parks, museums, and historical sites.

I look forward to meeting each and every one of you. If you ever need anything please feel free to contact me any time.

Heather L. Byers

Principal

RIDE THE WAVE TO 100% PTA MEMBERSHIP

The 2010-2011 PTA Membership Drive is off to a great start! We have received many membership requests and it won't be long before we announce the first classes to achieve 100% membership. All classes that reach 100% membership will receive a prize, but the FIRST class in each grade to reach that goal will be rewarded with an ice cream party for the entire class! So don't delay - get those memberships in to help your child's class win!

In order to achieve 100% membership, there must be the same number of memberships for the class as there are students. For example: if a class has 24 students, they must have 24 paid memberships credited to them. In addition, the memberships must be adults; the students themselves are not allowed to be members. If you would like to purchase more than one membership, please do so! Just be sure that each membership has a separate name and that each member is an adult. In the past, families purchasing more than one membership were the key in reaching the 100% class goal quickly.

Over the years, Eaton has received recognition from the NCPTA and the National PTA for achieving 100% school-wide membership. Please help us continue this tradition! If you haven't yet joined, please consider doing so. Membership dues are only \$5.00 per person and a portion of each membership is used to fund the many wonderful projects and programs here at Eaton.

Please feel free to call or email me with any questions.

Susan Gray

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Welcome to the 2010-2011 school year!

I am thrilled to welcome back our returning families who helped to make last year a wonderful success. Likewise, it is with great enthusiasm that I wish to extend a warm welcome to our new Eaton Families. We at Eaton Elementary School are committed to making this school year another positive experience for you and your family. Your active support and cooperation, combined with our

best professional efforts, will ensure academic success for your child.



I look forward to the coming year as an opportunity to continue to grow as a school community. Our PTA leadership has been working diligently to plan programs and events to support our students and their families. I hope you make the commitment to work with us on behalf of our kids. Learning is a life-long commitment for all of us.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. I look forward to working with you to make your child's school year a success.

Have a great year,
Karla Curry
Assistant Principal

A Few Reminders From Mrs. Curry

1. The new morning car drop off time is 7:20 a.m. Children should not get out of their cars until then. If you choose to park and walk your student up to the front doors, you must wait with your child until the 7:20 a.m. bell rings.

2. Make sure you and your child are using the sidewalk and crosswalks. This helps keep everyone safe. There are many blind spots in the parking lots between the buses and parked cars.

3. Check the 2010-2011 bus routes frequently. They will be changing over the next few weeks. Updated bus routes will be posted on the Eaton website.

4. You must sign-in at the front office, put on a visitor sticker, and go to your designated location each time you visit the school. Parents are not permitted to roam the school.



A very special
THANK YOU
to Chris Luther
with Stadium Athletics
for his help with the
t-shirt sales this year.



Ellie Potvin, a former Eaton student, lost her battle with cancer this summer. To honor her life, The "Lift Up" Foundation was created by her family, and offers financial support to other families fighting pediatric cancer. To make a donation, please, visit: www.liftupfoundation.org

"It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge."
-- Albert Einstein

MUSIC NOTES

FROM MRS. KANZLER



Students in kindergarten – 5th grades will begin learning about a **Composer of the Month** starting in August. Our first composer this year will be **Johann Strauss II (1825-1899)**. For more information on composers, see my **'Composer of the Month'** page on my teacher website.

KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarteners have been introduced to music through singing, playing, and moving to music. Students learned the difference between locomotor and nonlocomotor movements in music and participated in activities using these new terms.

1ST GRADE

1st graders have been discovering and experimenting with dynamics (loud and soft) in music, tempo (slow and fast) and form (pattern of the music) through singing games, stories, playing instruments, and songs.

2ND GRADE

2nd grade has begun with a worldly approach to music this year. Students are learning songs, music games, and partner activities that are found in countries such as Mexico, Ghana, South Africa, and England.

3RD GRADE

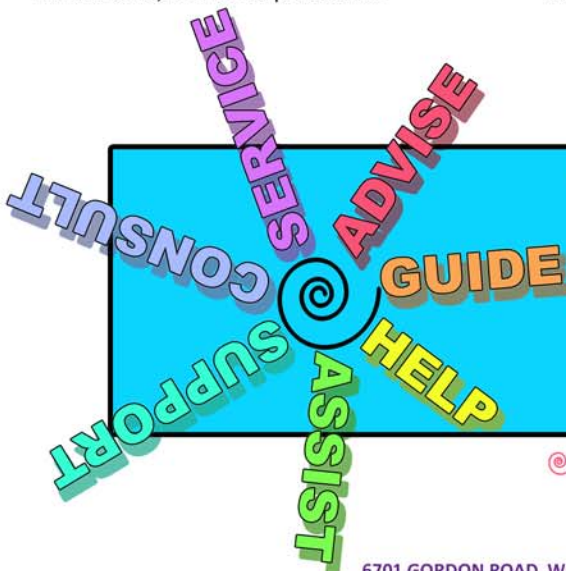
3rd graders can now distinguish the difference between 2 commonly confused instruments, conga and bongos. We have been learning correct conga playing technique and are increasing our musical literacy by learning to read rhythmic notation. 3rd grade students are creating music using conga, bongos, bass drums, hand drums, and other percussion

