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**February 2012**

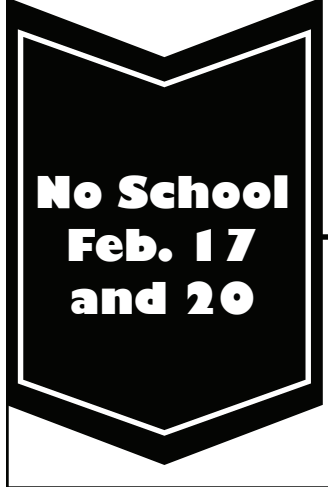
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Well, it looks like winter is finally upon us. This is great news for the adventurous outdoor people! As winter continues to rear its unpredictable head, we will do everything possible to alert parents and students of possible school closings and delays. Please make sure that if you change your home or contact phone numbers, they are updated in our system. If you have not been getting Alert Now phone calls and/or you have changes to make, please go into Home Access Center (HAC) at [www.eastpennsd.org/Technology](http://www.eastpennsd.org/Technology) and click on the "eSchoolplus" link. Also, if you do not receive our email blasts and would like to, please go to Eyer's Home page at [www.eastpennsd.org/eyer](http://www.eastpennsd.org/eyer) and click on the link on the right side of the page to sign up for the newsletter.

Once again, First Student has asked me to please remind parents to refrain from using the bus lot to pick up students after any activities. **During school hours, the bus lot is for busses only.** Students can be picked up in the front of the building or from the teachers' parking lot.

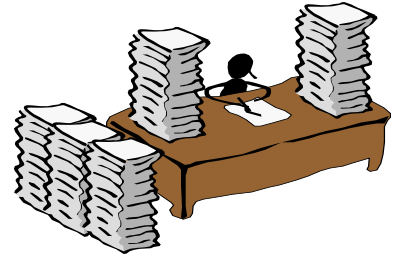
Remember that on February 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Eyer will have early dismissals at 11:00 AM for students. These two afternoons will be reserved for parent conferences. You can make an appointment for a conference by going on the Eyer website. Once on our website, click on "Quick Links" in the upper right hand corner and select "Moodle". (Your child will need to provide you with their login information.) Finally, click on the Eyer Parent/Teacher Conference course, select the Pod to which your student is assigned and select your conference time. Please remember also, that on February 16<sup>th</sup> Eyer students will be dismissing at 11:00 AM. This is an in-service day for teachers.

Eyer faculty and parents have been planning—and continue to plan—may activities for this school year. February includes its annual "Teacher/Student Volleyball Game" (see revised logo above!) on February 28 from 5:30 to 8:30pm as well as a lollipop event on February 14<sup>th</sup> and our 7<sup>th</sup> grade Science Fair on February 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup>. Also, our Rock-a-Thon has been rescheduled for the weekend of February 3<sup>rd</sup>—4<sup>th</sup>. Please ask your student for details on each of these events!



## **GUIDANCE NEWS**

### **PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE INFORMATION**



### **Eyer Parent/Teacher Conference Schedule:**

**Thursday, February 9, 2012: 11:30—2:30pm &  
5:00— 8:00pm**

**Friday, February 10, 2008: 11:30—2:30pm**

**CONFERENCES ARE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**

**\*\*\* EARLY DISMISSAL FOR STUDENTS BOTH DAYS AT 11:00AM \*\*\***

#### **EAST PENN SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

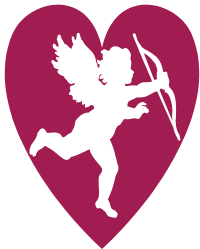
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||| **PSSA NEWS** ||||  
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In March, all grades will be taking the Reading and Math PSSAs from the 12th through the 16th. From April 16th through April 20th, the 8th graders will be taking the PSSA writing assessment and will take the Science PSSAs from April 23 through the 27th. We hope they will get a good night's sleep, eat breakfast, and come prepared to do their best!

**Also, please take note that any trip requests submitted during the PSSA time frame will be processed as "unexcused, but with no penalty".**



PAWS will have a "Send a Lollipop" event on the love-filled day of February 14. More details to follow!

