



# The Weekly Pellet

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Fourteen days down and 166 to go! We have had a wonderful beginning to our school year. **THE PELLETT** includes a revised school calendar this week just in case any Eastminster family is unaware of the calendar change with regard to **SPRING BREAK**. Late this summer we were made aware of the change made to the Rockdale County Public Schools calendar and, in keeping with the school's commitment to follow the county school's calendar when possible, Spring Break was changed to second week in April - April 7 through April 11, 2008.

## JUNIOR GREAT BOOKS

The Junior Great Books had its official start this week. The kindergarteners became elves; first graders discovered that the black hen laid black eggs throughout the hallways of the Lower School; the Happy Lion welcomed the second graders; the third and fourth graders found out that the heart and the Banza can truly become one; and Middle School students examined one boy's search to alleviate his guilty conscience after committing a deceitful act. All letters of introduction have been sent home and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us. Also, please encourage your child to tell you all about the stories. Remember, you can't ask enough questions! Enjoy!

## THIRD AND FOURTH GRADE NEWS

The third and fourth grade students in Mrs. Hill's and Mrs. Howell's classroom have been studying the scientific method and writing up formal lab reports. To go along with these lessons, we have tested the absorbency of three brands of paper towels. Through two trials, the students concluded that Bounty is indeed the "quicker picker upper." Students also discovered that soaking a steel wool pad in a bowl of vinegar produces thermal energy and quite an odor! If you are interested in finding out about the scientific method or thermal energy please stop by our classroom. Mr. Judd Doster, an Investment Broker with Edward Jones Investments, to help students invest \$1,000 each in the stock market. We will follow the market and record our earnings and losses. The students who earn more money than Mr. Doster by the end of the year win an ice cream party!

## AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

The After School Program is in need of your help!! We will be doing a project soon and we need as many plastic water bottle caps as possible. Please send them with your child to place in the collections box in the Lower School Commons area. Thanks for your help!

## MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

The Middle School faculty would like to thank the parents that came out to visit us on Curriculum Night. We are very excited about our new school and even more so about the young minds that are making our classrooms come alive every day. Modeling the importance of the evening for your children helps to send a powerful message.

Sara Catherine Rogers, who was awarded the Golden Shovel for “digging in” and helping to keep Lennox Road clean, passed on the shovel to Ray Brown. Ms. Brown “dug in” by offering a helping hand to make life easier for a classmate. By demonstrating a helpful attitude, Ray helped to build our culture of being helpful to others and shoveling out some good will.

Mrs. Hill’s chapel lesson on Excellentia corpus, excellence of body, was a wonderful follow-up to Mrs. Troff’s previous lesson of Excellentia mentis, “excellence of mind.” We hope that as Middle School students are helping to plan their lunches and snacks they are keeping excellentia corpus in mentis. Our P.E. Teacher, Ms. Evans, has provided a few resources for your use in helping our youngsters develop good habits in meal planning. Here are a couple of them:

<http://www.eartwiggles.com/Healty%20Foods/HealthyLunchBox.html>

<http://www.healthychild.com/healthy-school-lunch-ideas.htm>

<http://nutrition.about.com/od/schoollunches/qt/funschoollunch.htm>

Blue/Gold teams are collecting box tops. Help our kids help their teams. Our school recycling program is up and running. Please help reinforce good earth stewardship at home. We hope the Honor Code continues to be valued at home to be reinforced at school.

## RECYCLING NEWS

Eastminster has continued to do a great job of recycling paper, cardboard, plastic containers, and plastic bags this school year. We have expanded our recycling program to include aluminum and scrap metal as well. We would like to thank Christy Jackson for donating all of the schools blue recycling bins. A volunteer recycling program as good as ours could not exist without such supportive families. We will also be doing several month long drives to recycle a few unusual items such as: ink cartridges, light bulbs, batteries, cell phones, eyeglasses, and tennis shoes. So hold onto to those items and look for news in future Pellet issues for more information regarding those drives. If you are interested in becoming a recycling volunteer, please contact Tara Mosley at [tmosley@eastminsterschool.org](mailto:tmosley@eastminsterschool.org).

### **Important Dates**

**September 25<sup>th</sup>**

*Ice Cream Social (6:30-7:30pm)*

**October 2, 2007**

*Independent School 101 Workshop (7:00 p.m.)*

**October 11, 2007**

*Open House 7 p.m.*

### **REMINDER!! SLOW DOWN! DRIVE SLOWLY!**

Parents please remember to drive slowly when entering the School Zone on Lennox Road and when you are on campus. The School Zone is 15 mph. Your cooperation is appreciated!!

### **REMINDER!! ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

Eastminster Family Ice Cream Social will be held on Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> in the Lower School Commons from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Students and family members will taste and vote for the Eastminster signature ice cream flavor that the middle school Blue and Gold teams have created. The Ice Cream social is sponsored by Cold Stone Creamery through the EPTF and it's free!! Come and join in this time of fellowship and fun.

### **FACULTY TIDBITS-TELL ME SOMETHING ABOUT YOU!!**

That's what Mrs. Troff asked the Lower School staff last week and she really learned some interesting things like Lee Turner is the Music Director for a play that opens in Social Circle on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. She also found out that Eastminster folks like to travel in the summer when school is out - Katie O'Loughlin went to Ireland and Amy Appleby went to...where else but Spain! LaTrice Lopez went to Nassau and San Francisco! Tara Mosley got to return to her hobby of painting and making collages out of used or recycled papers over the summer vacation. Her vacation time paid off because she now has a small series of acrylic paintings of trees on display at Chances Art Gallery located at the Mill Lofts in Porterdale and she will also have a solo art exhibit at the Grit Restaurant in Athens in January of 2008. In next week's Pellet there will be more interesting tidbits about our Eastminster Faculty.