

The Eubanks Echo

Eubanks Intermediate School
Mark Terry, Principal
President

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Important Dates:

September 10th

Cookie Dough Kick-off

September 16th

Curriculum Night

6th grade 5:30 – 6:30pm

5th grade 6:45 – 7:45pm

September 17th

New family welcome coffee

September 22nd – 26th

Book Fair

September 23rd

Book Fair/Ice Cream Social 5 – 6:30pm

September 25th

Cookie Dough Sale Ends

October 2nd

Gordon Korman – Author visit

EIS PTO General Meeting 12:00pm

Eubanks Echo

If you would like to contribute to the Eubanks Echo, please contact Nancy Reyes at nmoonrey@1scom.net

A Word from Mr. Terry

Parents,

We are off and running with another exciting year here at Eubanks Intermediate School! The faculty and staff are looking forward to working with your child and with you this year.

A few things to remember:

Our drop off and pick up occur in the front drive. Do not drive around back of the building to drop off or pick up your student. We have already had a couple of folks drive through the buses as students were trying to board. You place our children in danger when you are in a spot the kids and staff are not expecting. We are working with Dawson to improve the afternoon pick up. Kudos to Dawson for having an administrator out front in the afternoon.

We love FISH! This year we are continuing to strengthen our use of the FISH! Philosophy. Ask your student about what this means.

Watch for ways to easily and effectively communicate with your student's teachers and stay on top of his/her assignments. This year sees your student having multiple teachers with more than one assignment each night. It's easy for students not used to the workload to quickly find themselves overwhelmed. Your child should be writing his assignments in his/her agenda. Check the teacher's website, when she/he advertises the address. Do not hesitate to e-mail the teachers.

I certainly am glad to be the principal at Eubanks. Thanks for allowing us the honor of working with your child and with your family. Also, support our PTO by joining today.

Mark Terry, Principal

A Message from the Vice Principal

It is really hard to tell someone what it is like to be at Eubanks. I have often tried, but find it really hard to put into words exactly what I am trying to convey. The experience starts when you walk into the door. The school has a family feel to it with students and faculty interacting in a caring manner. They actually seem to be enjoying their day! I have worked in many schools throughout the country and this isn't the case in all. We at Eubanks are firm believers that everyone learns in a place in which they feel comfortable and accepted. That is why we are using the FISH! For Schools philosophy. This philosophy is based on four principles: Be there, Choose Your Attitude, Make Their Day, and Play. We stress these principles in our classrooms, hallways, cafeteria...etc. Our hope is you will learn about these principles from your child and begin to use some of the same language at home, too. I will be going into more detail about each of these principles in the future. If you are interested in reading "FISH ! For Schools," stop by and see me, and I will get a copy checked out to you. Together, we will make this a "Fishy" year!

Trish McKeel

President's Corner

Dear EIS Parents,

What a great start to the new year! Our kids at Eubanks seem to have settled in without a ripple. The EIS PTO has many plans to make this another wonderful year by supporting the EIS administration, teachers, and students in the best way we can. Our first General Meeting on September 4th formally approved our 2008-2009 budget, as well as approved disbursing \$15,000 for the Extended Day Program and a Lunchroom Monitor. With our hard work, and our fundraisers, the PTO hopes to grant \$25,000.00 in disbursements for the improvement of EIS, this year. Our biggest fundraiser kicks off on September 10th. This cookie dough fundraiser has been very successful for us. So please look for your child to bring home lots of information about it. The sale ends on September 25th so don't delay in placing your order.

There are many opportunities for you to join in our PTO efforts, if you haven't already. These are listed on the Volunteer Form sent home in your first day packet; please feel free to ask any of the PTO board if anything interests you.

Our doors are open!

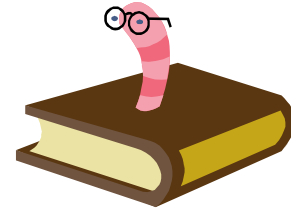
Please mark September 23rd on your calendar, for the Book Fair Ice Cream Social from 5:00 – 6:30pm. This is always a fun event and gives you the chance to browse the Book Fair with your child. Also, make sure you stop by our exciting new Spirit Shop, there are great new items!

Lastly, thank you to all, for volunteer time already put in by our members and for the generosity of your donations for our committees like Hospitality and Teacher Treats. It all helps to make EIS a great place for our kids.

