



Friday Focus

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

The Weeks Ahead...

- Jan. 22 – Karen Peters birthday
- Jan. 23 – Melissa Hart's birthday
- Jan. 23 – Inclusion Workshop at LCTC
- Jan. 24 – Kathy Eckhardt's birthday
- Jan. 25-26 – C&I Coaches Meetings
- Jan. 26 – PD Staff Meeting – Room 202 – Report from FETC - Malone
- Jan. 25-29 – School Board Appreciation Week
- Jan. 29 – March Math Madness Committee meets 3:30
- Jan. 29 – Monica Hill's birthday
- Feb. 2 -- Hayley Lynn's birthday
- Feb. 4 – Timmie Brannon's birthday
- Feb. 4 – Board workshop 6:30 LCTC

From Jennifer Malone

Ordinary riches can be stolen, real riches cannot. In your soul are infinitely precious things that cannot be taken from you.

—Oscar Wilde

Most of us live behind locked doors. Many of us have alarms on our cars or homes; and when we shop, we must deal with those irritating alarms on new clothing. We endure all this because we live in a world where some will steal. But consider this: Each of us - teacher and student alike - possesses extra-ordinary riches that cannot be taken away. It is, after all, our soulful qualities that can have an enduring influence on a child, qualities that can transform a potential thief into a human being rich with character.

- ◆ Maria Warren will once again be conducting a professional development session on best practices in inclusion. The session is tomorrow -- January 23 from 9 AM to 12PM. You will be paid the same as last time. The focus this time is differentiated instruction and conducting reading groups. If interested, please contact Maria: warrenm@loudoncounty.org
- ◆ Debbie Hensley and Tammy Hattley will conduct our Curriculum and Instruction meetings by grades levels on Monday and Tuesday next week. They will distribute the schedule and agenda for these days.
- ◆ As we have done in the past, we at Eaton want to contribute to the relief efforts in Haiti. Next Tuesday, Jan. 26, we will ask the students and staff to donate a onetime small amount – ice cream money, etc. – so that Eaton can make a contribution to the American Red Cross designated for the Haiti earthquake victims. **Please include this in your Friday Notes.**
- ◆ Melinda Moroz has a friend with two sons in the military (from Lenoir City - **Keith and David Swinney**) serving overseas and wants to send cards to them and their fellow servicemen and women. She is asking that other interested classes create cards to show our appreciation for their efforts. Melinda will mail the cards and some candy on January 29th.
- ◆ We will have our regular Tuesday staff meeting this Tuesday at 3:30 in Room 202. I will share some of the things I saw and learned at FETC.
- ◆ Thanks to Maria Warren and Ashley Talley and their students for creating a video to be shown at the February 12 School Board Meeting. Eaton is the featured school that month, and the student-produced video shows how far we have come the past 25 years in integrating technology.
- ◆ This time of the year prior to TCAP comes with a great deal of stress on the part of teachers, students, and parents. Please be diligent during the next few months in keeping the lines of communication open with our parents. We have had several incidents lately of misunderstandings, teachers not responding promptly to emails and phone calls, and notes home not finding their way to the parents.

- Feb. 9 – Lunch by NPBC
- Feb. 9 – PD Staff Meeting 3:30
- Feb. 10 – SWPBS Team 1:00 N. Lee's room
- Feb. 11 – School Board Meeting – Eaton is featured school – 7:00 Courthouse Annex
- Feb. 13 – Denise Miller's birthday
- Feb. 13 – Inclusion Workshop LCTC 8:30
- Feb. 15 – No School for Students – PD – Harry Wong
- Feb. 17 – Leadership Team meets 3:30 Library
- Feb. 18 – End of 4th grading period
- Feb. 23 – PD Staff Meeting 3:30
- Feb. 22-26 – Technology Projects due by grade levels
- Feb. 25 – Report Cards
- Feb. 26 – Spring Pictures
- Feb. 28 – Cheyenne Rust's birthday

Take this advice from a veteran, if you have "bad" news for a parent relating to their child, a phone call will serve you much better than a note or email. There are just too many ways to interpret the written word, and sometimes, good intentions are misconstrued. Be proactive and keep those lines of communication open and positive. It will serve you well in your career and save you a great deal of heartache.

- ◆ Teachers going through the observation process need to see me to schedule your third formal observation. Also, please remember that the Educator Information Record (EIR) is due by January 31. This is an important component of the evaluation process because it highlights your knowledge and practices in student assessment (something that is not always evident in classroom observations.) Please provide examples of your assessments as you describe them on the forms. I would like to have all classrooms observations completed by January 31st.
- ◆ Looking ahead to future events, Amanda Mullen and Tammy Hattley, are coordinating a school wide **MARCH MATH MADNESS** night on March 18th at Eaton. This will be a community event with two focuses – math practice prior to TCAP and a way to celebrate 25 years in our current facility. We need a teacher representative from each grade level and at least two special area teachers to serve on a committee to prepare for this evening. Please let Amanda and Tammy know by the end of January who these people are so the planning can begin. The first meeting will be next Friday at 3:30.
- ◆ Next week is School Board Appreciation week. It would be a nice gesture to have students make cards to acknowledge our appreciation for our Board members' service.
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Bus Duty Next Week...

Morning – Moroz, Russell, Warren

Afternoon – McKee, Martindale, Lynn

