

## Important Dates

### Sept. 1-3

CogAT Testing for  
2nd & 4th grades

### Sept. 3

Eastside Open House  
6:30 in Cafeteria

### Sept. 7

Labor Day Holiday

### Sept. 8

Chick-Fil-A Spirit  
Night 5-7 pm

### Sept. 10

3rd Gr. to GYSTC  
Mentor Lunch  
Redneck Gourmet  
Spirit Night 5-7 pm

### Sept. 16

Progress Reports  
Issued

### Sept. 17

Fall Pictures

### Sept. 18

Ident-a-Kid  
ID Photos

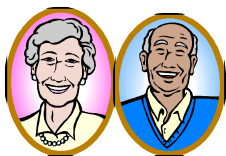
### Sept. 21-25

ITBS Testing  
3rd & 5th Grades

### Sept. 28-Oct. 2

Scholastic Book Fair  
And Breakfast With  
Grandparents Week

9/28 Mon. Pre-K  
9/29 Tues. Kinder.  
9/30 Wed. 1st gr.  
10/1 Thurs. 2nd-3rd  
10/2 Fri. 4th-5th



## Eastside Elementary Newsletter—Sept. 2009



### Title 1, Here We Come!

Eastside Elementary has been selected as a Title One — Targeted Assistance school for the 2009-2010 school year. This means that select students in third, fourth and fifth grades will have the opportunity to receive additional assistance from teachers, Ms. Golden and Mrs. Jordan, in reading and math.

Title 1 is a program funded by the federal government to ensure that all children have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high-quality education.

Please come to our Open House on Sept. 3 to find out more about what Title 1 can do for our students.



Thank you for a wonderful start to a new year! September is filled with many exciting events and opportunities! We will give the CogAT (Cognitive Abilities Test) to our 2nd and 4th graders on September 1-3. Another assessment, the ITBS (Iowa Test of Basic Skills) will be given to our 3rd graders the week of September 21. During these weeks, attendance is crucial so please add these dates to your calendar. Every Friday is Hat Day!! A variety of groups, such as Relay for Life, Drama Club, Special Events, and REACH, benefit from the dollars that your child brings.

I appreciate all that you do to help us ensure the success of each child daily at Eastside.

Jena Martin, Assistant  
Principal

### Media Center News

The **Scholastic Book Fair** will be at Eastside **September 28 - October 2** as Eastside hosts **Breakfasts with Grandparents**. If you would like to help with the book fair please contact Mrs. Allen in the media center. More information will be sent home about it as it gets closer.

All students in kindergarten through fifth grade have checked out library books. Students in grades 3-5 are allowed to check out two library books. All books are due one week from the day they are checked out. Please remind your children to take good care of the books. Also, please remind your child to return their library books. We do not charge overdue fines, but we do encourage students to return their books in a timely manner. Thank you for your help as we encourage students to read.

Tina Allen, Media Specialist

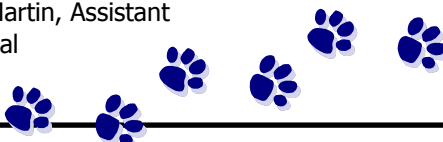
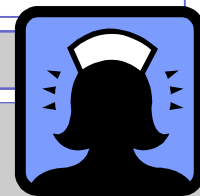
*"There are many little ways to enlarge your child's world. Love of books is the best of all." — Jacqueline Kennedy*



### Clinic News...

We have completed our first head lice check for this school year. It is interesting to know that this is the second-most communicable disease among school-age children behind the common cold! In order to keep our children free of this health problem, it is very important for parents to check regularly for signs of head lice and to inform children of the importance of not sharing combs, brushes, hats, scarves, etc. Scratching is the most common sign that lice may be present, especially if the child is scratching behind the ears or at the nape of the neck. The lice eggs which are attached to the hair shaft are called "nits". They are translucent and about the size of a poppy seed. For those who have experienced this problem, please remember that there is no shame in getting lice, the shame is in keeping it!

Anne Padgett, School Nurse LPN



## From Miss Mary, School Counselor...



### Parent Portal:

Parents can access their child's information through the Parent Portal system. By using Parent Portal, parents have access to grades, class information, daily attendance, as well as school calendars and teacher email links. To activate your account, please stop the front office between 8:00am and 3:30pm. Don't forget to bring a picture ID!



**Sept. 22  
Autumn Begins**

### Transportation Notes

Parents!! Please include the following information on your transportation changes

- Date
- Child's first and last name
- Teacher's name
- Bus number and address of where child will be dropped
- If car rider, name of the person picking child up

### Good Attendance

Eastside is off to a great start and school is well underway. All classes have reviewed guidance procedures and new student groups are in progress.

### Attendance/Punctuality

During the month of September we will emphasize **good attendance**. In order for students to be as successful as possible in school, they must be here daily and here on time in order to learn best. School, county as well as state policies support good school attendance.

To encourage **punctuality**, we will once again have our "ticket in the door" prize. Each morning, a name will be called during morning announcements. Winners will receive a free ice cream coupon. The child whose name is called must be present to win.

To encourage **good attendance** we will have class competitions. The homeroom with the most days of perfect attendance will receive a pizza party. Second prize will be a popcorn party. The third place homeroom will receive a popsicle party.

You can assist your child develop habits to support responsibility in these areas. Setting out clothes for school and packing the book bag with finished homework and needed supplies each night, will help your child be ready on time. Older students can be responsible for setting their alarm clocks.

### Hispanic Heritage Month

September 15- October 15 is Hispanic Heritage Month. This time is an opportunity to help students understand the ethnic diversity of our country and to develop "ethnic literacy." Each second through fifth grade homeroom has been supplied with a source for each student to research Latino contributions. Each morning during this month, there will be trivia questions about Hispanic Heritage and chances to win small prizes for correct answers.

### Guidance classes for September

Conflicts are a part of life. Knowing how to resolve conflict is a valuable life skill. Classes during the last week of August and the first weeks in September will teach conflict resolution techniques. Kindergarten and pre-k children will have lessons about feelings. First and second graders will practice using "I" messages. Third and fourth graders will learn about peer mediation and will be invited to try out to be peer mediators.

### Eastside After School Program

We are so thrilled to have so many new students in ASP. We are off to a great year. In August we made "Funky Monkeys". In September we are off in our "Camping Mode" making Trail Mix, S'mores and hot dogs. Come join the fun.

For more information contact Judy Massengale @ 770-599-3017, 1:00-6:00pm.



The Ident-A-Kid card is an Immediate Response Card designed to provide parents and law enforcement officials with crucial information should your child become lost or missing. The driver's license-like card contains your child's photograph, fingerprint and description. Parents keep the card with them at all times and, in an emergency, can provide law enforcement with it for immediate response.

**Child ID Photos will be taken on Sept. 18th here at Eastside**

Look for order information to come home soon