



Friday Focus

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The mission of Eaton Elementary is to develop independent thinkers and problem solvers for life.

The Weeks Ahead...

- Oct. 30 – Halloween Parties
- Oct. 30 – Rocket Romp Blast Reward Party
- Nov. 2 – Board Budget Meeting 6:30 Central Office
- Nov. 5 – End of 2nd Grading period
- Nov. 5 – Board Workshop 6:30 -- LCTC
- Nov. 10 – Lunch provided by NPBC
- Nov. 10 – PD Staff meeting 3:30 library
- Nov. 11 – Veteran's Day – No School
- Nov. 12 – Report Cards
- Nov. 12 – School Board Meeting 7:00 Courthouse Annex
- Nov. 13 – Alisa Barrett & Melanie Amburn's birthdays
- Nov. 16 – Loudon County Spelling Bee 6:30 LHS

From Jennifer Malone

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

Sooner or later we all discover that the important moments in life are not the advertised ones, not the birthdays, the graduations, the weddings, not the great goals achieved. The real milestones are less prepossessing. They come to the door of memory unannounced, stray dogs that amble in, sniff around a bit and simply never leave. Our lives are measured by these.

— Susan B. Anthony

Isn't it true that when we think back we discover that some of the most important milestones of life ambled in unannounced? We look up one day and discover ourselves more patient with a difficult colleague or more confident in the classroom. These are the milestones that matter because they have taken up residence and we can count on them to stay.

- ✦ Halloween week is always a test to our patience and good will, but you all have once again risen to the challenge! Combining Wacky Day with Rocket Romp Blast party – and the normal Halloween madness – could drive a sane person crazy. I truly appreciate your calm demeanor and constant good humor! Enjoy the weekend!
- ✦ Thanks again to Officer Marty Stanley for the Safe Schools presentation. Melanie needs a day from each grade level to meet with you during planning time. You will receive a copy of the Safety Plan and have time to ask questions and clarify procedures.
- ✦ Thanks to Whitney Dongarra, Maria Warren, and Steven Townley for helping me host the 40+ members of East TN Regional Leadership class on Wednesday. Steven worked with Luiz Leonetti to teach some Beanstalk moves to the group, and Maria and Whitney both taught sample lessons highlighting Promethean and Voice Thread technology. The morning went off without a hitch and it is due to these fine, brave teachers!
- ✦ I need you all to work with me on not missing Professional Development staff meetings. I do understand that sick children take top priority – this is a given! However, please do not schedule other, non-illness related appointments on Tuesday afternoons. I try to publish our schedule way in advance and you can find these dates on the Eaton web site (www.eatonschool.org). Our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 10. Thank you.
- ✦ There are still a few teachers (going through Comprehensive Evaluations) who need to schedule the second observation. Please

- Nov. 18 – Leadership Team 3:30 Library
- Nov. 18 – SWPBS Meeting 1:00
- Nov. 25-27 – Thanksgiving Break
- Nov. 26 – Jennifer Roberts' birthday
- Nov. 28 – Jo Wilson's birthday
- Dec. 1 – Leigh McNabb's birthday
- Dec. 1 – NPBC to provide fruit
- Dec. 5 – Heather McKee and Mitzi Hall's birthdays
- Dec. 9 – Phyllis Scarbrough's birthday
- Dec. 9 – Positive Behavioral Supports 1:00
- Dec. 11 – Eaton Christmas Party – Rust home
- Dec. 13 – Dana Martindale's birthday
- Dec. 15 – Jamie Dixon's birthday
- Dec. 15 – Payday & Principal's Meeting
- Dec. 16 – Leadership Team Meeting 3:30
- Dec. 19 – Last Day prior to Christmas Break
- Dec. 20-Jan. 4 – Christmas Break
- Dec. 23 – Billy McAmis' birthday
- Dec. 29 – Donna Butler's birthday
- Jan. 4 – Administrative Day for Teachers
- Jan. 5 – Amanda Morse's birthday
- Jan. 5 – Students Return

get with me sometime today to take care of this. My calendar is filling up very quickly!

- ✦ Teachers that receive an email from Karen or Sharon (stating a change in departure for a student, etc.) need to reply back to the office. That way we can confirm that the message was received. **You must check your email several times each day!**
- ✦ Everyone is off school on November 11 for Veteran's Day.
- ✦ If you have a computer that still needs to be networked to the copiers, please let Karen Peters know.

Bus Duty Next Week...

Morning – Kersten, Ferraris, Eckhardt

Afternoon – McNabb, Burchfield, Moore

Halloween Trivia.....

- ✦ Orange and black are Halloween colors because orange is associated with the Fall harvest and black is associated with darkness and death.
- ✦ Jack o' Lanterns originated in Ireland where people placed candles in hollowed-out turnips to keep away spirits and ghosts on the Samhain holiday.
- ✦ Pumpkins also come in white, blue and green. Great for unique monster carvings!
- ✦ Halloween was brought to North America by immigrants from Europe who would celebrate the harvest around a bonfire, share ghost stories, sing, dance and tell fortunes.
- ✦ Tootsie Rolls were the first wrapped penny candy in America.
- ✦ The ancient Celts thought that spirits and ghosts roamed the countryside on Halloween night. They began wearing masks and costumes to avoid being recognized as human.
- ✦ Halloween candy sales average about 2 billion dollars annually in the United States.
- ✦ Chocolate candy bars top the list as the most popular candy for trick-or-treaters with Snickers #1.
- ✦ Halloween is the 2nd most commercially successful holiday, with Christmas being the first.
- ✦ Bobbing for apples is thought to have originated from the roman harvest festival that honors Pamaona, the goddess of fruit trees.
- ✦ Black cats were once believed to be witch's familiars who protected their powers.

**One need not be a chamber to be haunted;
 One need not be a house;
 The brain has corridors surpassing
 Material place.
 - - - Emily Dickinson**





