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THE ROCKDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT VISITS EASTMINSTER

On Friday, October 12th, the Rockdale County Fire Department visited our school. Each class was able to attend a thirty minute session where they learned all about fire safety. The fire fighters explained the different parts of the fire truck and the fire uniform. They even dressed in the whole uniform for the students! In addition, the students were able to participate in an obstacle course to demonstrate how they would get out of the house in case of a fire. The students had a wonderful time while learning all about fire safety!

KINDERGARTEN VISITS COL. COB'S CORN MAZE

On Monday, October 15th, the Kindergarten class visited the corn maze. They learned all about how cotton, pumpkins, corn, soybeans, and sunflowers were grown. The students learned how to shuck corn and how to pick cotton. They went on a hayride and used their concept of left and right to get through the corn maze. Finally, the students learned that the maze is redesigned every year. The design this year is The Statue of Liberty!

ART NEWS

The Original Artworks fundraiser deadline has been extended until Thursday, October 25th. Please return your children's artwork regardless of whether or not you participate in the fundraiser because it may be needed for the Spring Art Exhibit. Also, do not forget to purchase one of the quilt books if your child is one of the two classes working on a quilt project.

Thanks again for to those of you who have already contributed to the Eastminster Library Fund through this project.

FIRST GRADE NEWS

Mrs. O'Loughlin's first grade class completed a Science unit on weather. They had great time learning about natural disasters. They made it rain in the classroom, formed a tornado in a tube, constructed their own pinwheels to measure wind speed, and made a blizzard in a bottle. Their favorite weather book was a tall tale, Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs. They are excited to be learning about bats and spiders for the next two weeks. We will keep you updated with the important facts they learn about each of them.

EASTMINSTER SCHOOL FALL FESTIVAL--- OCTOBER 26 FROM 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

The EPTF invites all families and their friends to join us for the First Annual Fall Festival to be held at the Eastminster Campus on Friday, October 26 from 5:00 pm until 8:00 pm.

Included in the admission price:

Delicious food -burrito bar (Mad Cactus) and Cici's pizza
Events - horseshoe tournament, a donut eating contest, seed spitting contest, bobbing for apples
Highlights will include a pie toss at your favorite teacher
Ghostly trail walk with trolls and frights
Appalachian square dance with live music
Jumping tent activities

Scholastic Book Fair in the Lower School Commons from 5:00-6:00pm

We will host a cake walk. Prices for the walk will be \$1.00 (large items) and \$.50 (smaller items).

All kids are invited to bring a Jack 'O Lantern they carved at home for judging: Most Scary, Most Creative, and Best All Around. (Don't forget the candle.) Judging will begin at 6:00 pm sharp!

The cost of this affair: Families - \$30; Adults - \$10; Kids - \$5. Please purchase your armband from your child's teacher.

AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION - STAYING HEALTHY THIS FALL AND WINTER

The Sunday, October 14, 2007 Parade Magazine had some excellent reminders for staying healthy this fall and winter:

1. Wash hands often and well. The time it takes to sing Happy Birthday to You or Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star is how long kids need to scrub.
2. Make sure children are up-to-date with their shots and vaccinations.
3. If sniffles strike, the best prescription is plenty of rest, lots of fluids and lots of patience from those around the sick child.
4. Sick children can be cranky; a hug and kind words are excellent medicine too.
5. Don't send children to school when they are sick. To return to school, a child should have a normal temperature and no or minimal secretions from the nose or mouth.
6. If the illness requires antibiotics, children should not return to school until they have been on the antibiotics for at least 24 hours.

