

## Important Dates

**Jan. 9**  
Report Cards Issued

**Jan. 10**  
Academic Bowl Meet  
@ Providence Elem  
  
McDonald's Spirit Night

**Jan. 11**  
Millard's class to  
Junction Lanes

**Jan. 14**  
Small Town Pizza  
Spirit Night

**Jan. 15**  
Parent Milestones  
Training 6:30pm

**Jan. 16**  
100th Day of School

**Jan. 17**  
Coweta County Spelling  
Bee 6:30 PM

**Jan. 18**  
STEM club to GO FISH  
Education Center

**Jan. 21**  
MLK Holiday  
School Closed

**Jan. 24**  
Academic Bowl Meet  
@ Bremen Academy

**Jan. 25**  
School Wide  
Head Lice Checks

**Feb. 1**  
PTO Winter Dance  
6:30 PM



Spelling Bee winner Jackson Williams & runner-up Sophia Vaccariello



# Eastside Elementary Parent Newsletter Jan. 4, 2019




**Mrs. Munson's Message...** Happy New Year! With half of the year left, we are continuing our focus on the [Georgia Standards of Excellence](#) (in ELA, Math, Science and Social Studies) and making preparations for our standardized state test, the Georgia Milestones. Grades 3rd-5th will take this assessment the weeks of April 10-19, 2019. 1st and 2nd graders will take their benchmarks in place of this assessment. Pre-K and Kindergarten students will continue with their ongoing assessments and benchmarks. Please talk to your child's teacher to find out the specific skills that your child can review with you at home.

On **January 15**, we will host a **Parent's Milestones Training** session at **6:30 in our Media Center**. We invite all parents of 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students to come learn about the format of the Milestones assessment. Teachers will share key strategies to help students do their best.

Please contact your child's teacher if you need any supplies from our [Title 1 Parent Resource Center](#). We have flashcards, dry erase boards and school supplies. Parents are also encouraged to visit Eastside and use school computers to access Parent Portal and educational websites. Just let us know when you need to come in.

Thank you for your continued support of our Spirit Nights and fundraisers. PTO has raised money for the following current projects: to serve Kdg.-4th grade with Art; to provide a 30'x30' sun shade on the playground; and, to purchase a tv for announcements in the cafeteria.

Please join our Eastside Elementary School  Notification System. On your smartphone, open your web browser and go to the following link: [rmd.at/2kfga](https://rmd.at/2kfga) Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind text messages.

I join the teachers and staff in thanking you for the cards, gifts and sweet thoughts during Christmas and the New Year. Your ongoing respect and support help to make Eastside a great community school!!  
Leigh Munson, Principal



## Mr. Fowler's Notes...

I hope you had wonderful holidays. Parents, please be reminded to keep those lines of communication open between you and your child's teachers. Parent-teacher conferences, SST meetings, and PTO meetings are very helpful ways to receive important information concerning your child's progress and school activities. Encourage your child to READ daily. We will be testing the student lexile levels with our STAR assessment in the month of January to check our student progress.

Jim Fowler, Assistant Principal

\* Also keep up with things on Twitter @eastside\_ap or on the school web site



## Eastside's 4th & 5th Grade Spelling Bee

Our annual Eastside Spelling Bee was held on Dec. 14th in the Media Center.

Participants include: Tracen Wayda, Emylie Carroll, Sophia Vaccariello, Landon Watson, Allie Baldwin, Jackson Williams, Jonah Curvelo, Moriah Smith, Abby Acklin, Maddie Linden, Hagan Clifton, Heidi Kemmerer, Alexis Buchanan and Jackson Meredith.



The winner was Jackson Williams and runner up was Sophia Vaccariello (pictured at the left) Jackson will represent Eastside at the county level competition on Jan. 17, 2019 at the Nixon Performing Arts Center in Newnan.