Our next General PTO Meeting will be held at noon on Thursday, October 2nd. In the meantime, enjoy the rest of September and don't hesitate to reach out with any questions, ideas, or concerns.

Respectfully,

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LIBRARY NEWS

Whether your choice is Bluebonnet books, Lone Star books or books of your own choice, lasso a good book! 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. Students will earn a reward after they complete book reports or activity sheets for five books. We hope you'll get caught 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 22nd-26th! Readers are invited to stop by and browse. Please look for further details to come home in your mail call folders and be sure to visit the link on the library web page.

Thanks to the generosity of our PTO, Eubanks is proud to announce an author visit by Gordon Korman. Mr. Korman will spend Thursday, October 2nd, with the fifth and sixth grade students of Eubanks. Mr. Korman is a prolific author of books for children with over 65 books to his credit. Gordon has written everything from humor to suspense. Don't miss his adventure series: Island, Everest, Dive, and On the Run. Check out several of Mrs. Drenka's favorites: Swindled, Schooled, and No More Dead Dogs. We anticipate having many of Mr. Korman's books available at this year's book fair, so be sure to purchase a copy and get his autograph during our visit.

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. Donna Adams, our volunteer coordinator, for all her work scheduling our helping hands. If you are interested in joining our library team, please contact Donna at (817) 421-8151 or by e-mail at dtadams@gte.net

Lucy Drenka
EIS Librarian

COUNSELOR'S CONNECTION

JENNIFER BLAZEK

Help Your Child Get Organized

With the school year beginning it is very likely that you and your child will spend some time tracking down mysterious lost items. How can you help your child get organized? It is as easy as 1-2-3!

1. **Get Organized-** This means your student gets where he or she needs to be and gathers the supplies needed for the task at hand. Create lists to check off of what is done and how to get ready for what is next.
2. **Stay focused-** In this step a child needs to stick with the current task and say no to distractions. This also includes doing what you're supposed to do, following the list, and sticking to it.
3. **Get it done-** At this point you are finishing up, checking over work, and putting on the finishing touches. This could also include remembering to put homework in the right folder and then placing the folder in a backpack.

Once kids learn these steps they are able to start tackling tasks more independently.

Here's why teaching the 1-2-3 method is worth your time and effort:

- Kids learn new skills they will need.
- They will develop a sense of independence and form an "I can do it" belief about themselves.
- A firm but kind expectation that your child should start tackling certain tasks independently sends a strong message. Your reinforcement of their independence and encouragement instills a level of responsibility.
- By helping your child you are showing your child how to do something with interest, patience, kindness, love, and his or her interests at heart.



Ready, Set, P.E.

Welcome to Intermediate Physical Education!

Mrs. Kole and I are excited about the New Year here at Eubanks. The year began with team building activities. We will begin our first big unit, Football, the week of 8 September. We are looking forward to a talented, energetic guest, Nick Alter, who will be in the gym on the 8th and 15th of September (both Mondays). Nick will teach our students Hip Hop. This should be great fun!

We look forward to getting to know our 5th and new 6th grade students as well as reestablishing relationships with our returning 6th grade students.

Keep an eye out for the Encore Handbook. It will be coming home in Wednesday folders. This Handbook will have information about grading and classroom expectations from the Encore teachers. The last page is a "Sign and Return" sheet. We appreciate you getting that back to your child's homeroom teacher.

Thank you for sharing your awesome children with us this year!



The Book Fair & Ice Cream Social is on September 23rd from 5:00 to 6:30pm. There will be music and ice cream to enjoy!

S.P.A.C.E.

The intensity of gifted children can be daunting for even the most seasoned parent. Southlake Parents for Academic Excellence (S.P.A.C.E.), a Carroll ISD booster club, is sponsoring a SENG Gifted Discussion Group in two sessions, daytime or evening, beginning September 18 and September 24, 2008. SENG (Supporting the Emotional Needs of the Gifted), formed nationally in 1981, provides trained facilitators for this series of discussions among parents of gifted children regarding the social and emotional needs of their children, to include motivation, underachievement, sensitivity, stress and peer relationships.

Registration forms and additional information can be found by linking www.southlakespace.com (What's New) or www.southlakecarroll.edu (Departments - Quest Documents).