

## Important Dates

**Dec. 3-8**

PTO Santa Workshop  
8:00--2:00 M-F  
8:00-12:00 Sat

**Dec. 4**

Jr. Beta to Benton House  
for BINGO @ 3:30

**Sat. Dec. 8**

PTO Breakfast w/Santa  
8:00-11:00 AM

**Dec. 10**

5th Gr. to Oxbow  
Meadows 8:15-2:00

Millard's class to Hunter  
Complex for Basketball  
Game @ 10:30

**Dec. 12**

Chorus & RE  
Concert@ Eastside Gym  
7 pm

**Dec. 13**

Chorus & RE  
Christmas Party  
2:30-3:45

**Dec. 14**

Friday Fun Night  
3rd-5th Gr. students  
6-8 pm in GYM

**Dec. 18**

Jr. Beta sponsored  
Red Cross Blood Drive  
2:30-7:30-GYM

**Dec. 19**

Holiday Sing-Along  
Chorus & Recorder  
Ensemble Students  
9:30-10:30 am-GYM

STEM BBQ Pickup  
6-7 PM

**Dec. 20-Jan.3**

Winter Break

**Jan. 4, 2019**

Students return

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**



# Eastside Elementary Parent Newsletter Dec. 1, 2018



**Mrs. Munson's Message...**As we enter December, please review our "important dates" column for upcoming events and celebrations we hope you will attend.

Please remember the following:

- ★ It's the time of year for Affidavits to be turned in. Affidavits are due by the end of the day on December 19. If you are new to Eastside, or have a Pre-k student here, you have already completed your affidavit. Everyone else must turn them in. Please call us if we can assist you in any way.
- ★ Students must present a note, with the reason for the absence listed, upon returning to school. Notes can be written by parents or issued from a medical office. Excused absences are those due to: emergencies such as serious illness or death of a family member, religious reasons, court summons and approved school activities or student illness.

I wish each of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday season.  
Enjoy the holidays, while staying safe and healthy!

**AP Notes..**I want to thank Mr. Shapley and the Eastside Bobcat Chorus for the incredibly wonderful HOLIDAY performance at Coweta Christmas!!

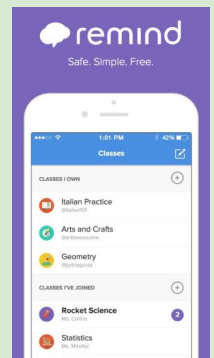
Time goes by quickly from the Thanksgiving Holidays to the Christmas Holidays that begin December 20th. Please check in with your students and their teachers about how they are progressing in their subjects. We will be running assessments over the next few weeks to ensure that our students are progressing as they should be.

Continue to read with your students and have them talk to you/teach you about what they are currently learning. We all want to finish strong as the first semester comes to a close!

Also keep up with activities and events on Twitter @eastside\_ap or on the school website [Eastside Elementary](http://www.cowetaschools.org/ees/) <http://www.cowetaschools.org/ees/>

For transportation (bus) updates **join REMIND** by texting 81010 and putting @b9ab6e as the message.

Jim Fowler, Assistant Principal



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All parents are encouraged to participate in the Georgia Parent Survey, a tool which will be used to calculate Eastside's School Climate Star Rating. Survey responses are anonymous and will be submitted directly to the Georgia Department of Education for analysis.

