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

From Jennifer Malone

Respectful teachers close distances, both physically and psychologically. They circulate. They make eye contact. Body language reveals genuine interest.
— Carol Frederick Steele, The Inspired Teacher

It's the inspired teacher we most remember, the one who somehow touches us in a way that continues to tap lightly against our hearts and minds well past the days of hall lockers and classrooms. What was different about this teacher? Was it the way she greeted us each day at the classroom door? Was it his focused attention when we needed help, or a much-needed nod of encouragement? Perhaps it was simply the consideration she extended when we spoke. Inspired teachers teach from a place of respect, and in doing so, demonstrate the how and the why of respectful behaviors.

Thanks for another great week of learning. A special thank you to Heather White, Cheyenne Rust, Jo Wilson, Pat Navarro, Lindsay Stockdale, and Whitney Dongarra for helping with child care for Principal’s Night In. We had a good turnout and parents were very appreciative of our efforts.

Today is the last day for Rocket Romp money. You know I am the ultimate optimist, but it will be a miracle if we meet our goal. If this turns out a reality, we will have to re-prioritize the PTO budget. Start thinking now and discussing with grade levels – Do you want the full amount (an additional $300) allotted to classroom accounts or would you prefer to take less and put the money into classroom computers and Active Votes? I will go with the wishes of the majority. As you ponder this, Carly Henson has told me she would love to do another school supply drive in January, and that could help replenish your classroom supplies without using PTO monies. Discuss, reflect, and make sure your Leadership Team representative is prepared to give me an answer by next Friday.

We will have the Rocket Blast reward party for students meeting the prize threshold on October 30 during lunch time. Sack lunches will be served that day, so students who are participating will pick up their lunch and head outside. Children can dress “wacky” and classes can have Halloween treats that afternoon.

Below is a link to a special program for educators at the Tennessee Theater on October 27. I thought some of you might want to attend.
http://www.reachthem2teachthem.org/events.asp
• Nov. 5 – End of 2nd Grading period
• 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. 13 – Alisa Barrett & Melanie Amburn’s birthdays
• Nov. 16 – Loudon County Spelling Bee
• 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

You received your TCRS statement in your mailboxes on Thursday. You are asked to examine your statement closely and verify beneficiary information. If “multiple beneficiary” or “unknown” appears on the statement, please see the office to complete a Member Change of Beneficiary Form. If you need to make any other changes (name change, social security number, etc) please see the office to get a Member Information Change Form.

Class members from East TN Regional Leadership will be on our campus the morning of October 28 touring the school and spending time on our Beanstalk Playground. Mr. Townley will be presenting to this group the health benefits of the new equipment.

We will have Staff Meeting next Tuesday afternoon in the library.

Several Eaton teachers will be participating in a two day School Wide Positive Behavioral Support seminar on Oct. 28-29 at LCTC. Every time we meet I get more excited at the potential for positive changes in our building in student rewards and consequences. We will continue to keep you updated of our progress in Staff Meetings and through Friday Focus.

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.

Today is Kay Hill’s birthday. As many of you know, Kay used to teach at Eaton and is now suffering from Lou Gehrig’s disease. In her honor, we have sent a bouquet of flowers to her home from all her Eaton friends. You can send her well wishes at: hillkay24@yahoo.com

Bus Duty Next Week...

Morning – Warren, Russell, Moroz

Afternoon – Hatcher, Butler, Rust