

# The Eubanks Echo

Eubanks Intermediate School  
Mark Terry, Principal  
President

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Shauna Newman, PTO Pres.

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## Important Dates:

### April 8, 2008

5<sup>th</sup> grade Math TAKS

### April 10, 2008

Percussion Bash - DMS

### April 11, 2008

Celebration of the Arts

### April 13, 2008

Teacher Appreciation Week

### April 16, 2008

Skatetown for all students

### April 21, 2008

Student Holiday

### April 24, 2008

6<sup>th</sup> grade LAT Math test

Sandy Lake band competition

### April 29, 2008

6<sup>th</sup> grade Math TAKS

### April 30, 2008

6<sup>th</sup> grade Reading TAKS

### May 1, 2008

5<sup>th</sup> grade Science TAKS

### May 7, 2008

PTO Meeting/Board transition  
lunch – place TBD

## Eubanks Echo

If you would like to contribute to the Eubanks Echo, please contact Martha Heineman at [marthaheineman@verizon.net](mailto:marthaheineman@verizon.net)

# *A Word from Mr. Terry*

Parents,

As you know, we recently completed our first round of TAKS testing in 5<sup>th</sup> Grade and I am proud to support that preliminary results indicate that all of our students successfully met standards. We also saw our commended rates increase by 10 percentage points. This is no easy feat. Our students, faculty, and you, our parents are to be congratulated for your efforts. The TAKS will continue throughout the spring, so help your student by encouraging attendance to any TAKS Camp which may be recommended by our teachers.

Congratulations to Mrs. Kim Bell who has been voted as the 2007-2008 Eubanks Intermediate School Teacher of the Year! Mrs. Bell is a Content Mastery Teacher. She does a superb job with students and is a well-respected member of our learning community. Please join me in thanking Mrs. Bell for her service to our students.

As many of you know, we recently completed our final Battle of the Books Competition and the winner was The Chapter Investigators of Southlake (see the website for more information). Thanks to our teachers for their support of this reading competition. Special thanks go to Mrs. Drenka for her tireless efforts in making reading an important part of our students' school experience.

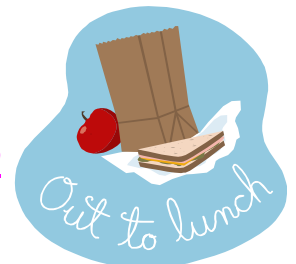
As always, thanks for your support and for allowing us the honor of working with your student!

Mark Terry  
Principal

## Volunteer Opportunity – Teacher Luncheon

EIS~Teacher Appreciation Luncheon  
Wednesday, April 16th, 2008,  
Theme: Spring Fever~

Various Salads and Sandwiches, Fruit, Desserts & Door Prizes needed  
If you're interested in providing food or a door prize for this luncheon ...  
Please contact Echo Klatt ~ [ECHOLLAGE@AOL.COM](mailto:ECHOLLAGE@AOL.COM) or 817-329-9577  
Thank you for your continued support!



## President's Corner

Can it really be April already?? Although the end of the year is fast approaching, EIS PTO still has many exciting things in the works. Our Nominating Committee has been working together to fill the PTO Board and Committee positions for next year, and our thanks go out to them. The slate of officers was introduced at the April 3<sup>rd</sup> General PTO Meeting and the formal vote will take place at the May 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. There are still some open seats and if you are interested in participating next year, please contact Priscilla Danner at [tdp.plus6@verizon.net](mailto:tdp.plus6@verizon.net).

Celebration of the Fine Arts is Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00pm. This event showcases ALL of our students' artwork, and gives the Band and Choir an opportunity to show off for our parents. Don't miss this fun evening!! Look for more details inside.

We will show our appreciation to our teachers during the week of April 14<sup>th</sup>! Our committee has great plans and we are sure the teachers will enjoy the yummy treats.

Our next PTO meeting will be a combination general meeting and transition meeting to the new PTO board for next year. The date is Wednesday, May 7<sup>st</sup>, time and place to be determined. I hope to see you there.

