



EICHELBERGER ELEMENTARY  
ADMINISTRATION & STAFF

# Gator Gazette



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PTA

May 2012

*From the desk of Mr. Harris...*

THANK YOU!!!!

It is amazing that we are coming up on the final month of another wonderful school year. I would like to thank all of our parent volunteers that have spent hours helping out in the classroom, at home or preparing for school events. We could not do what we do without you! I think the teachers have done a great job supporting our school events as well and I want to thank them for the time that they spent attending school events outside of the school day. Finally, I hope that all of our families have a safe, wonderful and relaxing summer break.

Sincerely,  
Mr. Harris

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration has begun for next year. All registrations are taken by appointment only. Appointments can be made on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday's. All registration appointments take place here at Eichelberger Elementary. Registration forms are available online at [www.psd202.org](http://www.psd202.org). To make an appointment, please call (815) 577-3606. Thank you!

## LOST AND FOUND

Is your child missing a coat, jacket, sweatshirt, etc? If so, please have them look in our lost and found. All items that are remaining in the lost and found will be donated to Goodwill at the end of the year.

## KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP

### Kindergarten Round-Up At Eichelberger Elementary

Mark your calendars

May 3rd at 6:00 PM

RSVP to the school office at (815) 577-3606

**This is NOT registration**, but an introduction to the school for incoming kindergarteners. Please help spread the word to families that may not have children currently enrolled at Eichelberger.

## CHARACTER COUNTS PARADE

As we close out a wonderful school year, we are going to represent our Character. We are having the fourth annual Eichelberger Character Parade on Friday, May 18, 2012 at 2:00 pm. This parade will represent the 6 pillars of character that the students have been learning and displaying throughout the school year.

Parents are welcome to attend the parade. It will start at the front of the school and students will make their way to the back lot, where they will perform the 6 pillar shuffle. We ask that each grade level will wear a color on this day to represent a trait.

Kindergarten:	Purple (Citizenship) (AM classes may come back and join the parade)
1st grade:	Red (Caring)
2nd grade:	Orange (Fairness)
3rd grade:	Green (Responsibility)
4th grade:	Yellow (Respect)
5th grade:	Blue (Trustworthiness)

We hope that you will join us for the character parade and show our community how great our students are!

Thank you!!  
Eichelberger Staff

## *Upcoming PTA Events ...*



Spring



- April 27<sup>th</sup> - 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Come join in the fun! It is sure to be a great time!



**PTA Meeting - May 2<sup>nd</sup> - 7:00 PM**

Thank you to all that were able to attend our March PTA meeting. Please note the change in date from April 30<sup>th</sup> to May 2<sup>nd</sup> for our last meeting.



**Culver's Night - May 15<sup>th</sup> - 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM**

Join your teachers, administration and Eichelberger families at Culver's of Plainfield - 13449 South Rte. 59 or Culver's of Romeoville - 485 North Weber Road.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As the school year winds down, we still have lots of fun things to do and we need your help and support to make it all happen. If you can volunteer to help with any of the events listed below, please don't hesitate to contact the chairperson for that committee. Your time and assistance is very much appreciated by all those involved - especially the kids!

DATE	EVENT / ASSISTANCE NEEDED	CONTACT
April 27	Spring Carnival - Food or Games 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM	Kim Mason <a href="mailto:kimmasonrsa@gmail.com">kimmasonrsa@gmail.com</a>
May 7-11	Teacher Appreciation Week  Food donations are needed to make the week spectacular for the Eichelberger staff.  For more information about what donations are needed please contact Michelle.	Michelle Larson (630) 378-2696 <a href="mailto:mmlarson2@comcast.net">mmlarson2@comcast.net</a>



# Strategy Spotlight

Here are some fun ideas for the summer. Your child can cross out or color in the box as they complete each activity. See if you can get a "Gator" going across, down, diagonal, or a coverall!

