

# The Eubanks Echo

Eubanks Intermediate School  
Mark Terry, Principal

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Shauna Newman, PTO Pres.

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## Important Dates:

### September 12th

Cookie Dough Kick-off

### September 15<sup>th</sup>

SC Dragons vs. Miami at SMU

### September 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>

Book Fair

### September 25<sup>th</sup>

PTO Ice Cream Social

### September 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>

Hooton/McKeel/  
Shuman/Alexander to Camp  
Carter

### September 27<sup>th</sup>

Cookie Dough due

### October 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>

Moore/Sparks/Kreis to Camp  
Carter

### October 4<sup>th</sup>

General PTO Meeting – 12 noon

### October 8<sup>th</sup>

No School

### October 26<sup>th</sup>

Tailgate Party

### November 1<sup>st</sup>

Cookie Dough Pick up 1-7 pm

## 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*

Welcome to the 2007 – 2008 school year here at Eubanks Intermediate School. You are in for a great year of learning and fun. This is your child's transition from elementary to secondary education. For those of you who don't know, we run both an elementary curriculum (5<sup>th</sup> grade) and a secondary curriculum (6<sup>th</sup> grade). As most of you know, it does impact our schedule. But, we, and more importantly, the students will 'get through it' as we head into fall season.

This year you will hear a great deal about FISH! We are using Schools of FISH! to teach our students to be better students and to enjoy learning for all. Many of you may have businesses that use the FISH! Philosophy. I have already had several parents tell me that they have had conversations with their student about FISH! because their company uses the same basic principles. The FISH! Principles are: Be There, Choose Your Attitude, Make Their Day, and Play. Ask your kids what they mean as we progress through the year.

Thanks to Shauna Newman for leading our PTO this year. Also, thanks to all of you who have volunteered to serve in leadership positions in our PTO. Your service makes Eubanks better for our teachers and staff and for our children. Finally, thank you for supporting our PTO and students as you join PTO and participate as you can.

Look for Camp Carter to begin soon for our 6<sup>th</sup> graders. It is an exciting trip for the kids which would not be possible without the teachers' willingness to plan, implement, and spend three days away from their families. It is also only possible if we have an adequate number of parent chaperones. It's a chance for you to experience with your kids that you will talk about for years to come.

Thanks again for following our safety rules for drop-off and pick-up of students in our car lanes, for checking into the office, and for avoiding driving to the rear of our building.

Have a wonderful year,  
**Mark Terry, Principal**

## President's Corner

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2007-2008 school year at Eubanks! I am excited to serve as PTO President this year and with your help and support, I am sure it will be a great one.

I'd like to express my gratitude to the MANY volunteers who have already spent countless hours to make the start of the school year a smooth one. Whether copying, stuffing First Day Packets, organizing Sprit Shop, planning events, or collecting and collating forms, we could not have done without you.

No doubt you have completed many, many forms in the past weeks, but please make sure you have sent in our PTO Membership and Donations Funds form. We have consolidated several forms into one this year and hope it makes joining the PTO, providing Directory information, and making donations an easier task. Also, we hope you

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have reviewed the PTO Volunteer form, as it provides you the opportunity to get involved with any committees that interest you.

Our main fundraiser, Cookie Dough, will be kicked off on September 12<sup>th</sup> and run through the 27<sup>th</sup>. We have enjoyed great success with this offering and have had great feedback about the yummy selections. Please see more information from the Cookie Dough Committee inside.

Spirit Shop is up and running too! Come support your Dragons every other Friday during lunch. We have great new items this year.

Our PTO meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at noon. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Mr. Terry will make a report each month, and plans for the year's activities will be discussed.

I look forward to seeing you at upcoming PTO events. For families new to the district, there is a Welcome Coffee on September 21<sup>st</sup>, and all are invited to the Book Fair Ice Cream Social on Wednesday evening, September 25<sup>th</sup>. In the meantime, please feel free to contact me with any questions at 817-488-3921 or [shaunheff@msn.com](mailto:shaunheff@msn.com).

Shauna Newman, EIS PTO President

*Beverly Hottois, EIS PTO President*

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## Counselor's Connection

### Give Constructive Criticism

A Latin proverb states, "It is easier to pull down than to build up."