<http://gshs.gadoe.org/parents>

### **Interested in becoming a Mentor? Training dates for 2018-19 School Year**

If you would like to sign up for any of these training dates or if you have any questions, please call Denise Buchanan @ 404-895-2452 or email @ [denise.buchanan@cowetaschools.net](mailto:denise.buchanan@cowetaschools.net)

All training will take place from 10:00-11:00 am at CCSS Central Office located on WERZ Industrial Blvd., Newnan, GA

**Dec. 12, Jan. 23, Feb. 27, March 27, April 24, May 22**

## From Mrs. Pelletier...Teaching Children Generosity During the Holidays

As parents, it's natural for us to want to give our children the things we didn't have. In today's world, it's often easy to confuse the wants of our children with their actual needs. Many of us tend to give generously to our children, especially during the holidays. "It's better to give than to receive" is an old adage that we've all heard. Research shows that being generous to others has positive health benefits and increases happiness. Generosity is about compassion, not the amount of money that is spent on something. We can start with very small actions and gestures to teach our children about giving to others in need. It can include giving a kind word, offering a smile, sharing a toy, drawing a picture, writing a note, or comforting a friend or family member. As they grow so will their generosity. Here are some additional family giving ideas for helping and giving to others that you can do with your child during the holiday season and throughout the whole year: collect gently used clothing, toys, or personal items to donate to a local shelter; help an elderly person with difficult chores; donate food to the local food bank; volunteer at a food pantry; help serve meals to the homeless.



Wishing you the happiest of holidays!

## From Mr. Shapley.....Holiday Music News

**Bobcat Chorus & Recorder Ensemble News...** The Eastside Elementary Bobcat Chorus & Bobcat Recorder Ensemble have been practicing hard and getting ready to perform!



We'll present our Christmas program called *The Sights & Sounds of the Season* on Wednesday evening December 12th at 7:00 pm here in the Eastside Elementary Gym stage.

All Eastside students and parents are invited to this free show and we hope that everyone will come out to support us.

In case you can't make it for the December 12th show, the Bobcat Chorus & Recorder Ensemble will perform *The Sights & Sounds of the Season* again for the student body and lead our annual Christmas sing-along on Wednesday morning December 19th at 9:30 am in the gym.

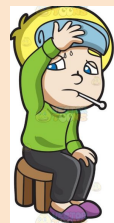
Bobcat Chorus & Recorder Ensemble students will be rewarded for all of their hard work practicing and preparing their show at their annual Holiday Pizza Party Celebration Thursday afternoon December 13th in the Bobcat Café.

Hoping to see everyone at the Bobcat Chorus & Recorder Ensemble performances and events!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2019! John Shapley, Music Teacher

**PE News from Coach Manley...** We have just had our GYM floors redone and they look amazing--in order to keep them safe and nice--please make sure your child wears tennis shoes to PE.

**Friday Fun Night**—I'm hosting our first Friday Fun Night for 3rd-5th grade students December 14th from 6-8. Games, snacks and other fun activities. So, if you need some Christmas shopping time, or just a break, fill out the registration form (*coming home soon*), drop your child off at the gym at 6pm and pick them up at 8pm. 100% of the proceeds will go to the PE program.



**Clinic news from Nurse Maria:** Season's Greetings to Everyone!! Winter season is here which will be followed by colds, coughs and runny noses. Often times we are told "not contagious, just treat the symptoms" This means that students may need to bring some medication (cough and allergy meds) to school to help them get through the day comfortably. If your child needs medication at school, please remember it must come in the original container. There is a form that must be filled out with, a parent signature, for any medication given during the school day. If a child has a fever of 99.6 or higher, they must stay home that day. All students must be fever free without medication in their system for 24 hours before returning to school. I wish each of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday season.

**Eastside Elementary STEAM Club BBQ Pork Fundraiser** Cooked by *Wright on Q* and *Fat Boy BBQ*

**When:** Wednesday, Dec. 19th **Pick up time:** 6:00-7:00 pm **Place:** Eastside Elementary

**Price:** \$30.00 ea or 2 for \$50.00

(Each roast will yield 5 lbs. of smoked ready to eat BBQ goodness)

All orders are due by Dec. 4th. Payment is due at the time the order is placed. Checks are made payable to Eastside Elementary. 100% of the proceeds will benefit the STEAM club.

Email [tim.manley@cowetaschools.net](mailto:tim.manley@cowetaschools.net) for orders or details.

