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NEWS from the PTSA

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“Destination Book Fair: Read Around the World!”

Endeavour's Annual Scholastic Book Fair is coming just in time for the holidays! **Mark your calendar for December 1-2nd** and go to our Book Fair homepage to preview featured titles, start an online wish list, volunteer at the Fair, and more!
<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/endeavour>

The Waste-Watchers are coming to Endeavour Elementary!!

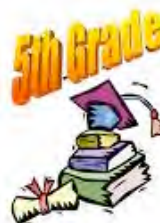
Beginning October 12th, the E-Kids are spearheading a food waste recycling program called Waste-Watchers. **During lunch period, all Endeavour students will be encouraged to dispose of their food waste into specially marked containers.** This food waste will then be collected by an outside agency and converted to compost. The E-Kids and their parent volunteers will be on hand to introduce this program and to answer any questions during the first two weeks. There will also be signs placed near the bins to let the students know which items go into which bin.

We would like to invite any interested students to become Waste-Watchers! This involves a twice-monthly commitment for volunteers to quickly eat their lunch, put on their orange Waste-Watchers vest, stand by the bins and remind their fellow students to put their lunch items into the proper containers. Encourage your children to join Waste-Watchers and help make Endeavour a greener school! If your child would like to join Waste-Watchers, **please send an email giving your permission,** your child's name, grade and teacher to kathygoleafs@comcast.net. **Together we can make a difference!**

Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Dough Sales Start Today!

Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Dough Sales start today, October 12th. Packages will be sent home with your 5th grader.

Please contact Lisa Lo lisa.lo@comcast.net (425) 391-8880 if you have any questions.



Calendar of Events

- Oct. 15** Banking Day
- Oct. 20** School Picture Day
- Oct. 26** Reflections Deadline
- Oct. 26** Coat and Blanket Drive Starts
- Oct. 28** Skate King

Looking Ahead...

- Nov. 3-4** Parent/Teacher Conferences **NO SCHOOL!**

Reflections Program has started! Don't miss out!

If your child would like to participate, make sure he/she returns their Reflections Entry Form to their teacher. Once the teacher receives the entry form, they will provide you with the entire Reflections Entry Packet. **The program deadline is Oct. 26th.** All 12 finalists will receive a trophy. All participants will receive a certificate and ribbon. **There will be a special ceremony to honor all participants on Nov. 9th.** We will have a Popsicle celebration during lunch sometime the week of Nov. 9th! Hurry-- start getting your entry forms returned!

If you have any questions, please contact Chris Leznek (cleznek@hotmail.com or 425.392.4533) or Heather Stambaugh (heatherstambaugh@msn.com or 425.837.3777). **We are still in need of volunteers to help with the display work the week of October 26th, as well as volunteers to help with the reception on November 9th.** Please let us know if you are available to help out!

Issaquah Special Needs Group

Families helping families in the Issaquah School District — OPEN HOUSE — Come meet other parents with special needs students from around the Issaquah School District. Help brainstorm ideas for future topics at our monthly meetings. Kick back and relax a little! **Tuesday, October 13, 2009 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM, Issaquah Middle School Commons** For more information and a schedule of montly meetings, click on link to download flyer: www.issaquahptsa.org/parented/attachments/SpNdsPrntGr.pdf

Thank you for “Aiming High for Endeavour!”

Wow! What a day! Thanks to each and every one of you (and Mother Nature too!) for helping make our Back to School BBQ & Walk-a-thon such a memorable event!



Our goal was to raise \$25,000 in donations and concessions combined. **Through your generous donations, we are thrilled to inform you that we’ve raised \$31,790 in donations and \$3,500 in concession sales!** By the end of the day, we had served over 600 meals (a special kudos to our great grillers!), 200 Jamba Juices, 300+ warm apple & cherry pies and *lots* of candy and popcorn. Dozens and dozens of prizes were awarded or raffled off as 545 students walked thousands of laps. **A special congrats goes out to the 295 students who finished all 18 laps!**



What an honor to see the generosity and involvement our Endeavour community brings to events like this! In all, more than 157 volunteers worked before, during and after the event! **To each and every one of you volunteered, donated, walked with your kids or came for a meal, thank you, thank you, thank you!**

A gigantic special thank you to the Walk-a-Thon Committee who devoted time, ideas, energy and enthusiasm. They did a tremendous amount of work, putting in countless hours, and did it all with a genuine sense of fun and good humor which made every step of the way a real pleasure.