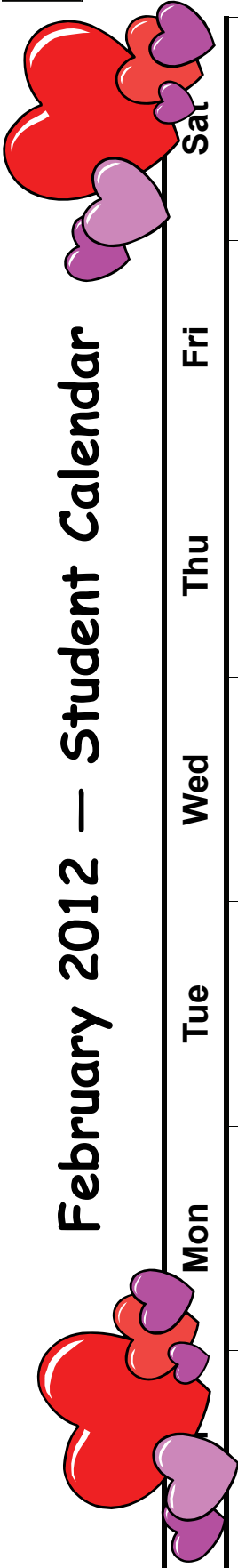
All that jazz...





Musicians in grades six through twelve will be featured in the East Penn Jazz Concert on Friday, March 16. Ensembles from Lower Macungie Middle School, Eyer Middle School, and Emmaus High School will perform everything from swing to blues to Latin-style music. The concert will begin at 7:00pm, is free, and is open to the public. Come on out to join us for a night of fantastic jazz music!



# February 2012 — Student Calendar



	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Report Cards PAWS Bowling, 8:30-1:00 pm Girls' BB vs Trexler, 4 pm (A) Boys' BB vs Trexler, 4 pm (H)	3	4
5	6 Girls' BB vs Easton, 4 pm (A) Boys' BB vs Easton, 4 pm (H)	7 Ski Club, 2 pm 7th grade Science Fair	8	9 7th grade Science Fair Early Dismissal-11 am Parent/Teacher Conferences, 11:30-2:30 & 5-8 pm Boys' BB vs LMMS, 4 pm (A) Girls' BB vs LMMS, 4 pm	10 7th grade Science Fair Early Dismissal-11 am Parent/Teacher Conferences, 11:30-2:30	11
12	13	14  Valentine's Day	15 8th Grade Student of the Month	16 Early Dismissal-11 am (pm)	17 <b>School Closed</b> President's Holiday (possible snow make-	18
19	20 <b>School Closed</b> President's Holiday	21 7th Grade Student of the Month	22 6th Grade Student of the Month	23 PAWS Committee Mtg.	24  PAWS Cookie Day	25
26	27	28 Student/Teacher Volleyball game, 6-9 pm	29			



Dear Parents, Students and Staff of Eyer Middle School:

It's that time of the year when the American Cancer Society has its annual "Daffodil Days" fundraiser. Unfortunately, cancer has touched many of our families and friends. Please support the American Cancer Society and their research efforts in finding a cure.

**Eyer's Builders Club**, a middle school Key Club, is again coordinating this year's event and we are asking the entire student body, their families, and the Eyer staff to join in.

The order form is attached below this letter. Simply fill out all the information and hand the form, along with a **check made payable to the "American Cancer Society"**, or cash, to Mrs. Jones in the Guidance Office, or to Mrs. Witte. **Orders and money must be in by Monday, February 6th!**

Students will be given bags in order to easily transport the daffodils home on their bus. Delivery of the daffodils will be on March 21st.

Thanks for your support. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Jones or Mrs. Witte at 610-965-1605.

