



Eastern Christian Elementary School Home Bulletin

“Engaging the Mind, Nurturing the Spirit, Transforming the World!”

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Next Week at a Glance:

Mon., April 28: TRIP due by 9am at any school office

Tues., April 29: 8:30am – Chapel – PBL Presentation

Wed., April 30: Cookie Day – Don’t forget your quarters!

Thurs., May 1: National Day of Prayer – see below

Grade 1 Field Trip – Turtle Back Zoo

Fri., May 2: School in Session – change from original school calendar

Last Day of Book Drive for Habitat for Humanity - see flyer in Friday Folders

Message from the Principal, Mrs. Sandra Bottge:

“God has breathed life into all of Scripture. It is useful for teaching us what is true. It is useful for correcting our mistakes. It is useful for making our lives whole again. It is useful for training us to do what is right. By using Scripture, a man of God can be completely prepared to do every good thing” (2 Timothy 3:16-17 NIV).

Students in 4B led us in chapel this week and showed us how the four Gospel books in the Old Testament were written. After Jesus’ death and resurrection, the Holy Spirit came upon several men who preached the Good News of salvation to others. In order to preserve this wonderful message, they wrote the story of Jesus from their perspective to a particular audience that needed to hear the message.

Just like each of these godly men had a unique, personal relationship with Jesus, we, too, can have a personal relationship with Him. The Bible tells us everything we need to know to accept Jesus as our Savior and live for Him. Hearing the stories of these faithful servants of God inspire us to *Trust, Know, Yield* and *Go*.

Mark Your Calendars:

Tues. May 6: 8:30am – Volunteer Thank You Chapel

Fri., May 9: Friday’s at EC – 9 – 11am

Tues., May 13: Grade 1 Grandfriends’ Day

Wed., May 14: PK Grandfriends’ Day

Tues., May 20: Coffee with the Principal – Discussion on Common Core State Standards

Fri., May 25: Grade 2 Grandfriends’ Day

Mon., May 26: No School Memorial Day

National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 1st. Classes will be taking time to pray around the flagpole and/or taking a prayer walk. If you would like to join your child’s class, please check classroom times in Friday Newsletters from their teachers.

Proper Warm Weather Attire: For students’ safety, sandals, flip flops or open toed shoes are not permitted to be worn at the elementary school without socks. If your child would like to wear open toed shoes, they must wear socks with them.

PTO News:

- Next PTO Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 6 immediately following chapel.
- **Parents in Touch** scheduled for next week *Tuesday, April 29 has been cancelled*. Please plan on joining us next time on Tuesday, May 13 immediately following chapel.

Host Families: Eastern Christian School is looking for host families for the 2014-2015 school year (August 20 - June 20) to house international students studying at EC. If you are interested in learning more about how your family can get involved as a host family, the Eastern Christian International Office is sponsoring a Host Family Information Night on Monday, April 28, at 7:30PM, in the Eastern Christian High School Media Center. Please contact Cathy Lagerveld, Host Family Coordinator, at cathylagerveld@easternchristian.org or 973-427-0900, ext 214 if you are interested in attending or for more information on our hosting program.

TRIP Update:

I'm very excited to introduce online gift card ordering! I am currently looking for "test" families so that I can learn how to manage this new program. Please email me at TRIP@easternchristian.org, visit the TRIP store on Friday morning, or call me at the TRIP office. There are so many advantages to ordering online – you have the ability to reload certain cards, and you can print selected gift cards from your home computer for immediate use. **PLEASE NOTE THAT I WILL BE ON VACATION FROM MONDAY, APRIL 21 THROUGH MONDAY, APRIL 28. ANY ONLINE PURCHASES, EXCLUDING SCRIPNOW AND RELOAD THAT IS PAID BY PRESTOPAY, WILL NOT BE RECEIVED UNTIL THE WEEK OF THE 28TH.**

Don't forget to patronize and support the small businesses that participate in our Voucher Program. Our featured small business this week is Dr. Walter Shurminsky, Optometrist located at 161 North Franklin Tpk., Suite 2A, Ramsey, and 420 Centre Street, Nutley. Call (201) 825-8292 (Ramsey) or (973) 667-0331 (Nutley) today for your appointment! You will receive a \$50 TRIP credit on a complete pair of glasses not covered by insurance. Full service eye care including routine and medical eye care, contact lens services, and a full optical dispensary are available at both locations. Dr. Shurminsky participates in most major medical and vision insurance plans.

TRIP Schedule: Monday orders will be accepted in any school office by 9 a.m. on the following dates: April 28, May 5, 12, 19.

Stop by the Eagle's Learning Center on Friday mornings from 8:00 a.m. until noon for your gift cards. We are located at 569 High Mountain Road in North Haledon. Please pre-order any large quantities of gift cards, so that we do not have to deplete our inventory for our Friday TRIP store. **Questions?** Call Sharon at the TRIP office – (201) 650-7056.

Now available: WaWa in \$25.00 denominations
Red Robin in \$25.00 denominations
Lord & Taylor in \$25.00 denominations
Buffalo Wild Wings in \$25.00 denominations

Please let me know if you would like to order these gift cards, as stock is limited.

ECSA Foundation News:

Denim & Diamonds Auction Gala is less than 2 Weeks Away! Visit www.denimanddiamonds.com for more info and to order tickets.

Auction Sneak Peek:

Golf Foursome at Ballyowen Golf Club
NY Giants Tickets
Granite Fountain Delivered to your Home (Bergen & Passaic Counties)
Front Row Graduation Seats Available for Each Campus

For a listing of many more items being offered visit www.ecdenimanddiamonds.com.

May 19, 2014 – EC Golf Outing. Black Bear Golf Club, Franklin, NJ. The day begins at 11:15 am with lunch and registration and includes a shotgun start, scramble format, and contests followed by a buffet dinner. For more information and to register online visit www.ecgolfouting2014.eventbrite.com or contact Kurt Faber at kurtdfaber@optonline.net. Registration limited to the first 144 golfers.