



## 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., Feb. 6:** TRIP Orders due by 9am sharp at any school office (**Thursday Drop off Starts in April**)

**Tues., Feb. 7:** Chapel – Guest Speaker – Don Schulster

Mommy/Daddy and Me Open House – 8:30 – 10:00am

NNJCSA Bible Contest

**Wed., Feb. 8:** Snack Day – Pretzels – Don’t forget your quarters!

**Fri., Feb. 10:** Father Daughter Night- 6:30 at ECES

### **A Message from Mrs. Sandra Bottge, Principal**

Each year at ECES, we plan a school-wide PBL project. PBL stands for Problem Based Learning. In a PBL project, students are presented with a problem through the form of an essential question. Students need to collaborate together to come up with answers or solutions to the problem. Students take ownership of the project while teachers facilitate the learning. At the end of the project, students present their solutions.

Our PBL projects are connected with our spiritual theme and our grade-level curriculum. In this year’s PBL project, students will reflect on what it means to be made *In His Image*. We recognize that, although we are all created in God’s image, we are all different and unique. It is important for us to care for one another and show empathy to others. Our essential question this year is: Since we are all created in God’s image, how can we show empathy to our fellow students at ECES?

Students in 4B helped present this year’s PBL project by acting out short skits where characters did not show empathy to each other. Each skit ended with the question, “How would you show empathy in this situation?”

Over the next few months, students will learn about empathy and how we can love and care for all of God’s children. Students will present their answers to this year’s essential question in chapel on May 9.

### **Mark Your Calendars:**

**Tues., Feb., 14:** Kindergarten Chapel - God is Love

**Wed., Feb., 15:** Parents in Prayer – 8:30am in the Art Room

**Fri., Feb. 17:** No School – Inservice Day

**Mon., Feb. 20:** No School – Presidents’ Day

**Thurs., Feb. 23:** Grade 3 Grandfriends’ Day

**Proper Attire:** Hats, gloves, snow pants and boots are required for students in play in the snow. Please refer to the Parent Handbook, available on our website, for more information on school policies. Thank you!

**Eagles Summer Day Camp:** Registration is now open. For more information or to register, please visit the website, [www.eaglescamps.org](http://www.eaglescamps.org).

### PTO News:

- **Hoop/Jump-a-thon:** Volunteers are needed to count jumps/hoops on February 6 & 8. SignUp at: <http://signup.com/go/ovuUmU>
- **Father/Daughter Night Out:** Friday, February 10 at 6.30pm @ ECES Gym - **6 Volunteers** still needed for this popular evening. Please sign up if you can help. <http://signup.com/go/w3WKjV>
- **Parents in Prayer:** February 15 @8:30 in the Art Room. Please join us.
- **Dads Night Out:** February 23 @ 7.30pm. SignUp at <http://signup.com/go/oFzUJD>
- **Dad Volunteers** needed at **Super Saturday in February**. Please bring your kids to play while you volunteer. SignUp at <http://signup.com/go/BiDRcQ> . We still need 14 dads to help. To date, we have 3 who have signed up.
- **Morning Playground Volunteers:** Urgently need coverage especially for the lower playground, please sign up: <http://signup.com/go/SeoZUD>

### TRIP News:

**New Location:** Just a reminder - the TRIP Store is now located at the Eastern Christian Middle School on Sicomac Avenue in Wyckoff. Our hours remain the same – 8 a.m. until noon, every Friday.

**Online Ordering:** Interested in learning about ordering TRIP online? If you would like help enrolling in ShopwithScrip, call the TRIP office to set up your appointment. We will meet with you to set up your account and to guide you through the ordering process. You can also go to [www.easternchristian.org](http://www.easternchristian.org) for instructions on how to sign up. Questions? Call or text Sharon at the TRIP Office - (201) 650-7056.

### Foundation News:

**Beefsteak:** Thank you for an amazing turnout to the Beefsteak this past Wednesday night in honor of Ethan Vander Molen, a courageous young man who shared his battle with Cystic Fibrosis. His story was inspiring and the appreciation between the community and the Vander Molen family was most certainly mutual. We hope you will join us for community nights throughout the year to see what the Athletics Department has in store for your kids as they age into the programs!

**Save the Date: The Auction Gala** - Thurs April 20, 2017 at The Indian Trail Club. Seats will be limited

\*The auction committee has begun meeting but still has room for one or two more volunteers. If you are interested in joining, please email [events@easternchristian.org](mailto:events@easternchristian.org).