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Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

Students had fun at the Wild and Wacky Challenge which was earned through hard work and dedication to reading. It was so great to see them rise to a challenge and read more than 300,000 minutes. This shows us how eager our students are to create and achieve their goals. Although I wore a poncho, I kept my word and got S'mored for all the students to see. Hard work does pay off!

Additionally, students put on an assembly for their peers as a way to wish Eastlake School a happy 50th birthday. Former teachers joined them in their celebration and Mayor Barberio presented the students with a proclamation that honored Eastlake School as being an educational institution for 50 years. In honor of this celebration, we will be placing current day artifacts into the Eastlake time capsule, which was opened in the beginning of March.

This month will prove to be very busy with our third, fourth and fifth grade students taking the PARCC assessment. We are scheduled to take part in the PARCC Assessments starting on April 24th with the third grade, May 1st for the fourth grade and May 8th for the fifth grade.

April and May also bring some great field trips. Our fifth grade students had the chance to attend the MAYO theater in Morristown to see a presenter from National Geographic. Our Kindergarten, first and second grade students will be seeing "Born in China" as a way to recognize and celebrate Earth Day.

As always, we encourage our parents to get involved and stay involved. Our PTA is looking for volunteers for the various activities that they run throughout the school year. Not only is this helpful to the school and the PTA but it also creates memories that your children will hold on to forever.

Best Regards,

Bryan Hershkowitz
Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 4/21 – School Spirit Day**
Wear Your Favorite Spring Color
- 4/21 – Tricky Tray, PAL**
- 4/24 – 4/28 – 3rd Grade PARCC Testing**
- 4/27 – 5th Grade Parent Mtg – 6:30pm**
- 4/27 – PTA Mtg – 7pm**
- 4/28 – School Spirit Day**
Wear Eastlake Colors
- 5/1 – 5/5 – 4th Grade PARCC Testing**
- 5/2 – School Spirit Day**
Wear Eastlake Colors
- 5/2 – Teacher Appreciation Luncheon**
- 5/8 – 5/12 – 5th Grade PARCC Testing**
- 5/9 – Plant Sale Set-up**
- 5/10 – 5/12 – Plant Sale**
- 5/10 – School Spirit Day**
Wear Eastlake Colors
- 5/12 – Mother/Son Dance**
- 5/15 – 5/19 – PARCC Testing Make-Ups**
- 5/16 – 5th Grade Field Trip**
- 5/17 – K-2 Field Trip**
- 5/17 – 5th Grade Basketball Game, PHHS**
- 5/18 – All Day Rehearsal**
- 5/19 – Spring Concert**
- 5/22 – School Spirit Day – Crazy Hair**
- 5/23 – 5th Grade Brooklawn Bridge**
- 5/24 – GRO Showcase**
- 5/25 – Field Day**
- 5/25 – Beach Blanket Bookathon**
- 5/25 – 5th Grade Parent Mtg – 6:30pm**
- 5/25 – PTA Mtg – 7pm**
- 5/26 – Flutophone Concert**
- 5/29 & 5/30 – School Closed**



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Looking Ahead

Pre-School: I hope everyone had a wonderful Spring Break! We are so excited for the nicer weather. We are enjoying our Tree Study and looking forward to studying Exercise. Please remember that PARCC testing will begin next week for grades 3, grade 4 week of May 1st and grade 5 week of May 8th so please be on time! Wishing all the Mom's a Happy Mother's Day!
Ms. Bruss' class

We're enjoying the start of spring in Miss Fairweather's class! This past month, we completed our study on Roads and Transportation. We learned about different types of transportation, studied the features of roads and built roads. This month, we will be planet heroes! We will learn about our Earth and ways to take care of it. This includes reducing, reusing, recycling and planting. Some of the activities we have planned include painting Earth, recycling classroom materials and growing our own plants. Happy Spring!



I hope everyone had a wonderful and relaxing Spring Break. This month, Ms. Gonzalez's class is focusing on animals. We looked at farm animals before Spring Break. We loved the song "Baby Shark", so this week we are talking about ocean animals. We will also take a look at pets. Please remember that the weather is a bit unpredictable this time of year. Please send your child to school in layers as the classroom may get hot, and we go outside on the playground. We often need a jacket for cooler mornings, and we may not need it in the afternoon.

Happy Spring from room 19. In Mrs. Safarik class have been very busy studying all about trees. We will continue learning more through the month of May. We still have so much to learn, like who lives in trees, what foods we can get from trees and does the weather affect trees. Remember to dress in comfortable clothes and sneakers, we go out on the playground everyday weather permitting. If it is hot, send in an extra labelled water bottle just in case your child is thirsty.