*Detach here*

### **DAFFODIL DAYS ORDER FORM**

(Please return w/money no later than February 6th)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ H.R. TEACHER \_\_\_\_\_

\$10.00 each  # OF DAFFODIL BUNCHES (10 per bunch) NOT BULBS

\$15.00 each  # OF VASES (You will receive a stylish etched glass carafe) AND A BUNCH (10 DAFFODILS)

\$25.00 each  # OF 10" colored BOYDS BEAR (Shar N Hope) AND A BUNCH (10 DAFFODILS)



\$12.00 each  # 4" foiled plastic pot containing 3-4 bulbs of mini daffodils to bloom. You can plant these bulbs and watch "hope" bloom year after year!

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE =

PLEASE MAKE THE CHECK OUT TO: THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

— AND THANKS!



# 8th Grade Dance

# Eyer



## “MARDI-GRAS”

# MASQUARADE

# PERMISSION SLIP

The 8th grade dance theme this year is “MARDI-GRAS MASQUARADE”. The dance will be held on June 1st, from 7-10 pm in the Eyer Cafeteria. Please read the information listed below and if you agree to the terms, sign the permission slip at the bottom and turn it in. This form must be handed in before a dance ticket can be purchased.

- \$12 per person. **You can invite one guest but they must attend school and be in grade 6,7,8 or 9 and be pre-registered.** Tickets will go on sale in May. No Eyer Student can buy a ticket without a signed permission slip. (checks can be made out to Eyer Middle School) Guests do not require permission slips.
- Dress code is as follows: guys; dress pants, shoes (no sneakers) and either a dress shirt and tie or a dress shirt and jacket. Ladies; choose a dress you would wear to church or the like. **NO GOWNS.** You should be comfortable in your clothing. Masks will be made in school and be kept here until the dance.
- Your class chose to have foods like shrimp, wings, fruit, wraps, sushi etc. For dessert, a “make your own sundae” bar will accompany a chocolate fountain, and beverages.
- No limos, tuxes, etc.
- **THIS DANCE IS FOR THE ENTIRE 8TH GRADE, NOT JUST COUPLES! EVERYONE IS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.**
- Parents may come in for the first 15 minutes of the dance to take group and individual photos

I AGREE TO THE ABOVE TERMS BY SIGNING THIS PAPER AND RETURNING IT TO MRS. WITTE.

\_\_\_\_\_ PRINT STUDENTS NAME

\_\_\_\_\_ STUDENT’S HR TEACHER

\_\_\_\_\_ PARENT’S SIGNATURE



# The Eyer 2012 Yearbook

**\*\*Now in Full Color\*\***

Only **\$32.00** and a full color yearbook can be yours! This is a one time only offer so don't delay on your chance of having a yearbook this year!

Order your *full color* **2012 Eyer Middle School Yearbook** and custom add-ons **online** today!

There is only one book that captures this year's incredible events and experiences at Eyer Middle School, your **2012 full color yearbook**. Remember all of the friends, fun, fashion, favorite teachers, classes, games, dances, sporting events, clubs, and everything in between. Have your friends sign it and share all of the memories that were made in 2011 and 2012. With all the great options like **Personalization** and **Icons**, you are sure to find a way to make the yearbook yours!

Order your yearbook **online** now to ensure that you get a copy.

## Online Ordering:

All yearbook ordering will now be done online at [www.jostensyearbooks.com](http://www.jostensyearbooks.com) (please click on "Buy your Yearbook") You can also find the ordering information on the Eyer website.

\*\*\*\*\***DEADLINE FOR ORDERS IS APRIL 1, 2012!!!**\*\*\*\*\*

**SINCERELY,  
MR. WILLETT  
YEARBOOK ADVISOR**

**February Literacy News**

Molly McLeod, librarian

Deb Keeler, IST



"To begin with let us take the following motto...Literature is Love. Now we can continue." -Vladimir Nabokov

Celebrate your love of reading with your family this February! There are many ways to include your child in activities that can encourage a love of reading and improve their overall reading ability. If you're baking this February, why not include your child in the process? Have them read the recipe and help you measure ingredients.