Parents must be careful not to undermine their children's self-esteem when pointing out faults or shortcomings. Make sure any judgments or criticisms you make about your children are given in a loving way. Make it a point to always build your children's confidence by offering constructive criticism, not disapproval.

No one says it is unacceptable to criticize your children; they will experience criticism throughout their lives. Just don't get in the habit of being overly critical because this can have a negative effect. When you must point out an area where your children could use improvement, make sure you give them ideas about how to do better. For instance, if your children keep messy bedrooms, instead of yelling and being negative, calmly state some steps they can take to tidy up.

Children are more likely to heed criticism given in a loving way. And when your children respond to your advice, be sure to acknowledge it.

Lindsey Browning  
EIS Counselor

**EIS RUNNING CLUB** will be hitting the track soon!!

It is that time of year... lace up your shoes, pull on your shorts and tshirts and get ready to run and have fun!! Students will soon be able to pick up forms to join the EIS RUNNING CLUB. Announcements will be made when they are ready to be picked up. Students may get forms in room B100 (Mrs. Gilbert) or in the gym (Mrs. Bullock). We must have a liability release form on file before a student can run at our club practices. Students may also purchase a t-shirt if they wish to do so. Forms and tshirt money are due by September 25th.

Practices will be held on Thursdays from 3:45-4:30 p.m. and will begin October 4th and end on April 24th. We will be running several races with 1K Fun Runs and 5Ks. More information on specific race dates and times will go out later.

We look forward to another great year of running together!

Mrs. Gilbert and Mrs. Bullock

# Cookie Dough, Pizzas, Cheesecakes, Soft Pretzels & Much More...

**Eubanks Fall Fundraiser Starts this coming week...  
Wednesday, September 12!**

Students will be taking orders for a variety of frozen items, including pre-portioned cookie dough, individual pizzas, pumpkin rolls, soft pretzels, cheesecakes and more.

Every student can earn prizes based on the number of items they sell – **SELL 30 ITEMS AND THEY GET TO GO ON A LIMO RIDE TO CICI'S PIZZA!**

This is the major Eubanks fundraiser of the year, and we encourage all students to participate. The proceeds pay for items such as he lunchroom monitor, staffing the Extended Day Tutoring, \$100/teacher for classroom expenses, special assemblies and authors brought into the school. These all directly benefit the kids.

**The sales orders will be due back on September 27, and the items will be delivered to EIS for pick-up on Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup> between 1 and 7 pm. Mark your calendars. Remember, cookie dough is frozen and must be picked up right away!**

**We look forward to your support for another successful fundraiser this year!**

## PTO Welcome Breakfast

We would like to invite all EIS parents who are new to our district to our PTO Welcome Breakfast on Friday, September 21 from 8:45 - 9:45 in the Eubanks Teacher Lounge.

Come relax, enjoy refreshments and meet some new friends.

If you have any questions, please contact Jacqueline Westerberg (817) 488-1473 ([jwesthome@charter.net](mailto:jwesthome@charter.net)) or Joan Gonzales (817)-481-2012 ([joanzelt2@verizon.net](mailto:joanzelt2@verizon.net)).

We look forward to seeing you there

## FALL BOOK FAIR IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER

**WHEN:** Sep 24 - Sep 28

**WHERE:** Library

**SCHEDULE/OPENING HOURS:**

Mon, Sep 24	8 AM-4PM
Tue, Sep 25	8AM-4PM
PTO Ice Cream Social	5PM-6:30PM
Wed, Sep 26	8AM-4PM
Thu, Sep 27	8AM-4PM
Fri, Sep 28	8AM-12PM

### Book Fair Ice Cream Social

Mark your calendars now for the upcoming EIS event. Tuesday, September 25 from 5:00-6:30 Enjoy socializing with other EIS students and families after shopping at the Book Fair.