Important Dates

October 25

***Original Artworks
Fundraiser and Art Due***

October 26

Fall Festival

October 26-31

Book Fair

November 2

***Early Release Day at
12:30 p.m.***

***Parent Teacher
Conferences***

November 2

No After School Program

Friday, November 2

November 7

Report Cards go home

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

5th grade went to the Antebellum Plantation at Stone Mountain with Mr. Gajownik on Tuesday and they had a wonderful time. They also visited the petting zoo. The students were able to walk through many pre-Civil War era cabins and homes. Ashley Hammonds said, "We went into slave cabins and walked through the gardens. They were pretty and they were growing mustard!" Jake Diaz had this to say about the plantation, "There was this one house that had millions of paths!" and he "liked the cabin that had the creepy basement." Leif Roberts informed the rest of us that "Antebellum means before the war and that it all happened before the Civil War." Middle School observed its first Casual Day on Friday. The students were excited to be able to express themselves with their attire and it was also a day of fun! The Rockdale Fire Department was on campus demonstrating fire safety and the students enjoyed "touring" the fire truck. The students also took advantage of the time, placing planters in front of the MS cabins. It became a Blue/Gold exercise where teamwork, cooperation and measurement skills were utilized. We look forward to putting something in the planters. We are discussing what - being there is a water shortage, we are considering some succulents or possibly rock displays. Ashley Hammonds was busy this weekend earning some of her community service hours. She participated in the Rivers Alive cleanup project. She proudly showed us her T-shirt when she came back to school. Way to go! We would like to thank Ms. Helene Barrus for donating two turtles to the MS Science room. The turtles will be very happy in Mr. Huebsch's class and the students will surely make their new "classmates" feel right at home.

The MS students will be playing a vital part in the Scary Trail at our Fall Festival October 26th. The details are being worked out and we will send home information in student agendas as it is known. This will be an exciting time for our students.

SECOND GRADERS LOVE EASTMINSTER SCHOOL!!

My Story - Zarek Syed

Eastminster is a good school to go to because all the teachers, students and the principal are nice. All the time, except lunch, recess and P.E., is quiet. The school has a great mascot. There's two Eastminsters. One is Lower School and one is Middle School. Both of the schools do great experiments. I'm in Second Grade. In Science we do great experiments. All the experiments we did are talking about matter.

My Story - Will Kimsey

Eastminster is a great school because the teachers and students are very nice. It (school) is like a nature center. There is a fawn and a hawk. And our playground is really cool too. And you get to do science and math. And Second Grade is the best. Second grade is the best because everybody is nice. We also learn about matter and molecules.

Lily Jackson

Eastminster has great teachers and children. At Eastminster you will have fun each day. Eastminster has nice uniforms. The playground is neat. PE is fun. I think Second Grade is the most fun. When I walked in Eastminster I was amazed!

Torrence Michael Sellers

Eastminster has a mascot. The teachers are very nice and they give you a little bit of candy. Eastminster is a nature center. They have lizards, deer, geese, hawks and frogs. In Second Grade I like math the most. Every time I go in Eastminster I feel very special.

My Story - Jeremiah Athon

I like Eastminster because it's fun. And I have friends who play with me and if you want to come, go for it! This year we have a bigger building and we have a brand new gym teacher.

Claire Rowan

Eastminster does fun experiments. We have art, Spanish, music Great Books, PE. Some people have violin and dance in the afternoon like me. We have Social Studies, writing, grammar, handwriting in the classroom. Eastminster is a great school.

Max Kaiser

In the morning, expect morning work. And after that we do bunches like music or Spanish. It is a place to learn very well. The teachers are nice. I like it because we have cool science ideas!

Arish Jarwar

My school is the best school I have been to. There are seven elementary classes. There is a separate Middle School. We play on the playground. We have swings that go really high. There are a lot of trees around.

My Story - David Stoneman

Eastminster fits me because I learn lots of new things like my multiplication facts. I like the uniforms. We eat healthy foods. I love Mrs. Mosley our art teacher. I have tons of friends. The teachers are strict. Afterschool is great. We tell jokes.

REMINDERS!! Important Information for all to read!!

