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NEWS



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Budget

The EES PTO passed the 2011-2012 budget at our September meeting. We plan to raise over \$34,000 to enhance the Essex Elementary School community. The money is used to pay for Cultural Arts programs, grade level field trips, PTO Directory, Family Night, Invention Convention and Read-A-Thon; we will also be purchasing new technology and software for EES.

Jeannine Gift Wrap

Thanks you to everyone for supporting the Jeannine Gift Wrap sale! This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year. We hope you enjoy your products which will be delivered during the week of October 17-21, 2011.

Walking Wednesday

Please join us for Walking Wednesday! Students and parents meet at Centerbrook Pizza at 8:00 am and walk to Essex Elementary School. While the weather is nice it is a great opportunity to take a walk and catch up with friends and staff from EES.



Harvest Festival

The annual Harvest Festival will take place on Sunday October 2nd from noon to 4pm. This is a fantastic time for families to come together; play games, take a walk on the "Cakewalk," make crafts and eat some great food. Please remember to bring the required supplies for your specific student's grade level to the Harvest Festival:

- **Kindergarten** Cookies for the cookie booth
- **1st Grade** Cookies for the cookie booth
- **4th Grade** Bake items for the Harvest table

All other grades, room parents and coordinators...Please bake a cake for the cake walk! We need the support from everyone in the EES community to make this event successful.

Directory

The PTO is not soliciting advertisements for this years PTO directory. We are hoping to have this completed and going home at the end of October. As a new feature this year, we will be adding email addresses along with home address and phone number.



**Mark Your
Calendar!**

Next PTO Meeting...

November 1, 2011
7:00pm

Library/Media
Center



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Book Fair

The EES PTO in conjunction with Scholastic Book Fair will host the annual Fall Book Fair October 19th-21st in the gymnasium.

Hours for the Book Fair

Wednesday: 8am-5pm

Thursday: 8am-6pm

Friday: 8am-4pm

New and used books will be available for purchase. Mark your calendars and don't forget to send in the volunteer form. With the support of our parents and school community, this PTO fundraiser will be a continued success!

Easy Ways to Earn Money for Essex Elementary School PTO

"Take Charge of Education"



If you have a Target Visa card (REDcard), you can earn money by designating EES as your charity under the Take Charge of Education Program. EES's school ID is: 38672. Target will donate up to 1% of your Target purchases. Visit www.target.com/tcoe to enroll your card or apply for a REDcard.



e-Scrip--Adams Super Food Stores/ Hometown Market

Do you have an Adams Club Card? Register your card at www.escrip.com and Adams will donate 1-2% of monthly purchases to EES PTO. EES Group ID is: 6501318.



GoodSearch is a search engine like Google, which donates 50% of its revenue to the charities and schools designated by its users. You use GoodSearch exactly as you would any other search engine. Every time you use Goodsearch for a search, \$.01 will be donated to EES. Next time you need to search the internet go to www.goodsearch.com. Under "Who do you want to GoodSearch for?" Select "EES."

The PTO has been hard at work over the summer and throughout September! Thank you to the following committee members who have been busy volunteering their time at Essex Elementary School on behalf of the PTO:

School/Home Connection

Kristine Thomas

Welcome Back Breakfast

Pam Burr and Elizabeth Burleson

Room Parent Coordinator

Angie Paholski

Jeannine Gift Wrap Sale

Dominique Merrick and Hope Proctor

Harvest Festival

Candace Konrad & Lonni Helsel

Birthday Book Program

Jen Pitman

Cultural Arts

Sabele Foster, Sarah Wadle & Sarah Cody Rector

Directory

Rae Wyrebek

School Pictures

Jane Bodnar

Publicity

Jen Ferrucci

PTO Newsletter

Karen Senn



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Birthday Book List

You can donate a book to the Essex Elementary School Library in honor of your child’s birthday or other special occasion! The following books were donated this month:



| Book Title & Author | Donated by... | In honor of... |
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| <i>Dewey - There’s a Cat in the Library</i> by Vicki Myron and Bret Witter | Ben & Family | Ben Rector |
| <i>Blackbeard The Pirate King</i> by J. Patrick Lewis | Sam & Family | Sam Rector |
| <i>Oceans (National Geographic Kids)</i> by Johnna Rizzo | Mom & Dad | Christian Jones |
| <i>Paperboy</i> by Dav Pilkey | Mom, Dad & Anne-Marie | Charles Hinckley |
| <i>Library Lion</i> by Michelle Knudson | The Adamson/Schaller Family | Siena Schaller |
| <i>Duck at the Door</i> by Jackie Urbanovich | Neha Shah | Esha Shah |
| <i>Case of the Bizarre Bouquets: An Enola Holmes Mystery</i> by Nancy Springer | Mom & Dad, Maggie & Lily | Jenny Merrick |
| <i>Moon Over Manifest</i> by Clare Vanderpool | Laura Petrolle | Siena Petrolle |
| <i>Flat Stanley’s Worldwide Adventures: The Intrepid Canadian Expedition</i> by Jeff Brown | Grey Katko | Grey Katko |
| <i>Lawn Boy</i> by Gary Paulsen | Mom, Dad & Jill | Nathan deJongh |
| <i>The 39 Clues: Book Five - The Black Circle</i> by Patrick Carman | Kevin, Lisa, Cormac & Skylar Kline | Cormac Kline |

READ READ READ



EES Birthday Book Program

Sponsored by the Essex Elementary School PTO

We've had many requests from families who would like to be a part of the EES Birthday Book Program, but who may have missed out on the form at the beginning of the year. So, here it is again! Honor your child's birthday by giving a book to the Essex Elementary School Library!

In recognition of your child's special day, you and your child choose a book to donate to the library, and we will place a permanent bookplate with your child's name and birthday and the donor's name inside the book. The bookplates have been specially designed by EES parent and children's book illustrator, Linda Bronson Leigus. Your child will be the first to check out the new book from the library.

All of the Birthday Books will be purchased through the EES PTO. To participate in the program, families may select either a hardcover book for \$12 or a paperback book for \$4. The PTO is working with Mrs. Giaconia in the Media Center to provide a list of books for this program that will expand our library collection and minimize duplicate books. Approximately 2-4 weeks before your child's birthday, someone from the Birthday Book committee will contact you with a list of books that are available.

Please complete all information on the form below and return it with your payment to the EES office.

For more information, please contact Birthday Book Coordinator, **Jen Pitman**, at **860.767.1378** or **jandbpitman@comcast.net**.

Thank you!

Yes, I want to participate in the EES Birthday Book Program!

Information as you would like it to appear on bookplate:

Student's Name: _____ M ___ F ___ Birthday: _____

Donated by: _____

Please also include the following information:

Donor's Telephone Number: _____

Email: _____

Child's Grade **AND** Classroom Teacher: _____

We would like to donate a hardcover book (check enclosed for \$12). Check # _____

We would like to donate a paperback book (check enclosed for \$4). Check # _____

Please make checks payable to "EES PTO".