<b>G</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>R</b>
<p><b>Use the text features (maps, headings, captions, graphs etc.) while reading.</b></p>	<p><b>Read a story to someone.</b></p>	<p><b>Make a list of things you like to write about.</b></p>	<p><b>Make a connection (text to self, text to text or text to world) to the book you are reading.</b></p>	<p><b>Play an ABC or sight word game on <a href="http://abcya.com">abcya.com</a></b></p>
	<p><b>Choose a Caudill, Monarch, or Bluestem book to read or listen to Mom or Dad read. These booklists can be found on the Media Center page of the school website under the Media Center Books tab.</b></p>	<p><b>Play a game, listen to a story or choose a journal prompt from <a href="http://starfall.com">starfall.com</a>.</b></p>	<p><b>Choose a book from a new genre or a favorite genre. Here's a list of genres: fairy tale, realistic fiction, fantasy, science fiction, historical fiction, biography, informational/non-fiction, mystery, poetry.</b></p>	<p><b>Go on a word hunt. Look for words in books, magazines, and newspapers that follow different patterns or start with different letters.</b></p>
<p><b>Play Boggle or Banana-Grams.</b></p>	<p><b>Ask 3 questions before, during or after reading.</b></p>	<p> <b>FREE!</b></p>	<p><b>Make a journal and write about the fun things you are doing.</b></p>	<p><b>Read a book at night with a flashlight.</b></p>
<p><b>Retell a story that you are reading to a family member or friend.</b></p>	<p><b>Make words with magnetic letters.</b></p>	<p><b>Listen to a story on <a href="http://Tumblebooks.com">Tumblebooks.com</a>.</b></p> <p><b>Go to the Plainfield Library or White Oaks Library website to access this FREE resource!</b></p>	<p><b>Make 3 predictions while reading.</b></p>	<p><b>Read a fairy tale. Tell someone about the characters, setting, problem and the solution.</b></p>
<p><b>Use the author's clues to make an inference about the story.</b></p>	<p><b>Cook something with an adult by following a recipe.</b></p>	<p><b>Listen to a story and draw a picture of what you can picture in your mind as you are listening.</b></p>	<p><b>Play Scrabble or Upwords.</b></p>	<p><b>Find the main idea of a story, a magazine article or newspaper article.</b></p>



### Looking for picture books and chapter books to listen to and read-along?

Tumblebooks is an online website that has thousands of children's picture books and chapter books. Children can listen to these stories and read along. The Plainfield library has an online subscription available. Visit their website: <http://www.plainfield.lib.il.us/kids2011/reading.asp> and click on the Tumblebooks icon. The White Oaks Library also provides this site. Visit: <http://www.whiteoaklibrary.org/Websites-For-Kids>. Click on the "Fun and Games" link. Then click on the Tumblebooks link.



### Reading Is So Delicious! Summer Reading Program at the Plainfield & White Oak Libraries

Join us for some delicious books. The Summer Reading program is open to all Plainfield Library cardholders. Sign-Up begins June 4<sup>th</sup> and the program runs through August 4<sup>th</sup>. The program is open to all ages. The goal is for kids to read 18 hours over the summer and for teens to read 2012 pages. Children who meet their goal will receive prizes. For more information, please visit the library's website.

Plainfield: <http://www.plainfield.lib.il.us>. White Oak Library: <http://whiteoaklibrary.org>.

### Plainfield Library Calendar of Events

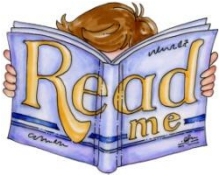
The Plainfield Library is offering many fun events for kids and families. Here is a calendar of programs that you can sign-up for. These programs are open to Plainfield Library cardholders. Please contact the library to register for these events. Registration for these programs begins in May. See the Plainfield Library website <http://www.plainfield.lib.il.us> and visit the event calendars for further information about registering.