1) Book Fair-October 26-31

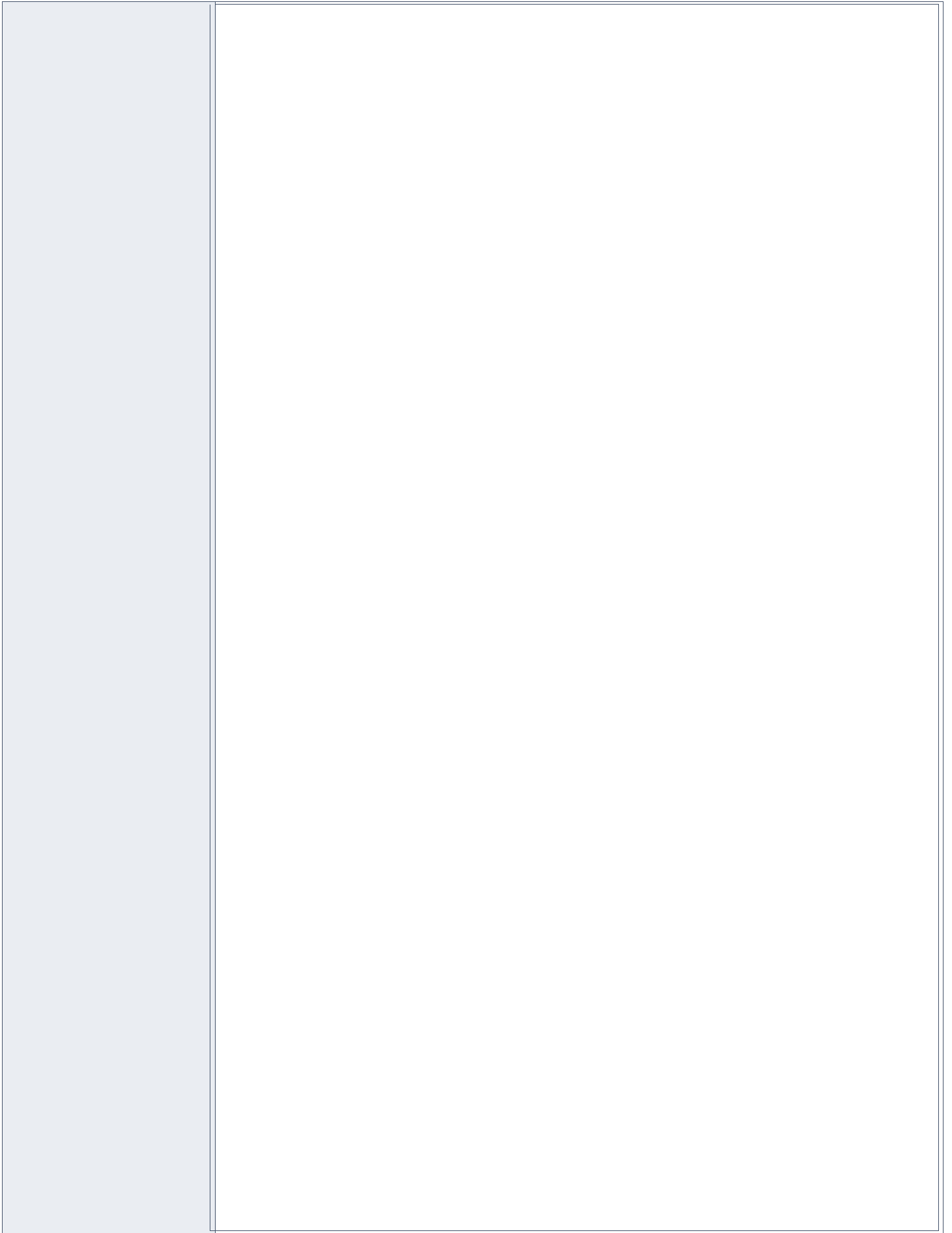
Lower School Commons-Shop from 5pm-6pm during Fall Festival