Shauna Newman,  
*EIS PTO President*  
817-488-3921

## *Library News*

We have had many students "Dive into Reading" in our Bluebonnet Reading program this year. Students who have reached the goal of 15 reports with any combination of Bluebonnet books, Lone Star books, and 5 books of the student's choice will earn an invitation to our Bluebonnet party. Please be sure to have students turn in any completed reports or activity sheets by **Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**. Congratulations to the winners of our latest bluebonnet raffle prizes: Bryan Walter, Ashley Allison, Morgan Donegan and Katherine Fernandes. Be sure to make a splash with reading and earn a raffle ticket for our next prize!

Here is the final news flash from Battle of the Books. It has been a record-breaking year of reading! Our sixth grade students read 1,513 books in preparation for the battle. Mrs. Hooton's class was our class in first place with 158 books read. We would also like to congratulate 77 of our students that read all 8 of the battle books in order to earn the coveted title of Revved Up Reader. Congratulations to all the teams that participated in the final battle: The Dr. Seuss Crew, The Page Pirates, The N.E.R.D.S., The Chapter Investigators of Southlake, and The Readers of the Lost Library. At the conclusion of an outstanding battle, we would like to congratulate our Battle Champs, the Chapter Investigators of Southlake. The team was led into battle by captain, Elise Landers. Elise was joined by terrific team members: Leah Meza, Jackie Corna, Dan Hancock, Kameron Ramage, and Nicolas Gerard. We will be celebrating all our reading accomplishments at a battle brunch on Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 8 a.m. in the library.

Thank you for the many donations to our United Through Reading collection. The Eubanks Book Club collected 556 books to donate our military. Soldiers will be able to select a book on their way through DFW airport, visit the Reading Room, and record a reading of their chosen book for their family. Thank you for helping us "make their day!"

Lucy Drenka  
EIS Librarian

# FIFTH ANNUAL DRAGON INVITATIONAL

## April 28, 2008

**Sky Creek Ranch Golf Club  
Keller, Texas**

**1:30 Shotgun Start**  
12:30 Registration/1:00 Lunch

**4-Person Scramble**  
\$175 per player - \$700 per team  
\$850 per team includes hole  
sponsorship

**Four Hole in One prize  
opportunities!**

- \$10,000 Cash
- 7-Day Cruise
- Set of Irons (2-PW)
- \$500 Golf Shop Credit

Players will enjoy a great day on the course. "Beat the Pro", "Longest Drive", and "Closest to the Pin" competitions.

Tournament includes a barbeque sandwich lunch and a buffet dinner provided by our event sponsor...



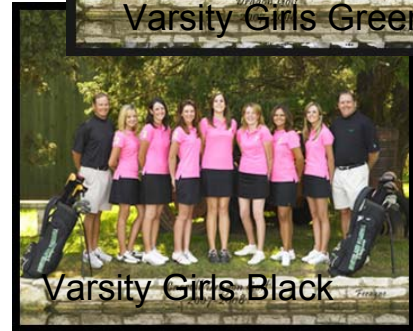
To sponsor the tournament or to register as a player please contact Kari Litwak at (817) 421-6680, [thelitwaks@msn.com](mailto:thelitwaks@msn.com) or go to: [www.carrolldragons.org/golf.aspx](http://www.carrolldragons.org/golf.aspx)



Varsity Boys



Varsity Girls Green



Varsity Girls Black



Freshman Boys

Proceeds benefit  
The Carroll Dragon Golf  
Program

### *A Note from Mrs. Gillum...*

*Some of our students asked about how to help the children of Haiti after hearing Mr. Dumas Simeus speak during Black History Month. If you are interested in learning more about what you can do, go to [www.water.org](http://www.water.org).*

*Spring weather is upon us. Please remind your children to dress within the dress code. We are seeing a lot of tank tops on girls and sleeveless jerseys on boys. Please check the length of shorts since most of our kids have grown since last summer. Thanks for your help on this.*

*Fifth grade will take the Math TAKS test on Tuesday, April 8. Please make sure your children get a good night's rest and good breakfast the morning of the test.*



### *Celebration of the Fine Arts*

The Eubanks Celebration of the Fine Arts will be **Friday, April 11 from 6:00 - 8:00pm**. It is an opportunity to honor the art work of 5th and 6th grade students, as well as the students involved in Choir and Band. Art work will be featured on the walls of the school, the band will play and the choir will perform throughout the evening. It is an open house for the entire family and pizza will be available for purchase.

