



## 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. 5:** Read-a-thon ends

**Tues., Feb. 6:** Chapel – Drama – David and Goliath

**Wed., Feb. 7:** Mommy/Daddy & Me Preview Day – 8:30 am

**Thurs., Feb. 8:** TRIP due at any school office by 9am sharp

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

What do a basketball, ping pong ball and football have in common? They were all designed to play sports. Since the balls are used for different games, they are all unique. One is round and rubbery, one is small and light, one is leathery and oblong. Students had fun watching three volunteers try to play a sport in chapel with an unconventional ball. It was difficult to dribble a ping pong ball and shoot a basket because ping pong balls were not designed for playing basketball. Bowling with a football and catching a giant ball in a small, plastic scoop also proved challenging.

We learned that people are all created for the purpose of glorifying God. Even though we all have the same purpose, we are all unique based on the specific job that God has planned for us in His Kingdom. The way we look, our gifts and talents, and the family God placed us in all work together for God's will for us. Romans 12:5 teaches us that we are One Body in Christ but we are made up of different parts.

We looked at the basketball and thought it would be silly for the basketball to say it was worthless because it couldn't be thrown as far as a football. We know the basketball was made for a different purpose. We have a tendency to look at the gifts and talents of others and think they are more valuable than our own gifts and talents. I Corinthians 12 teaches us that each part of the body is important and necessary. We can celebrate the gifts that our friends have but it's important to develop the gifts that God has given to us so we use them to glorify God.

### **Mark Your Calendar:**

**Tues., Feb. 13:** 8:30 am – Gr. 1 Black History Month Chapel

**Thurs., Feb. 15:** PK Mom's Valentine Day Tea

**Fri., Feb. 16:** No School – Teacher Inservice

**Mon., Feb. 19:** No School – Presidents' Day



### **PTO News:**

- **Dads Night Out:** Friday, February 2, 7.30pm.
- **Read-a-thon:** 4 days left. [CLICK HERE: If you don't want to activate your students profile, but still want to donate to the Read-a-thon.](#) Following some queries, we do accept checks (payable to ECES PTO) and cash donations.
- **Save the dates: Parents in Prayer** – Tuesday, February 13 and **Free Family Movie Night** – Thursday, February 15.

## **Foundation News:**

**EC Auction Gala:** This is our biggest fundraiser of the year – and YOU can HELP!

- We need one volunteer to go to several businesses in Hawthorne with a solicitation letter. There are also other towns available.
- Want to come to the auction? Procure 10 donations (minimum \$10 value each) and you will have yourself one free ticket to attend!
- Ask your employer for a donation! This is a great way to advertise a business as all donors will be listed in the Auction Program.
- Please email [events@easternchristian.org](mailto:events@easternchristian.org) or call the Foundation Office at **973-427-9294** for details.

**EC Beefsteak:** THANK YOU to all who came and supported EC's beefsteak dinner. It was a great night for EC. Thank you.

**Stop & Shop Rewards:** Thank you to those who have registered their card. This program ends March 15! To date, \$800 has been raised – thank you!