### Plainfield Library Calendar of Events: June 2012

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
					1	2
3 Closed	4 Summer Reading Program Registration	5 Summer Reading Program Registration	6 Summer Reading Program Registration	7 Summer Reading Program Registration	8 Summer Reading Program Registration	9 Summer Reading Program Registration
10 Closed	11 11 am-12 pm: Sharpie Tie-Dye Apron Craft Grades 3-5 1:30-3:00 pm Stories and More Grades K-2	12 10-11 am: Pinkalicious Party Grades K-2	13	14 2-3 pm: Cook the Books Jr. Grades K-5	15	16 11 am-12 pm: Father's Day Fun: Dads and Kids Grades K-4
17 Closed	18 11 am-12 pm: Juggling Funny Stories with Chris Fascione Grades K-5	19 10-11 am: Family Bingo Grades K-5	20	21 11 am-12pm AND 1-2 pm: Magic with Dennis DeBondt Grades K-5	22 10-11 am: Drop-In Make Your Own Mr. Potato Head Grades K-5	23
24 Closed	25 11 am-12 pm: Ocean Food Chain Grades K-5	26 10:30-11:30 am: Drop-In Art in the Park Grades K-5	27 1-2:30 pm: Family Movie Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs Grades K-5	28 1-2 pm: Food for Thought: Science Experiments from the Kitchen Grades K-5	29	30

## Plainfield Library Calendar of Events: July 2012

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
1 Closed	2 3:30-4:30 pm: You Wouldn't Want to Be at the Boston Tea Party Grades 3-5	3 11-11:45 am and 4-5 pm: Patriotic Fun with Music PreK-2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	4 Closed	5 2-3 pm: Family Bingo Grades K-5	6	7
8 Closed	9 1:30-3 pm: Stories and More Grades K-2	10 10:30-11:30 am: What You Never Knew About Fingers, Forks and Chopsticks Grades 3-5	11 2-3 pm: Drop-In Art In the Park Grades K-5 6-7:45 pm: Family Movie Willie Wonka & The Chocolate Factory Grades K-5	12 11 am-12pm and 1-2 pm: Dave DiNaso's Traveling World of Reptiles Grades K-5	13	14
15 Closed	16 1:30-2:30: Soup Opera Grades K-5	17	18	19 11 am-12pm: Family Bingo Grades K-5	20	21
22 Closed	23 10:30-12 pm: Mad Hatter Tea Party Grades 2-5	24 10-10:45 am and 11:15-12 pm: Music is So Delicious Grades K-2 6-7 pm: Family Bingo Grades K-5	25 2-3:45 pm: Family Movie Ratatouille Grades K-5	26	27 All Day Annual Murder Mystery Performance times TBA Grades K-5	28 All Day Annual Murder Mystery Performance times TBA Grades K-5
29 Closed	30 1:30-3 pm: Stories and More Grades K-2	31 10:30-12 pm: Kid Olympics: Riddles, Rhymes, Recipes and More Grades: Pre-K-K				



## *Media Center News ...*

Dear Eichelberger Families,

It's hard to believe the school year is almost over! Research shows that it is crucial for children to continue reading over summer break. Reading just 4 books over the summer can help prevent the "summer slide." In order to get the kids excited about summer reading, we have invited the public library to visit our students near the end of school to talk with them about joining a summer reading program at your local library. We encourage all families to become involved in these great programs!

Also, Scholastic has a special "buy one, get one free" offer on their May book fairs. We will host this fair from May 16th - 18th so that our students have the opportunity to get 2 summer reading books for the price of one! More information will be coming about the Book Fair soon.

We hope you have a fun, relaxing, and safe summer! And remember, keep READING!!! ☺

Mrs. Mix and Mrs. Pietrek  
Eichelberger Media Center



## *PE/Health News ...*

What a great time to exercise! From time to time, since the weather is getting warmer, we will be having PE classes outside. Please continue to make sure that your child is prepared for class. With the warmer weather we know that our students love to wear flip-flop sandals or croc-type shoes. Neither of these shoes are appropriate for PE class. Make sure your child has their gym shoes on their PE day.

In May, we are finishing our fitness testing as per the district directive using the fitnessgram program. Copies of these fitness tests will go home with your student's final report card for grades 3 and 5.

The majority of our class time will focus on baseball! There will be throwing, catching, running bases, and some game time for the older grades.

Also this month we will continue to work on fitness (strength, cardiovascular endurance, and flexibility) with cooperative games and track & field activities.

Our school wide field day for grades K-5 will be Thursday, May 24. We will be practicing some of the games during our PE time. A Parent Volunteer/Helper Sheet was sent out and needs to be returned by Friday, May 11.