There will also be a student raffle where the students can buy tickets and bid on special items provided by the teachers. The raffle is geared toward the kids and they can bid on the items of most interest. The tickets will be \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5. Some of the raffle items will include: homework passes, a day to work in the office, lunch with the teacher, and a few special items like an ipod. The raffle items will be previewed on Monday and then open to the students from Wednesday, April 9 - Friday, April 11 and conclude at the event on Friday night. Winners will be announced the next Monday morning.

**Parents play an important role in making Celebration of the Fine Arts a success.** We need your help in a number of ways and are hopeful that each family will get involved in some way. We need help with:

- a.. Encouraging your kids to earn extra money so they have money to participate in the raffle for teacher items (all money raised will benefit the school)
- b.. Providing a dessert on the day of the event: if you can provide a dessert, please drop it off by 4:00 at EIS; please email Patti Johnson at [PBjBJ@aol.com](mailto:PBjBJ@aol.com) confirm what you will bring.
- c.. Taking down the artwork on the week following the event. Even an hour of time is appreciated. If you can help, please email Sheri Learmonth at [sherri\\_learmonth@kw.com](mailto:sherri_learmonth@kw.com).

Thank you so much for your support for this fun event at Eubanks!  
The EIS Special Events Committee

## Counselor's Connection

Lindsey Browning

### Organized Activities Help Teens Develop Independence

A University of Illinois study says that enrolling teens in organized activities is a good idea, because it helps them develop independence with less conflict.

Allowing teens to work out adolescent issues through organized activities can be much easier to negotiate than wrapping the issues around parties, messy rooms, and boyfriends or girlfriends, says Reed Larson, professor of Human Development and Family Studies at U of I.

Larson and colleagues defined youth activities as school-based extracurricular activities, community-based youth organizations, and all organized activities and programs for youth that are both voluntary and structured. For this study they selected 12 exemplary youth programs, including arts programs, service, and leadership programs--most oriented to youth who are economically disadvantaged or at risk in other ways.

Larson posits that teens learn independence through organized activities in ways that parents can appreciate. Teens learn such skills as speaking up for themselves, social confidence, teamwork, and regulating their emotions.

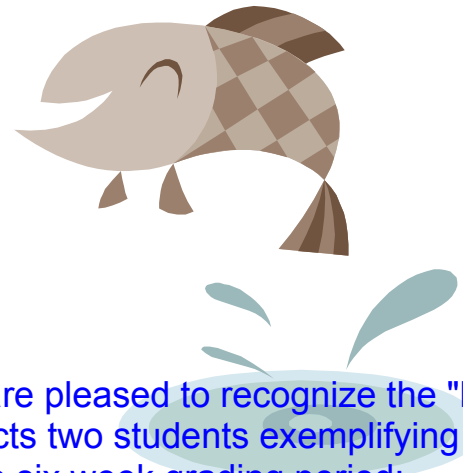
"[T]eens also reported that participating in these activities made them feel closer to their families, which runs counter to what we've come to expect of family relationships during adolescence," Larson says.

According to developmental psychologists, the ideal course of development for adolescents is allowing them to participate in organized activities where they then begin to gradually negotiate their independence but maintain strong family ties.

"In the past, experts have thought that tension and family conflict were necessary during adolescence so that teens can separate from their families. But new research shows that teens who have more conflict with their parents continue to have struggles and do not do as well in adulthood," Larson says. He recommends a certain amount of "parental scaffolding" surrounding involvement in new activities. This allows teens to develop independence, while simultaneously allowing the parent-child relationship to benefit from heightened trust and emotional closeness.



*"Congratulations to Mrs. Kim Bell, EIS Teacher of the Year!  
Mrs. Bell is chairperson of our special education department at  
EIS. Way to go Mrs. Bell!"*



## BIG FISH Caught at Eubanks!

The FISH program is still swimming along! We are pleased to recognize the "Big Fish" from the 4th six weeks. Each teacher selects two students exemplifying the principles of the FISH Philosophy throughout the six week grading period:

Be There...Make their day...Choose your attitude...Play!