Reading is also a great way to celebrate your child's interests. Fill your home with materials about your family's interests. Engage your family in conversations about their ideas based on their readings and observations. Let your child see you reading a variety of materials (books, cookbooks, magazines, newspapers, etc.) Discuss with your child how what they are reading compares/contrasts to what is viewed on film, television, and the computer.

Students will have a chance to choose their favorite fictional family and share why at this month's Literary Lunch. This must be a hot topic because we already have 26 students from 7<sup>th</sup> grade! We hope you find something you love to read this month. Celebrate reading!

## Eyer Middle School

Presents



**March 29, 30**

Thurs. & Fri. 7:00pm

**March 31**

Sat. 2:00pm & 7:00pm

**\$5 Tickets: (610) 965-1600**

Also available at door

Eyer Middle School Auditorium

5616 Buckeye Road, Macungie, PA

*Book by Thomas Meehan, Music by Charles Strouse, Lyrics by Martin Charnin, Presented on Broadway by Mike Nichols, Originally Produced by Irwin Meyer Stephen R. Friedman Lewis Allen. Alvin Nederlander Associates, Inc. The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Icarus Productions. Based on "Little Orphan Annie" By Permission of the Tribune Services, Inc.*



## EYER BUILDERS CLUB IS SPONSORING THE 2012 EYER ROCK-A-THON



The Eyer 2012 Rock-a-thon will be a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society and Justin's House. Justin's House is a beach home located in Bethany Beach, Delaware which allows families with a terminally ill child to have a wonderful family vacation- free! Our donations would go to house upkeep, cleaning and so forth.

**Mother Nature threw us a curve ball with the weather on Jan. 21st, so we have rescheduled for the weekend of Feb. 3-4.**

- If you volunteered to chaperone, I will keep you in that shift unless I hear from you (bwitte@eastpennsd.org or at (610)965-1600 EXT 22122)
- If you can now chaperone—great—use the same contact info above to let me know the shift you can work.
  - Rock-a-Thon members now have the opportunity to raise more money for a great cause.
  - Please remember the food donations you offered. We count on them to feed the masses.

The way the Rock-a-thon does this is via teams. **There are 7 members on a team.** Team members take turns rocking in a rocking chair all night. Rockers start out on half hour shifts and then go to hour shifts later on in the night. Either flat pledges are given or people can pledge the team a rate per hour (11 hours). Each team needs to supply one rocking chair per team. It can be a wooden or upholstered rocking chair but realize it will be used hard and must rock. The rock-a-thon goes from **7pm Friday, Feb. 3rd to 7am Saturday morning, Feb. 4th.** Participants should eat a good dinner before attending the event.

**Parents must pick up their child promptly at 7am.**  
**That includes the chair as well.**

Each participant is required to:

1. get a minimum of \$20 in pledges
2. bring a snack or juice from the previously approved list
3. bring a blanket (no sleeping bags) and pillow
4. bring any meds you may need overnight
5. have an emergency number where we can reach a parent
6. behave and adhere to the regular school dress code and rules

Please be aware that students may not:

- ⇒ bring or drink energy drinks
- ⇒ use their cell phones during the Rock-a-thon (they can be given to Mrs. Witte to be kept for use in the morning to confirm pickups)

**Helping PAWS for Animals is a new club at Eyer. Our focus is to help dogs, cats, and other animals in animal shelters. At this time, we are organizing a bedding drive. If you have any old towels, blankets, or sheets, please consider recycling them to us and we will make sure they get to an animal in need. Our blanket drive is running from Jan. 26 through Feb. 10.**



**We are also collecting "Coins Count for Furry Friends". Any spare change can be dropped in our collection jugs and this will help shelters, buy gas cards to help transport animals. This collection drive is running from Jan 26 through Feb. 26.**

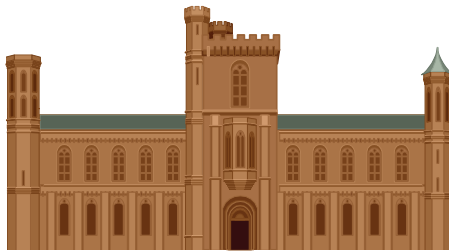
**Attention all students:**

**Jr. Kid to Kid will be hosting a "Have a Heart" bake sale on Tuesday, February 7th during all lunches! The money earned will be donated to the American Heart Association.**