Also, a special thank you to our extremely supportive Endeavour staff. Your cooperation, help with planning and execution, plus your enthusiasm and support were more than we could have asked for. We know we are extremely fortunate to have such a terrific group of people running our school and classrooms.



Last, but not least, thank you to the kids. We had a committee of 5th-grade students who eagerly volunteered to help with the Walk-a-Thon. They even gave up their lunch time and stayed after school to get things done! And, hundreds of students put time into sharing their “Paw Pride” by decorating school spirit templates used to decorate the hallways. What remarkable creativity and school pride they have!

What a great start to our school year! Most importantly, the money raised will be used to enrich our students’ education and experience here at Endeavour. That’s what it’s all about after all! So again, to everyone who offered their support – on behalf of the PTSA and the entire Endeavour community – **THANK YOU!**



Thank you to our 2009 “Aim High For Endeavour” Walk-a-Thon Committee

Miranda Cantine (VP ways & Means)
Elaine Denslow (Parking/Shuttle)
Kristi Jenkins (Concessions)
Lori Jensen (Band)
Theresa Larsen (VP Ways & Means)

Lisa Lo (5th Grade Committee & Concessions)
Laura Mills (Lap Checks and Prizes)
Stacy O’Daffer (Volunteers)
Diane Steinman (Donations/Permission)

Heather Stambaugh (Course Monitors)
Eve Tieck (Class Coordinators)
Barbara Wood (Raffle)

Thank you to our 2009 5th Grade Committee

Maddie Calvert	Avery Felix	Brooklyn Lee	Lisa Sato	Emma Thornton
Sophie Cantine	Stuart Harper	Lauren Lo	Jeremy Scott	Kevin Tieck
Jessica Dai	Emily Kargl	Shilpa Narayanan	Megan Shomaker	
Tara Davenport	Erika Kumar	Sofia Ramirez		

Thank you to the following AMAZING Volunteers & Prize Donors

Christine Alamangos	Kathy DeHaven	Sharyl Kamihara	Doug Neese	Deb Smith
Tharani Amruthur	Heather DePaola	Lori Kargl	Janet Neese	Amie Sprague
Lisa Baisler	Sheri Dodd	Sailaga Katta	Shelbee Neil	Michelle Strazis
Janelle Barrett	Theresa Fay	Srithar Katta	Alayna Niehaus	Missy Stacy
Joan Bear	Michelle Felix	Johnathan Koshar	Uma Pattabiraman	Joni Stuber
Yoko Beatty	Amy Fossum	Lauren Koshar	Valarie Pearce	Anne Marie Swenson
Melinda Begalli	Gregg Fossum	Kavitha Kumar	April Perla	Kathryn Terry
Maryann Belavia	Lina Frankovich	Molly Kremer	Lisa Peters	Kellea Taylor
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Patricia Cone	Jennifer Jacobsen	Pandy McVay	Jeff Shoemaker	Grace Yu
Jen Cox	Chris Jenkins	Kristine Meyer	Beth Shomaker	
Teresa Czaja	Preanka Joshi	Cecilia Mullin	Melissa Skone	

Please forgive us if you jumped in to help and we missed capturing your name here!

Congratulations to Tracy Blanton who won the Volunteer Drawing. She won a Pumpkin Facial from The Pine Lake Club Spa.

Thank you to our Local Businesses and On-Site Vendors

Jamba Juice	Pine Lake Club	Sammamish McDonald's	Beat Street (Band)
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SCHOOL NEWS

Bus Passes

Bus passes can now be issued for students to ride home on the bus with friends. **Passes can be issued by sending a note to school with your student on the day he/she needs to ride the bus with a friend.** Please visit the Endeavour website www.endeavour.issaquah.wednet.edu for a printable bus pass request. Requests should be brought to the office at the beginning of the school day and students may pick up their passes during their lunch recess.

2009 Holiday Program To Help Families In Need

There will not be a separate District Holiday Program this year. If your family is in need of some extra assistance in terms of food, clothing, necessities, please contact Endeavour's school nurse, Mary Sue Payne at 425-837-7371. **The Food Bank program fills up quickly so be sure to contact Mary Sue before the end of October** to obtain information on the Issaquah Food Bank Holiday Program.