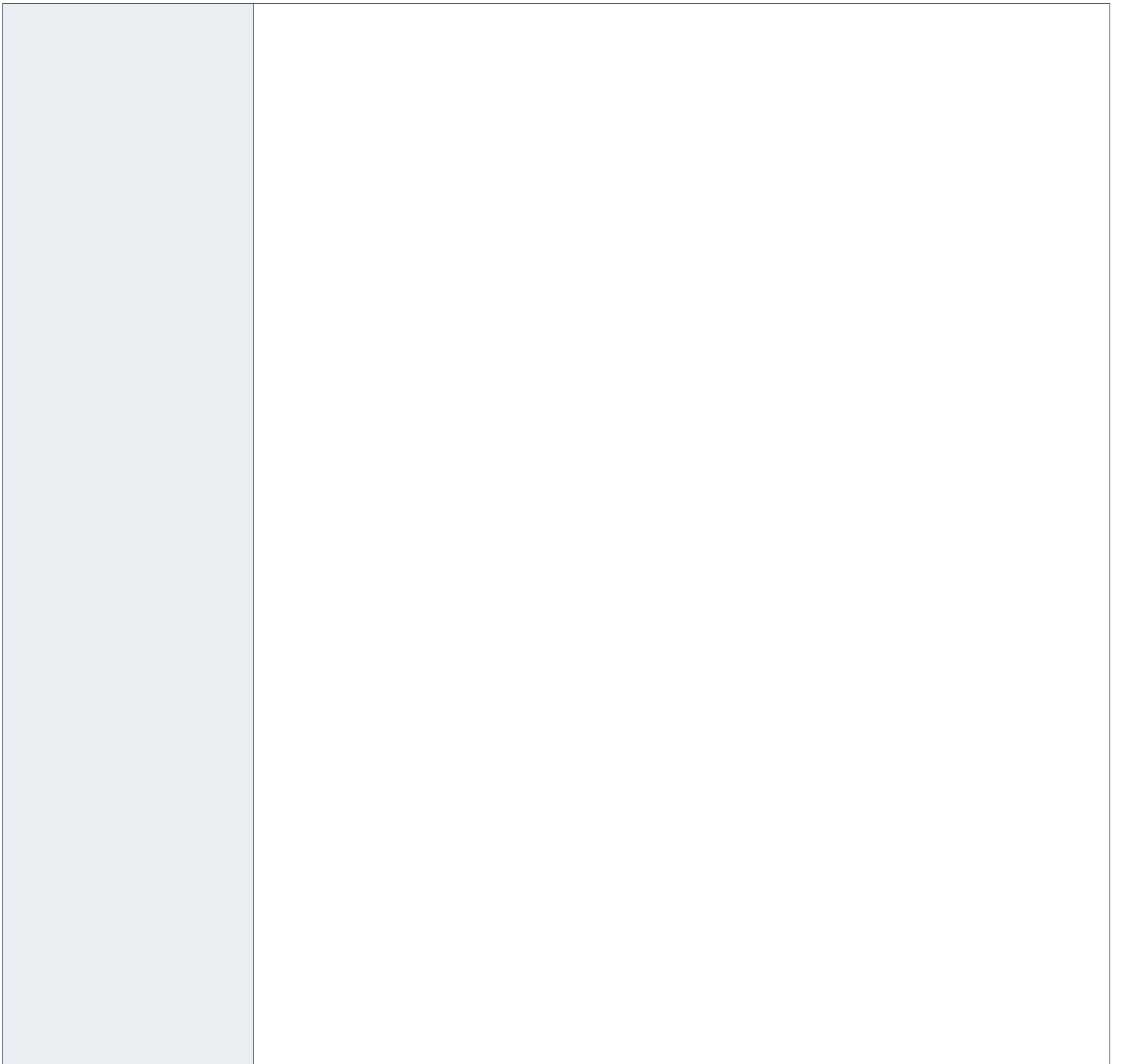
2) Parents-

Please be sure to read your child's Owl Notebook. There is a form to fill out to sign up for Parent-Teacher Conferences for Friday, November 2. Please return to your child's teacher.