**Also, Jr. Kid to Kid needs your help! We are looking for donations to help make baskets for a silent auction. We are looking for the following NEW items:**

- ⇒ Nail polishes
- ⇒ Mirror
- ⇒ "Soft" nail file (NOT a metal one)
- ⇒ Nail clipper
- ⇒ Hand lotions
- ⇒ Sleep mask and face masks
- ⇒ Family-friendly DVDs
- ⇒ Microwave popcorn
- ⇒ Boxes of candy you'd find at a movie theater



Please take a moment to congratulate our History Day contest winners listed below. They will compete at the regional contest on March 3rd at Penn State Hazleton Campus.

**Documentary:**

Individual: Nicki Zelenak

Group: #1: Katie Bacher and Vaishnavi Rudraraju

#2: Sameer Lal, Murphy Pan, Sanket Narayana

**Exhibit:**

Group: Mara Weigner and Victoria Reichelderfer

**Website:**

Individual: #1: Chloe Mathieu

#2: Jerry Schlechter

Group: #1: Xiang Luo, Katie Xue, Katelyn Roth

#2: Rachel McQuiston and Lauren Hodgen

**Paper:**

Individual: Jenna Loz

**6th grade**

Emerson Ahn  
Meghan Carlee  
Allison Johnston  
Hailey Knecht  
Patrick Martin  
Jackelyn Nieves  
Elizabeth Rongione  
Aimee Ruth  
Alexis Ruth  
Aimee Valero  
Ryan Velde  
Zachary Villeneuve  
Austin Yankow



**January**  
**Student of the Month**  
**7th grade**

Dimitri Anagnostou  
Holly Brinkman  
Joe Capri  
Evan Charlesworth  
Nick Cilento  
Connor DeJohn  
Landon Garcia  
McKenna Geroulo  
Ashley Hilbert  
Jada Morton  
Dustin Seip



**8th grade**

Kevin Caverly  
Ryan Cox  
Sarah Earnshaw  
Michelle Gunn  
David Hengeveld  
Rebecca Houghton  
Sameer Lal  
Jennifer Leader  
Sanket Narayana  
Kayla Ntoh  
Murphy Pan  
Victoria Reichelderfer  
Nicholas Quinn  
Savannah Saugier



## News from the IMC:

2012 is off to a great start in the IMC!



Our Reader of the Month bulletin board continues to be a big hit. For January, Mr. Hunsicker was our Reader and his READ poster shows him holding a copy of The Hunger Games, which has been very popular among students this year! We're looking forward to having a party in the IMC in March to discuss the series before the movie is released.

Mrs. Brosky will be our February Reader of the Month, so stay tuned for her favorite books! Right now we're celebrating Chinese New Year with a Year of the Dragon display in the library, another favorite subject for students.

We have many exciting projects coming up in the month ahead, including book talks with Mr. Kukitz's classes as they learn about the Holocaust, a poetry unit with Mrs. Maxon's students, and debate topic research with 8th grade Honors Science students. We'll also be starting a fun Europe in the Middle Ages project with Mrs. Kaunitz's classes and we'll explore Asian culture with Miss Torpey.

Our Reading Olympics team meetings are off to a good start, and students have chosen "Word Wizards" for our official team name this year! We are very busy reading and preparing for the trivia competition in early May.

For fun this month, we'll be featuring a counting contest with conversation hearts in the IMC. Students must guess how many candies are in the jar and also submit the title of a book they love. Our February Literary Lunch topic is "which fictional family would you most like to join?" So far the most popular suggestion is the Weasleys from Harry Potter, and I'm planning on creating a bulletin board out of students' favorites.

Stay up to date with all our IMC news by checking our web page. You'll find book recommendations, great educational web sites, and a link to our online catalog and resources along with Literacy Committee updates. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions!

Happy Reading, and share a book with someone you love this month!

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