We had a wonderful time last year and are looking forward to another great day! Thank you in advance for all of your support and help for the PE department this year.

In health, the theme is environmental and consumer health. 1<sup>st</sup> grade will learn about How I Breathe. 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will be studying Me and My Skin. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will learn that sometimes Bodies Have Problems. 4<sup>th</sup> grade will concentrate on Your Incredible Hearing Machine. 5<sup>th</sup> grade gets into becoming wise consumers with All the Right Stuff.

Enjoy the remainder of the school year and have a great summer!

Mr. Wilke and Mrs. Vottler  
Physical Education/Health



### *Music News ...*

Happy Spring Gators!

Congratulations to our 2nd and 4th grade students on a fantastic Fine Arts Night performance. Our students did a wonderful job and their talents and hard work were evident throughout the evening.

In the music department we have been learning how to sing rounds and partner songs, play and identify percussion instruments, and earning our Recorder Karate Belts.

4th and 5th grade parents please remind your students that they will need to bring their recorders, folders, and pencils to music class. Being prepared for music class is part of each student's effort grade. Please make sure your child is prepared for class so they can get the best musical experience possible.

If your student is interested in any music activities to do during the summer please visit the following websites for more information.

- <http://www.bsomusic.org/bsokids/main.taf?p=4,4>
- <http://www.classicalkusc.org/kids/opera/teachers.asp>
- <http://listeningadventures.carnegiehall.org/ypgto/game.aspx>
- <http://www.classicsforkids.com/games/>
- <http://www.animasingers.org/>
- <http://www.youngnapervillesingers.org/>
- [www.musictechtteacher.com](http://www.musictechtteacher.com)

Thank you for your support and have a wonderful summer break!

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# Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Thanks to all who participated in our Spring Fundraiser! We sold \$6,450 in product and made \$2,521 in profit.

The top three sellers were:

- Mia Caruthers (5th grade/Mrs. Smothers) - won the \$75 Target gift card
- Abigail Barnes (3rd grade/Mrs. Donaghey) - won the \$50 Target gift card
- Lauren Hudoba (1st grade/Mrs. Lewis) - won the \$25 Target gift card








## SMART UPDATE

With money from the Spring Fundraiser and building budget, we were able to purchase an additional 8 Smart Boards. We are working with the district to have them installed as soon as possible but no date has been set. A huge THANK YOU to all those that made this possible!

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Brownie Troop 455 would like to send out a huge thank you for all the wonderful food donations so far!! Your donations will help a lot of families this summer! You can continue to send in non-perishable food items through the end of April. Thanks a million!!