4TH GRADE

We are learning about musical symbols and reading treble clef notation in preparation for playing recorders. A student/parent contract about the upcoming Recorder Karate program and protocol for 4th graders will be going home soon. Also if students wish to purchase their own recorder, music book, CD, ect., an order form will be sent home soon.

5TH GRADE

5th grade students have been reviewing reading treble clef notation and learning to play it on the ukulele. Students have compared a ukulele and guitar, learned the history of the instrument and are beginning to strum simple chords. Information regarding your option to purchase your child their own ukulele will be sent home soon.



WELCOME BACK!!! We are looking forward to another great year at Eaton! Mary Beth Utt is the school counselor and will be working with grades K, 1, 2, and 5 this year. Misty Britt is the school social worker and will be working with grades 3 and 4 this year. We will be working with small groups, individuals, and with whole class groups to help all students reach their full potential. Topics range from study skills and conflict resolution to anxiety, grief, and divorce. We are available to discuss any concerns you may have about your child. Our contact information is listed below! Please let us know if we can help!

☎ Mary Beth Utt, School Counselor, Grades K, 1, 2, & 5
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☎ Misty Britt, School Social Worker, Grades 3 & 4
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About Us!!!

We are very excited about our new group of Kindergarten students who have joined the Eaton family this year. We have spent the first few days meeting new people and learning about our classroom routines. This year will be an exciting adventure of learning for our 96 Kindergarteners. We are expecting great things as we watch them grow!



We are excited to begin our new year with all of our wonderful new friends! We would also like to welcome Miss MacDougall to 1st grade! She is excited to be at Eaton and we are thrilled to have her on our team! We have been doing lots of work learning new classroom procedures, getting to know each other, and having fun all at the same time! We are working hard learning our vowel sounds and practicing our reading each night. In math, we are identifying sets with more and less, grouping and counting by tens, creating and extending patterns, recognizing the front and back of coins, and practicing our numbers to 100. We are especially thankful to the PTA for the use of our MIMIOs!!! They have made our learning much more exciting and fun! Thank you to all of the PTA members who made it happen! WE LOVE OUR MIMIOs!

We are off to a great start. The boys and girls were very happy to be with their friends again. They've also enjoyed getting to know new friends. We are reading our first chapter book Ramona and Beezus, and are planning a field trip to Mayfaire to see the movie! Several assessments will be given during the first few weeks of school. This information will be used to align classroom instruction. We are also excited about our new spelling program that incorporates "Making Words" and "Core Words". This program will focus on each individual student and words they need to learn how to spell. We are looking forward to our first science unit on life cycles. With this unit, our students will be learning and taking care of chicks and butterflies. We are planning to take a field trip to the butterfly garden at Airlie Gardens.



Can you believe that we are starting a new school year already? The year has gotten off to a fantastic start and we have really enjoyed getting to know your wonderful children! We look forward to all of the adventures we will have together this year. We'd like to welcome back Mrs. Glover this year and also extend a warm welcome to Mrs. Lisa Causey (our new 3rd grade teacher). Mrs. Causey joins us from Snipes Elementary. Welcome Mrs. Causey! This quarter, we have many new, exciting topics to cover. In reading, we will be reading adventure stories. In math, we will be talking about place value and coordinate grids. And in science, we will be growing and studying plants. Make sure to ask your children about all of the new things they are learning! We look forward to a wonderful year with your children!

WELCOME BACK! 4th grade is excited about our new year! We will begin Science with Food Chemistry utilizing community members as guest speakers and introducing technology to enhance our curriculum. In math the children will be switching classes for their first time as we focus on number sense and place value. We'd like to remind you to continue your nightly reading and continue to review your multiplication tables. It's going to be a GREAT YEAR!



The 5th grade is off to an amazing start! We have so much to look forward to this year. Our student planners help to keep us organized and ready, especially when it's time to switch classes. This is a great tool to help us get prepared for middle school. We are also excited about 5th grade clubs. During first semester we have many choices: Eaton Live, Radio Club, Art Club, Chess Club, Girls in Charge, Sports Club or Chorus. And last but not least, we are learning all of our 50 states and their capitals. So if you see a 5th grader, be sure to ask them about their exciting year!!