



# Friday Focus

January 29, 2010

Volume 7, Number 23

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

## ***The Weeks Ahead...***

- Jan. 29 – March Math Madness Committee meets 3:30
- Jan. 29 – Monica Hill's birthday
- Jan. 30 – Miranda Brakebill's birthday
- Feb. 2 -- Hayley Lynn's birthday
- Feb. 4 – Timmie Brannon and Deb Hanneken's birthday
- Feb. 4 – Board workshop 6:30 LCTC
- 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

## **From Jennifer Malone**

*Obstacles don't have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don't turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it.*

— Michael Jordan

*Educators across the country are rightly concerned with the high drop-out rate of American students, but equally troubling is the high drop-out rate of teachers. Almost half of all educators drop out within the first five years of teaching. Consider the impact that statistic has on our schools, our youngsters, and our nation. If you suspect a colleague has run into a wall, offer him or her some encouragement, perspective, or mentoring. Sometimes we are simply too close to the wall to see how best to get over, through, or around it.*

- ◆ This has been a crazy end of the week with snow fever. As always, let's keep our cool so the kids will too! You will be the first to know if school is called for bad weather, although it looks now like the winter storm will not hit until sometime Friday afternoon.
- ◆ Congratulations to Angela Patterson who was selected as Loudon County Teacher of the Year.
- ◆ Maria Warren and Ashley Talley will be presenting, "Effective Use of Paraprofessionals in Inclusive Settings and Special Education Classrooms"--February 27, 2010--(This session will only be available to teachers that actually have a paraprofessional in their classroom or paraprofessionals assigned to them to supervise). This session will be at LCTC--PD 1 beginning at 9:00 and ending at 12:00. Because this session is being offered on a Saturday, teachers will be paid \$150 for attending and paraprofessionals will be paid \$50 for attending. Please understand though that this money will be taxed at a higher rate so the take home will not be \$150 and \$50 respectively. **If you want to attend this session, you need to email Sissy Foster ASAP ([fosters@loudoncounty.org](mailto:fosters@loudoncounty.org)). Specify the name of the class in your email. We are able to accommodate up to 100 people per session so the first 100 names submitted will be allowed to attend.**
- ◆ It is crucial you turn in the STAR Growth Report (reading and math) to us in the office. For many of you, now is an ideal time to test and see where we are and where we need to go before the end of the school year. If you have not already turned this in, I want it by next Friday – Feb. 4.
- ◆ Remember that EIR (Education Information Records) are due today for teachers going through the observation process.
- ◆ Jo Wilson has asked that you email her and Craig McKenzie if you get errors running STAR Early Literacy. Make sure you write down the error code number (description). They will do their best to resolve the problem. One quick fix would be to check the date and time on your computer and make sure it is correct.
- ◆ Continue to encourage students to be working on projects for the

- 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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

Technology Fair.

- ◆ Yearbook sale continues until next Friday.
- ◆ Looking ahead to future events, Amanda Mullen and Tammy Hattley, are coordinating a school wide **MARCH MATH MADNESS** night on March 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Bus Duty Next Week...**

**Morning – Brannon, Brakebill, Guldán**

**Afternoon – Dixon, Patterson, McCarroll**