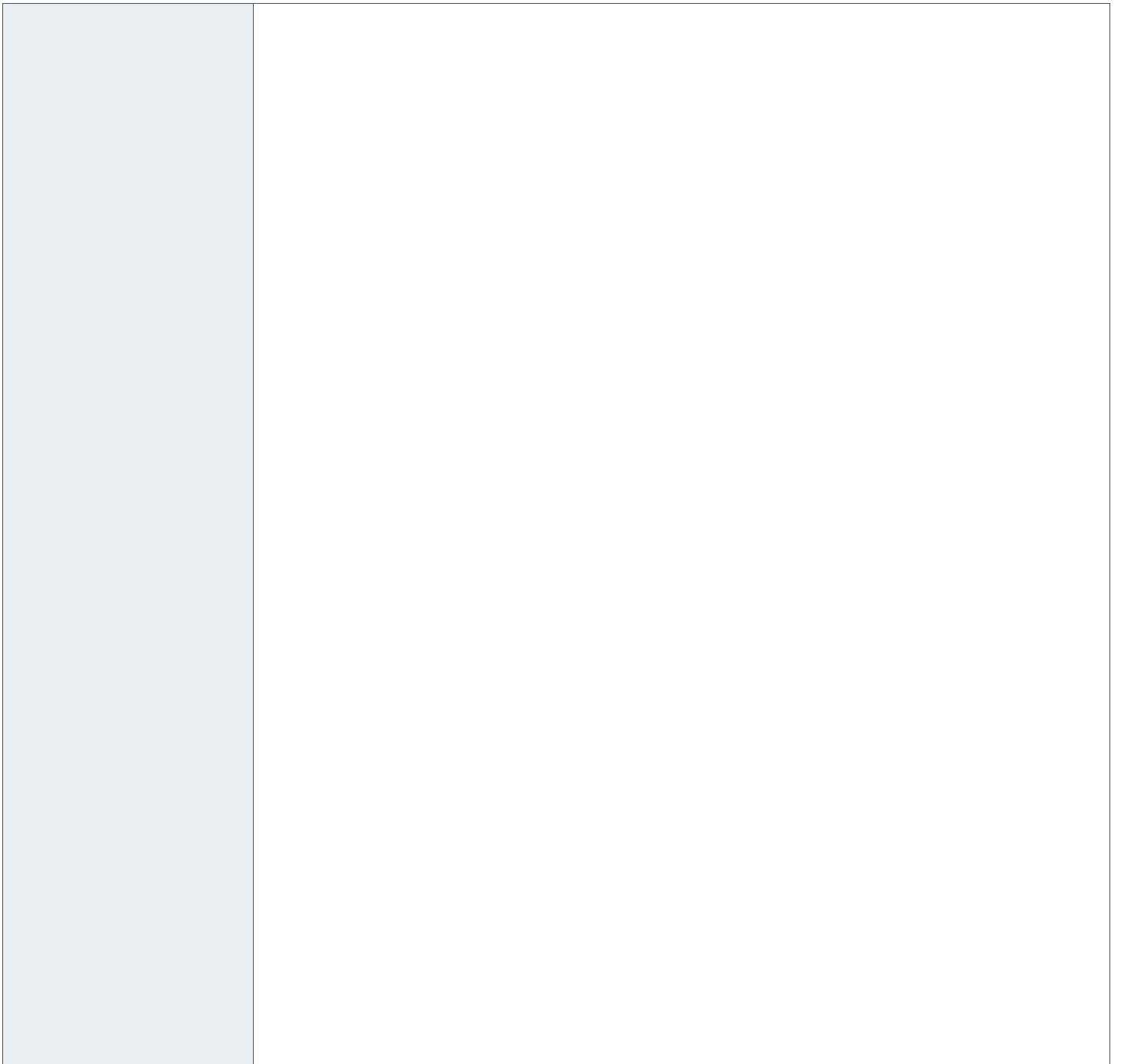
Early release day on Friday, November 2 at 12:30 p.m.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM IS NOT OFFERED ON THIS DAY.





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