# ONGOING FUNDRAISERS - (Thank you to everyone for your on-going support!)

TYPE	GENERAL INFORMATION
	<p>The next Market Day order is due on <b>May 18<sup>th</sup></b> - pick up <b>May 23<sup>rd</sup></b>. Thank you to everyone who placed an order. Eichelberger's code is 27340.</p> <p>Questions? Contact: Kim Mason - <a href="mailto:kimmasonrsa@gmail.com">kimmasonrsa@gmail.com</a> - (630) 759-9759</p>
	<p>Thank you all for your support!</p> <p><b>Goal:</b> 10,000 pouches      <b>Total:</b> 7,827 pouches and counting      <b>Revenue:</b> TBA</p> <p>Questions? Contact: Mary Basta - <a href="mailto:lawyersdrm@sbcglobal.net">lawyersdrm@sbcglobal.net</a> - (630) 333-6513</p>
	<p>We are still collecting from many products including: General Mills Cereal, Kleenex/Cottonelle, Huggies, Ziploc, Hefty, Juicy Juice, Green Giant, Pillsbury, Betty Crocker, Avery Office Products, Pull-Ups,, Totinos and Progresso soups.</p> <p>When turning in tops help save us some time, remember to cut  on the dotted line </p> <p>This submission: <b>5,219</b> box tops total (includes actual box top labels, bonus box tops, collection sheets that were sent home with students, online codes, and bonus box tops). This equals <b>\$521.90</b> for our school which is fantastic! Earnings prior to this submission were <b>\$777.03</b>, which gives us a school year total of <b>\$1298.93</b>. Our goal for the 2011-2012 school year was \$924, which we greatly surpassed! <b>WAY TO GO GATORS!</b></p> <p>Please do not forget to go to <a href="http://growinglocallearning.com">growinglocallearning.com</a> to register yourself, your preferred card number for Meijer, Jewel, and Dominick's, and Eichelberger as your school to continue to earn throughout the summer. This way we can earn box tops electronically as well as turning them in to your school. This is also an opportunity to earn many bonuses throughout the year. Growing Local Learning is a division of box tops, and all points posted are automatically deposited in our school account.</p> <p>A collection sheet will be sent home with your student before school is out. Please continue to save all of your labels over the summer for collection in the fall!</p> <p>Questions? Contact: Dina Klein - <a href="mailto:dinad03@yahoo.com">dinad03@yahoo.com</a> - (630) 759-4010</p>
	<p>Campbell's products include: Campbell's soups, Pepperidge Farm, Prego, Franco American, SpaghettiOs, V8 soups, and Swanson. Please be sure to include the entire UPC. We can also collect caps (not UPCs) from V8 Splash, Fusion and Vegetable Juice. Tyson chicken products, boxes and bags.</p> <p><b>REMINDER</b> - Register your preferred cards to the labels for education website to earn additional points for our school. Simply log onto <a href="http://www.eLabelsForEducation.com">www.eLabelsForEducation.com</a> and click register now.</p> <p><u>Tyson Project A+ labels:</u></p> <p>We raised <b>\$35.76</b> this year. Please continue to save the A+ for education labels on all Tyson products. They are worth 24 cents each for our school.</p> <p><b>NOTE</b> - TYSON chicken labels are worth \$0.75!!</p> <p>We are submitting 6780 points this submission, with a previous banked balance of 2902 points. Our school year total is <b>9,682 points</b> for the 2011-2012 school year. We are able to choose from their catalog what we would like to receive from our school. Please watch for information and what we will receive from these points.</p> <p>Please continue to save your labels for education as well. These programs work! Thank you all so much for your participation in these programs.</p> <p>Questions? Contact: Dina Klein - <a href="mailto:dinad03@yahoo.com">dinad03@yahoo.com</a> - (630) 759-4010</p>
	<p>We are still collecting used ink cartridges and old cell phones.</p> <p>Questions? Contact: Dora Harres - <a href="mailto:dharres@psd202.org">dharres@psd202.org</a> - (815) 577-6407</p>

# SCHOOL CALENDAR

## MAY

DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
1	3:45 PM - 4:45 PM	Young Rembrandts	Art Room
2	3:45 PM - 4:45 PM	Chess Club	Media Center
	7:00 PM	PTA Meeting - Elections	Media Center
3	3:45 PM - 4:45 PM	Spanish for Kids	Media Center
	6:30 PM	Kindergarten Round-up	Class Rooms
7	3:40 PM - 4:40 PM	Guitar Classes	Music Room
<b>7-11</b>	<b>TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK</b>		
8	3:45 PM - 4:45 PM	Young Rembrandts	Art Room
9	3:45 PM - 4:45 PM	Chess Club	Media Center
10	3:45 PM - 4:45 PM	Spanish for Kids	Media Center
14	3:40 PM - 4:40 PM	Guitar Classes	Music Room
15	3:45 PM - 4:45 PM	Young Rembrandts	Art Room
	4:30 PM - 7:00 PM	Culver's Night	Plainfield / Romeoville
<b>16-18</b>	<b>BOOK FAIR</b>		
16	3:45 PM - 4:45 PM	Chess Club	Media Center
17	3:45 PM - 4:45 PM	Spanish for Kids	Media Center
18	2:00 PM	Character Counts Parade	School Grounds
22	3:45 PM - 4:45 PM	Young Rembrandts	Art Room
23	3:45 PM - 4:45 PM	Chess Club	Media Center
	6:45 PM - 7:30 PM	Market Day Pick Up	Multi-Purpose Room (Gym)
<b>24</b>	<b>FIELD DAY</b>		
<b>25</b>	<b>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - DISMISSAL 12:05 PM</b>		



Any questions or comments, please feel free to contact any of your PTA BOARD MEMBERS:

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