



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. 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. 23 – PTO Teacher Appreciation Breakfast
- 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

From Jennifer Malone

The wise adapt themselves to circumstances, as water moulds itself to the pitcher.

— Chinese Proverb

Water represents flexibility and adaptability. Perhaps that is why so many of us enjoy relaxing in a tub, floating in a pool, or drifting down a river. Others love to listen to the surf or the rain. The fluidity of water has a way of helping us drift past the rigid requirements of our work and the angular architecture of our lives. It inspires a certain gracefulness and peace that come when we adapt ourselves to the circumstances of life. Water is a great reminder that there will always be unpredictability to our days in the classroom and that a flexible attitude can foster a more positive learning environment.

- ✦ Despite being surrounded by sickness, we have somehow escaped the worst of it – at least for one more week. Keep up the fantastic job with hand washing, keeping classrooms wiped down with Clorox wipes, and making sure that sick children are immediately sent to the clinic. Flu mist will be here soon, and maybe that will help. Keep well these three days at home and take the time to prepare Report Cards (will still go home Thursday). As always, you do a fantastic job!
- ✦ Book Fair begins continues next week and will be extended to October 1. I will also be rescheduling Principal's Night In.
- ✦ Report Cards do go home next Thursday. As I said in our last staff meeting, you may choose to use the electronic or handwritten version. For those using handwritten, make sure you turn in a copy to the office. Those going the electronic route will save the Report Cards to the server in Craig's lab under your grade level and teacher folder. You will not need to make copies for the office. I realize how difficult this change has been for many of you, and I appreciate the time and hard work invested in this process.
- ✦ As students are absent from your class, please forward any emails or phone calls from parents to Melanie so she can accurately record this information in the data management system.
- ✦ PTO is hosting a Teacher Appreciation breakfast for you next Wednesday morning. Swaggerty's has donated the sausage and biscuits for this event.
- ✦ School pictures will be taken next Friday. This is the photo that will be used in the yearbook.

- 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 Retake Day
- Oct. 23 – Eaton Spelling Bee
- Oct. 27 – Loudon County Social Studies Fair for 4th Grade
- Oct. 27 – 2nd Grade Field Trip
- 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

- ✚ We will have the grade level collaborative meetings again this year. Grades 1, 2, and 4 will meet on Tuesday, **September 29** and Kindergarten and 3rd grade will **still** meet on Wednesday, September 23. On September 29, 4th grade will meet in Hensley's room from 8:15 – 9:45, 2nd grade will meet from 9:50 – 11:20 and eat lunch from 11:20 – 11:50, and 1st grade teachers will eat 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 from 10:00 – 11:30 and can eat in my room from 11:30 – 12:00 or in your usual manner. We can 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 Debbie know so they 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. Please, **COME PREPARED** so that we can maximize this time together.
- ✚ Please advertise in your Friday Notes our Principal's Night In has been rescheduled for October 13. This is a meeting where parents can give us their input toward school improvement initiatives. Supper is included!
- ✚ Encourage your students to participate in the Social Studies Fair. This is an excellent enrichment activity that allows our kids to explore themes and topics of interest to them – topics not ordinarily covered in the regular curriculum.
- ✚ Enjoy a relaxing rock in our new double rocking chairs provided by Cracker Barrel. We have set up a reading nook in the foyer of the school including books to read with students. As parent volunteers use this area to read with kids, we need them to complete a log sheet to be turned in to Cracker Barrel at the end of the year.
- ✚ 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 – Hart, R. Hall, Habegger

Afternoon – M. Hall, Townley, Hensley