Kindergarten: Kindergarten hopes everyone had an enjoyable spring break. Now that we are back, we are very excited for the rest of the school year. In Reader's Workshop, we are reading nonfiction books. We can use these books to learn about a variety of things and teach what we know to our classmates. We are finishing writing how-to books and will be beginning to write opinion pieces in Writer's Workshop. We will be sharing our opinions and explaining why we think these things. In math, we have learned about 2-D shapes and will begin learning about 3-D shapes. We can't believe how quickly this year is going!

First Grade: Welcome back from vacation! We just gave out new spelling words, and we are continuing with our reading workshop "Be the Boss of Your Reading". Our field trip will be on Friday, April 21st. We are looking forward to seeing Born in China. We will be back by lunch, therefore, if your child is ordering hot lunch, it will not be an issue.



Second Grade: The sun is shining, and the birds are singing. Spring has finally arrived! Now that we have returned from spring break, we are back into our weekly routine. In science we are learning all about animals. Did you know that mammals have hair or fur that covers its skin? The students are looking forward to learning more about animals when we take our trip to the movies on Friday, April 21st to see 'Born in China'. We are continuing our chapter on money and time in math. Please practice these skills with them. As students are developing as readers, it's important that they continue to read at home. Please discuss and ask questions about their stories to help build upon these skills.

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Third Grade: Welcome back from spring break! We hope that you enjoyed the lovely weather over break. Third graders are already off and hard at work. We have been practicing all different styles of writing, recently focusing on expressing our opinions. Believe it or not, third graders have a lot of strong opinions and have learned how to organize their thoughts into a strong essay. Be on the lookout for future debate team members!

Third graders are also studying plants and animals in science class. They are working hard to learn the different plant species as well as the many animal classifications. Currently, third graders are working on their animal classification project in which they are researching five different classifications, creating illustrations to support their learning, and finding all different kinds of animals for each classification. Third graders are true researchers!

In math class, third grade has continued their study of fractions. They are able to illustrate, compare, and even order fractions. Since learning fractions for the first time this year, the teachers cannot believe how much third graders have demonstrated what they know.

Finally, third grade has focused a little class time each day to prepare for the upcoming PARCC tests. Third graders aren't too worried though, because their teachers know how hard working and bright each and every one of them is! As always, check back with us next month about our continued learning and keep enjoying spring time!

Fourth Grade: The fourth grade has been working on our Revolutionary War research projects in reading workshop. We have enjoyed combining our study of nonfiction comprehension strategies with learning about such an important time in American history. We are becoming experts on subtopics such as the Intolerable Acts, the Battles of Lexington and Concord, and the important people that impacted the war. In science, we are currently studying different forms of energy and how heat is transferred between objects. We've learned why it is important to wear our winter coat when it's cold...We promise not to give you a hard time about that when you ask us to in the future (maybe!). In math, the fourth grade has started our study of decimals and how they relate to fractions. If you think $1/100$ of a second is too small to matter, just ask Olympic swimmer Michael Phelps!



Fifth Grade: We sure hope you enjoyed your spring break complete with gorgeous weather! We're now in the homestretch and there's still lots to learn. In reading and writing, the students are working on poetry. They have been examining the work of Dr. Seuss and determining the type of craft used in each of his poems. As a wrap up to this unit, the children will be writing their own poems incorporating some of the craft techniques they learned.

Math will be tested next Thursday, April 27th. Please be sure to review the concepts of graphing, line plots, central tendencies and numerical patterns. All of these concepts can be found in the Chapter 9 Think Central website.

Do you know what caused the Civil War? Your children should know all about the events leading up to the war. The children will be tested next Friday, April 28th and a study guide will be going home with them this Friday. In addition, they have a study packet to help reinforce the material learned in class. Please be sure to make time to study so that they do not have to cram the last minute.

Food chains and food webs are the topics of conversation in our science classrooms. The children have been extending their knowledge of consumers. May is right around the corner. How did that happen?

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TIPS FOR CHOOSING BOOKS FOR KIDS

- Younger children enjoy books that use word repetition, rhymes, and predictable text. Look for books with colorful pictures and simple words.
- For beginning readers, select books that match their skill level.
- At the library, let your child choose some of the books.
- If your child has a favorite book, he or she may enjoy other books written by the same author.
- Choose stories that provide new experiences, such as folktales or books about different countries and cultures.
- Choose books that match your child's interests, from dinosaurs to dancing. (Most children like books that are funny.)
- For children who are already reading, select a variety of books – books you can read together, books you can read to your child, and books your child can read to you.
- Encourage your child to try different kinds of books, such as mysteries, biographies, and other non-fiction.
- Ask the children's librarian for book suggestions or booklists.
- Books about events in your child's life (new siblings, moving) can help him or her cope with fears and feelings.
- Visit the *Between the Lions* web site (www.pbskids.org/lions) for more on children and reading.