*THANKS A MILLION!*

*A HUGE thanks to our PTO for funding recycling bins for each classroom. The bright blue bins help our recycling club and remind students to recycle paper.*

*Thanks,  
Kim Bell*

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## Tips for Success for Parents and Student *from Mrs. Gillum, Assistant Principal*

The gift of education is a most valuable one. When a child begins school, the parents' role takes on a new dimension, that of enhancing the "formal education." Attitude, support, priorities, consistency, communication, missed work, and attendance are all segments of the parents' homework.

**Attitude** is important. If you have a positive attitude toward school, your child will too.

**Support** is crucial. Your child cannot go it alone. When he or she has an assignment that requires special help or supplies, you are the one he or she will turn to for help. If for some reason you cannot help, speak to the teacher.

**Priorities** are important. For a child to succeed in school, he must be advised which pursuits are most important, especially in light of the many interesting and beneficial activities available.

**Parent-child communication** is important. Talk with your child. Listen to his or her opinions and concerns.

**Parent-teacher communication** is vital. Keep the lines of communication open. Check your child's agenda daily.

**Missed work.** If your child is absent due to illness, he or she may need extra attention from you in order to get caught up on assignments.

**Attendance.** You, the parent, have the power to control your child's attendance, including being on time. Poor attendance and tardiness directly affect a child's success, emotionally as well as scholastically.

## UPCOMING EVENT - MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

### **EIS Tailgate Party**

**Mark your calendars now for the upcoming EIS event.**

**Friday, October 26 at Dragon Stadium before the game.**

**Watch for more details.**

## CISD Board Liaison Report September 7, 2007

The Carroll School Board held more than eight meetings over the summer months. Main topics included construction updates, employee raises & adoption of the budget.

Trustees adopted a \$75 million operating budget

- includes a four percent of the midpoint raise for school employees
- starting teacher salary will be \$43,500
- all other returning CISD teachers will receive a \$1,974 raise
- the budget includes 21 new positions to accommodate student growth and the return of block scheduling at the high school campuses
- the district expects to make a \$20 million payment toward capital bond debt this year
- the tax rate to support that budget will be voted on in mid-September
  - tax rate for the debt service budget (I&S) is proposed to remain the same at \$.425 per \$100 assessed valuation
  - The proposed Maintenance and Operations tax rate is \$1.00, but Trustees must still decide whether to include four additional cents for local enrichment. Even with the four cents, the overall M&O tax rate would decrease about 33 cents from last year.

Trustees approved operating revenues of \$75,353,625 and expenditures of \$75,182,138. This will result in \$171,487 in surplus funds. If Trustees approve the four-cent enrichment, it could generate an additional \$1.9 million for CISD needs. The Administration will meet with Trustees in September to discuss items on the districtwide needs list.

Despite changes in the school finance formula, CISD will still pay about \$11.1 million as a Chapter 41 "Robin Hood" district. Last year the district paid \$15.6 million to property poor districts.

## September Library News

Whether your choice is Bluebonnet books, Lone Star books or books of your own choice, get caught reading! Many of our students have been busy reading over the summer and are already turning in their book reports. If you attended a program at the Southlake Public Library, the EIS Library will receive a list of attendees and will be delighted to award credit for your participation. The library will be raffling off stuffed animals to two of our lucky readers after we complete our first six weeks of school. Students earn a raffle ticket after they complete book reports or activity sheets for five books. Every six weeks, the library will raffle off additional prizes so keep reading!

We would like to invite students to submit a photo for our library bulletin board. Bring in a picture of yourself reading in your favorite spot. It could be photos taken while you were reading over summer break; you could be in your own backyard, on a sandy beach in a fun vacation spot or simply around town. You will be a star in the EIS Library!

Mark your calendars! The Fall Book Fair with Scholastic Book fairs is scheduled for September 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>! Readers are invited to stop by and browse. Please look for further details to come home in your mail call folders.

The EIS Library will be a busy place this year. I am delighted to see last year's volunteers return and welcome new volunteers. Volunteers enable us to keep our library running and provide personal attention for our EIS students. I would like to add a special note of thanks to Mrs. Juliana Shiminski, our volunteer coordinator, for all her work scheduling our helping hands. If you are interested in joining our library team, please contact Juliana by e-mail at [jshimiward@charter.net](mailto:jshimiward@charter.net)

Lucy Drenka  
EIS Librarian