**From Mrs. Pelletier...** Happy New Year! It's the beginning of a new calendar year and also the half-way point in the school year. Now would be a great time to review your child's progress and habits and make necessary adjustments. Spend some time talking with your child about how the school year is going so far. Why not help your child make some learning resolutions to help him finish the school year strong? Explain that a resolution is a promise that you make to yourself and share a resolution that you've made. Are there things that he's struggled with in class? Nudge him into making improvements. Creating a study routine, starting projects earlier, or organizing school materials are three examples of things he could resolve to do. Help make the goal specific. Use his "create a study routine" resolution and make it real. "I resolve to spend at least 15 minutes studying everyday." When a goal is measurable it is easier to achieve. Be supportive. Resolutions have a way of fading away. Support your child if he starts to slip on his resolutions. "I know it's hard to stick to a study routine, but you can do it!" Remind him that falling short once in a while doesn't mean he can't get back on track.

Wishing you all joy, peace, and happiness in 2019!

Kim Pelletier, School Counselor

### Clinic News from Nurse Maria...

January, as most of us realize, is a great time to think about the need in America for us to consider health improvement by concentrating on good eating habits and exercise! Those who have worked with children very long have probably noticed the increase in obesity in our children/youth. This problem is getting more attention and certainly needs to be addressed by the public. Our fast food restaurants are even making changes to try to help with this problem. Parents, consider making it a priority to walk or even run with your child several times a week. That would be a really good New Year's resolution and would provide an opportunity to share time together and work on health as well!



Maria Edgeworth, School Nurse, R.N.

**Eastside STEM club...** Thanks to all that helped our STEM club by either purchasing a roast and/or clean up. A special thanks to 'Wright on Que' BBQ competition team and the cafeteria and custodial staff. With your help, 100% of our monies collected will go back into our school STEM club. Now we are able to take a field trip to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources "Go Fish Education Center" in Perry and hopefully continue our learning.

**Mr. Shapley's Music News...** Happy New Year 2019 !! I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a wonderful Christmas holiday vacation with their families. Students in the **Eastside Bobcat Chorus & Recorder Ensemble** had a busy but FUN holiday performing schedule. Our holiday music performances began before Thanksgiving when we performed for the Coweta Christmas at the Coweta Fairgrounds on November 10th.



Next, on Wednesday December 12, 2018 the **Bobcat Chorus & Recorder Ensemble** performed their annual evening Christmas musical **The Sights & Sounds of the Season** for our parents right here at the Eastside Gym stage. The show featured the outstanding singing, playing and acting talents of the Bobcat Chorus & Recorder Ensemble students as well as our parents in a Christmas sing-a-long!! We sang our favorite rendition of Alan Jackson's **Let It Be Christmas** with vocal solos by **Abby Grogan, Zeke Bowen and Stacia Stoll**.

If you missed the concert on December 12th, DVD's of the **The Sounds & Sights of the Season** show are still available for purchase for \$20 each or 2 for \$35. Please email me at [john.shapley@cowetaschools.net](mailto:john.shapley@cowetaschools.net) if you're interested in ordering a copy of our DVD. 50% of the proceeds of DVD sales go to support the Eastside music program so your support is greatly appreciated.

Finally, on Wednesday morning December 19, 2018, the **Bobcat Chorus & Recorder Ensemble** performed their Christmas show **The Sounds & Sights of the Season** again for the student body and parents, led our annual Christmas sing-along and there were a few surprises thrown in! This show featured Mrs. Middlebrook's 2nd grade class reciting '**Twas the Night Before Christmas**, our newly organized **Bobcat Faculty Chorus** singing a rendition of the Pentatonix **Mary Did You Know?** with Mrs. Boyles signing the lyrics! We had Mr. Fowler, Mr. Shaner and Mr. Shapley singing solos on **Let It Be Christmas** and finally a cute rendition of the **12 Days of Christmas** by our faculty performers! We had an awesome time and want to thank all the parents who came!

Congratulations to the **Eastside Bobcat Chorus & Recorder Ensemble** and their parents for preparing and presenting such a wonderful program of Christmas music for all of us to enjoy! We're super proud of all our students who performed and thanks to all who helped! Thanks to everyone who participated and helped make our Christmas Gathering a fun send-off to the Christmas vacation!



Mr. Shapley, Music Teacher