### Congratulations to these Big Fish!

#### 5th Grade

Allison—Glynn Horkott // Austin Rodenburg  
Devincenzo— Lea Morisato // Michael Burgess  
Gilbert— Patrick Johnson // Mary Bryton Slover  
Thomisee— Dylan Reynolds // Luke Lanham  
Curran— Michelle King // Jackson O'Donnell  
Hunt— Harry Asprey // McKinsey Maddox

Cagle— Aspen Reid // Cameron Allen  
Hardin— Megan Jorgensen // Nick Kepler  
Rankin— Saahir Khan // Devin Harkins  
Holland— Jamie Phelps // Madeline Allison  
Phelps— Kelly Danner // Kody Mask  
McCue— Jake Velez // Emily Collins

#### Sixth Grade

Jackson—Nick Kane  
Moore— Muneer Arastu // Caitlyn Byerly  
Sparks— Jake Andre // Baylee Boren  
Fann— Natalie Wright // Jack Parrish  
Phelps— Emily Smith // Riley Howell  
Wong— Sarah Carron // Daniel Wilson  
Shuman— McKenna Lee // Michael Formella

Dearing— Elise Landers // Dan Hancock  
Hooton— Amy Low // Joseph Heineman  
Kreis— Hugh Jeffrey // Courtland Keith  
Anderson— Hannah Lindsey // Gianluca Tedeschi  
McKeel— AJ Tolbert // Emily Woodrow  
Gavin— Reed Emory // Marissa Robinson  
Alexander— JT Mitchell // Maria Darovec

#### Gift Bag Drawing Winners:

5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Nick Kepler // McKinsey Maddox

6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Jack Parrish // Amy Low



## BAND Information

Greetings EIS families and staff!! The Eubanks Intermediate Band held their annual Solo and Ensemble Competition Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. All band students participated in their class ensembles. Some students also performed a solo and/or small ensemble (duet or trio) with other members of the EIS band. Students performed their solo or ensemble in front of a judge (well respected music educators from around the area) and were given feedback on their performance. Students were given a rating of either a I (Superior), II (Excellent) or III (Good) for their performance preparation. Out of the 135 entries (performances), 126 student solos and ensembles received a Superior rating! Judges were very impressed with the overall preparation and care taken by our EIS band students to perform so well. Judges from all four rooms also selected a few solos and ensembles as Outstanding performers:

Aimee Low—flute	Scott Dickey—trombone
Emily Curtiss—oboe	Ben Uriell—euphonium
Olivia Asprey—clarinet	Kevin O'Brien—tuba
Tanner Deters—saxophone	Charlie Proudman—tuba
Jenny Anderson—trumpet	Ryan Fields—percussion
Christopher Weisberg—trumpet	Heather Swinton—percussion
Lexie Hassien—French horn	

Aimee Low/Savannah Nauwelaers flute duet—Outstanding ensemble  
Victoria Fry/Alison Van Zandt trumpet duet—Outstanding ensemble  
Saxophone Class—Outstanding ensemble  
Trumpet Class—Outstanding ensemble  
French horn Class—Outstanding ensemble  
Trombone Class—Outstanding ensemble  
Low Brass Class—Outstanding ensemble  
Percussion Class—Outstanding ensemble

We are very proud of all our band “kiddos” for participating in this competition. Please come out to our EIS Celebration of the Fine Arts Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup> (6:00 to 8:00) to hear all of the band students perform their class ensembles. You will also get to hear the outstanding soloists/ensembles mentioned above perform their songs as well as hear Mrs. Von Dreau’s choir perform *and* see Mrs. Amick’s classes’ wonderful artwork!! Hope to see ya’ll there!!

☺!

The Band Guys & Girl

P.S.

5<sup>th</sup> grade parents, It’s not too late to sign your child up for an instrument selection time! Try-outs are held in the EIS band hall and will take place Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> for all wind instruments (all band instruments except for percussion) and Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> for percussion (*all percussion try-outs will be held at CHS*). Please contact Eric Guerrero at [guerrere@cisdmail.com](mailto:guerrere@cisdmail.com) or 817-949-5236 if you have any questions!