



Friday Focus

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

The Weeks Ahead...

- Sept. 11 – Wacky Day
- Sept. 11 – Sharon Shaver's birthday
- Sept. 11 – Rocket Romp Kick Off – Up, Up, and Away
- Sept. 11 – Positive Behavioral Support Meeting 1:00
- Sept. 14 – Sharon Wiggins' birthday
- Sept. 14-24 – Book Fair
- Sept. 15 – Erin Wilson's birthday
- Sept. 15 -- 3:30-4:00 – PD Meeting -- Library
- Sept. 16 – Leadership Team Meeting 3:30 -- Library
- Sept. 16 – Donna Yeane's birthday
- Sept. 17 – Last day of 1st grading period

From Jennifer Malone

- *Now is no time to think of what you do not have. Think of what you can do with what there is.*
— Ernest Hemingway

This fall, many school and home budgets are tight, completely frozen, or dramatically cut. National unemployment rates are high and many of us have spouses or friends among the statistics. It can be tempting to focus on what we do not have at school, at home, and in our communities, yet each of us knows how self-defeating such an attitude can be. But when we choose to "think of what we can do with what there is," we become proactive and look for positive ways to overcome the challenges. Most important, we model for our students healthy responses in times of need. With something to think about . . .

- Great job this week! Despite pajama day and all the wackiness of Rocket Romp kick-off, we made it through. I know these kinds of weeks are stressful, but our kids will remember these events fondly as they grow up and move on! It's just one part of what makes Eaton a special place to grown and learn.
- We need everyone to watch the Rocket Romp video as soon as announcements are complete. Immediately on finishing, start moving toward the track so that we can help students "find the treasure of Eaton Island." The gentleman bringing the hot air balloon has requested that we begin no later than 8:45 due to wind patterns.
- Vicki Newman with the News-Herald will be here this morning to cover the balloon launch. She also wants to take some photos of kids washing hands and talk about what we are doing for flu prevention.
- Book Fair begins next week. Jo Wilson has sent out an information sheet for teachers. I will also post it on the EEI web site.
- We will meet next Tuesday afternoon for Professional Development in a classroom TBA due to Book Fair. Please be there right at 3:30 so I can have you out by 4:00.
- We will have the grade level collaborative meetings again this year. Grades 1, 2, and 4 will meet on Tuesday, September 22 and Kindergarten and 3rd grade will meet on Wednesday, September 23. Karen is currently looking for subs and you will get a printed schedule when she has finished. On September 22, 4th grade will meet in my room from 8:15 – 9:45, 2nd grade will meet from 9:50 – 11:20 and eat lunch in my room from 11:20 – 11:50, and 1st grade teachers will eat in my room from 12: – 12:30 and meet from 12:30 – 2:00. On September 23, 3rd grade will meet from 8:15 – 9:45 and Kindergarten will meet

- Sept. 20 – Pat Navarro's birthday
- Sept. 21 – Melinda Moroz's birthday
- Sept. 22 – Principal's Night In 6:00
- Sept. 22-23 – C&I Coaches meet with grade levels
- Sept. 24 – Report Cards
- Sept. 25 – School Pictures
- Sept. 30 – Rocket Romp
- Oct. 1 – PTO & Parent Conferences/Social Studies Fair
- Oct. 2 – 4th Grade Farm Day Trip
- Oct. 4 – Craig McKenzie's birthday
- Oct. 5 – Marianne Phillips' Birthday
- Sept. 13 – Breakfast provided by NPBC
- Oct. 13 – 3:30-4:00 – PD Meeting – Library
- Oct. 14 – Leadership Team 3:30 Library
- Oct. 15 – Barbara Johnson's birthday
- Oct. 15 – K Field Trip to Halls Fruit & Berry Patch
- Oct. 16 – 1st Grade Field trip to Mayfield Corn Maze
- Oct. 17 – Beth Moore's birthday
- Oct. 18 – Betty Buckles' Birthday
- Oct. 16 – 1st Grade Field Trip to Mayfield
- Oct. 20 – Ellie Guldán and Tammy Hattley's birthdays
- Oct. 21 – Picture

from 10:00 – 11:30 and can eat in my room from 11:30 – 12:00 or in your usual manner. Jennifer is allowing us to order lunch out those days if you would like. You can decide on your grade level. If you decide to order lunch, please let Tammy and I know so we can be included. I have some menus and last year, some restaurants would deliver if we ordered a day ahead. We will spend the first part of our time discussing strategies for vocabulary, math, and pre-assessment. Kathy wants answers to the following questions: (1) What strategies work for you? (2) What might you try? (3) How do you assess before lessons so that you are not teaching something they already know? (4) What strategies work for you that you can share with other? Please select one person per grade level to be the typist. Kathy WILL NOT proof the notes we send to her so please be careful.

- ✦ Make sure you complete the Young Achiever's nomination and turn it in to the office prior to Sept. 15th. (Grades 1-4)
- ✦ Para-Professional Evaluations need to be turned in to me by September 15th. I will look them over and then meet with each person individually.
- ✦ Woodlawn Baptist Church is planning a shopping trip again at the end of the month. Please send suggestions of students that might need to go shopping for school clothes to Melanie by next Friday, Sept. 11.
- ✦ Please advertise in your Friday Notes our Principal's Night In on Sept. 22. This is a meeting where parents can give us their input toward school improvement initiatives. Supper is included!
- ✦ Our Eaton Spelling Bee will be Friday, October 23 at 1:00. Third and fourth grade students will compete. Our school winner will go on to the practice session that is the Loudon County Spelling Bee on November 16th.
- ✦ **Thanks to all the teachers who have been sending me lesson plans and Friday Notes. Please continue to do this every week.**

Bus Duty Next Week...

Morning – Dixon, Patterson, McCarroll

Afternoon – Brannon, Cash, Guldán

Retake Day

- **Oct. 23 – Eaton Spelling Bee**
- **Oct. 27 – Loudon County Social Studies Fair for 4th Grade**
- **Oct. 27 -- 3:30-4:00 – PD Meeting – Library**
- **Oct. 28 – East TN Regional Leadership Class to visit Eaton/NMS campus, tour school, see Beanstalk**
- **Oct. 30 – Halloween Parties**
- **Oct. 30 – Mrs. Talley's class trip to Dollywood Arts Program**