

## Important Dates

Oct. 5  
Student Holiday  
Teacher Workday

Oct. 8  
Student/Teacher Holiday  
Smalltown Pizza  
Spirit Night

Oct. 9  
Picture Retakes

Oct. 15  
Report Cards Issued

Oct. 22-26  
Red Ribbon Week  
REACH Boo Gram Sales

Oct. 23  
Chick-Fil-A Spirit  
Night 5-7 pm

Oct. 30-Nov. 3  
"Batty for my Teacher"  
Relay for Life Fundraiser

Oct. 31

Halloween



Eastside Elementary  
School PTO

### Public Notice:

Be it known that all schools in the Coweta County School System have been duly inspected for asbestos according to EPA regulations and an Asbestos Management plan is available at each school.

# Eastside Elementary Parent Newsletter Oct. 1, 2018



**From the Principal's Desk...** I would like to thank everyone for making the first two months of school a huge success! I have been pleased to see so many of you attend our Kindergarten, PTO and Second Grade Meetings, as well as Spirit Nights. Many of you have also attended parent conferences recently. Thank you for coming inside our doors and being involved. Your continued support is encouraging and uplifting.

Listen out for news on upcoming parent nights and book swaps. We are focusing on our reading skills at all ages. Did you realize that... **A student who reads (or is read to) 20 minutes a day will: read 3,600 minutes per school year; read 1,800,000 words per year, and may score higher on standardized tests? By reading 20 minutes a day, from Kindergarten to 6th grade, a student will read the equivalent of 60 full school days!** How powerful that is! Let's put books in our student's hands anytime possible.

### A few reminders.....

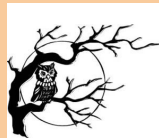
- Please remember that students need to bring in a written excuse after they have been absent. Excuses can be written by the parent or a doctor. The 2009 Georgia attendance law states that on the 6th unexcused absence a complaint will be filed against parents.
- If your child is an afternoon car rider, please be sure to pull to the side of the road so that we do not obstruct thru traffic on Eastside School Road. Parents should not be in the car line before 2:00.

Please call or email your child's teacher when you have concerns. We look forward to working with each family this year.



Leigh Munson, Principal

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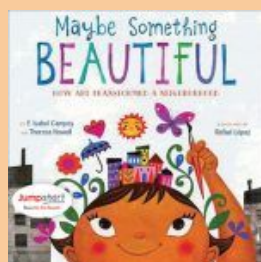
**AP Notes...** Time is flying now that Fall is here. We have tons going on here at the school with tutoring groups, after school activities, and clubs meeting. Ask your kids about their AR (reading) goals. Our students are working hard to increase their reading skills and improve their Lexile scores. The school will continue to put out updates on any transportation issues through Twitter and the live feed that is on our website.

Jim Fowler, Assistant Principal

\* Information updates on Twitter @eastside\_ap or on the school website

### Media Center News...

Thank you to everyone who shopped at the Book Fair. This was our best Book Fair ever! We earned over \$3,000 in profit. That will mean more books for the media center! Also, thank you to everyone who helped during the Book Fair. We would not be able to have such great Book Fairs without volunteers.



Jumpstart's Read for the Record is October 25. Read for the Record is the world's largest shared reading experience. This year we are reading the book *Maybe Something Beautiful* by F. Isabel Campoy and Theresa Howell. This will be fun, shared experience for our students.

Tina Allen, Media Specialist

## From Mrs. Pelletier...Making Good Choices

This month we will be celebrating Red Ribbon Week and talking about peer pressure and making good choices. It is important to teach our children decision-making skills everyday. Here are some suggestions for helping your child learn how to make good choices:

- \*Teach by example - Children see everything we do. Model good decision-making skills by including them in the decision-making process as you are going through it.
- \*Start them off with a few options - Too many choices can be overwhelming to a child. Let them begin with small decisions. For example, offering if they would like PB&J or a ham sandwich for lunch. Allowing kids to practice making small decisions will help build critical decision-making skills in the future.
- \*Teach a decision-making formula: define the problem; explore the choices; understand consequences; make a decision; learn from the decision.
- \*Don't solve their problems for them - Allow your child to make their own decisions.
- \*Be there before they decide - Be a sounding board for your child as they learn the decision-making process.

**Eastside Parents:** If your family is in need of assistance during the holiday season (Thanksgiving food, warm clothes, toys for Christmas), please feel free to contact me. You can call me at school at 770-599-6621 or email me at [kim.pelletier@cowetaschools.net](mailto:kim.pelletier@cowetaschools.net). Please understand I cannot guarantee assistance, but every effort will be made to connect you to resources available in our community.

Kim Pelletier, School Counselor



**Art to Remember** fundraiser orders and payments are due by October 10th.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me

[stacia.east@cowetaschools.net](mailto:stacia.east@cowetaschools.net). Your children worked very hard on these over the last few weeks. These will make excellent gifts for the upcoming holidays!



Thank you, Stacia East, Art Teacher



**Clinic News from Nurse Maria...** Fall is my favorite time of the year. With fall arriving, that means that the flu will be arriving as well. As many of us recall, flu season had a significant impact on us last year. I would like to remind everyone of some simple steps that you can do to help us to have a healthy season this year. Good hand washing is the #1 defense against the spread of germs, and is important for both children and adults, especially as we move into the fall and winter months. This is a simple subject, but so very important for maintaining good health. Getting your flu shot is also a very important, yet easy thing to do to help prevent us from getting and spreading the flu around this year.

Please visit the website below for any and all things flu from Children's Healthcare of Atlanta.

<https://www.choa.org/medical-services/wellness-and-preventive-care/flu>



## 2018-19 Academic Bowl Team...GO BOBCATS!!

The Academic Bowl team will put in a lot of extra study time between now and their meets, which are listed below. Should our team's accumulated score be within the top 4, we will go to finals! Our team this year includes: Virgle Garrett, Heidi Kemmerer, Carson Roberts, Stacia Stoll, Landon Watson, Lily Knopp, Alma Perez, Sophia Vaccariello, Jake Cobb, Alena Sgubin, and

Jack Shaner. Our meets are January 10 at Providence Elementary, January 25 at Bremen Academy, and February 7 at Carrollton Middle School, (all in Carroll County). Finals will be February 28 at TBA.

**BOOOOOO GRAMS...** REACH classes will be selling Boo Grams the week of Oct. 22-26. A boo gram is a ghostly decorated Tootsie Roll pop. They will be sold in the back of the Bobcat Cafe from 7:25 am-8:00 am every morning. The cost is 50 cents each. Buy one for yourself, a friend, a teacher, or Eastside Staff member.



## Red Ribbon Week – Oct. 22nd– 26th

Monday, Oct. 22rd	"Red Ribbon Day "These Paws don't touch drugs"	Wear Red or School Shirt
Tuesday, Oct. 23th	"PJ Day" "Winning isn't a Dream It's a reality, say no to drugs"	Wear your favorite PJ's (make sure your PJ's are appropriate for school)
Wednesday, Oct. 24th	"Cowboy Up Against Drugs"	Wear your best western gear
Thursday, Oct. 25th	"My Future is Bright"	Wear your favorite team jersey
Friday, Oct. 26th	"Be a Superhero" and be drug free"	Wear your superhero gear!!!