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HOMECOMING 2016

The long-standing tradition of Homecoming is as American as apple pie and began in the early 20th century with a few colleges claiming the honor of the “first” to hold an event centered around a football game that included parades, pep rallies, alumni invitations, a dance and more. Earlham continues the tradition this next week, October 3 - 8th with the EHS Student Council planning all events with their advisor, Ms. Kayla Selby.

This year’s theme is Disney-based with “Where the Magic Happens” as the focus of all floats, skits and window painting. While there is no school Monday due to staff professional development, all other days have dress up themes. Tuesday is “Disney Duo”. Wednesday is “Make Your Dreams Come True” (with pajamas or dressing how you see yourself in future). Thursday is “Disney Hero or Villain Day” and Friday is the usual “Spirit Day” with as much Earlham Cardinal spirit (and red) as possible!

The high school boys will get to try out their skills with He-Man Volleyball on Thursday, October 6th in the competition gym beginning at 2:30 pm. PIE will have their wonderful Homecoming supper with a free will donation beginning at 5 pm in the Commons. The annual parade will begin at 6:30 pm. Anyone interested in having a float, boat, car, train, tractor or even wanting to walk with your group, should meet at Earlham Church of Christ for line-up instructions by 6 pm. There are junior high home football and volleyball games going on at school so the main parking lot will be filled already.

The Pep Rally will begin at 7 pm in the auditorium after the parade with award-winning skits by the various classes and the faculty, and the ultimate crowning of the Homecoming Court! Freshmen escorts: Addison Boyle & Cameron Terry, Sophomore escorts: Sophie Balch & Trent Williamson, and Junior escorts: Emma Thomson & Connor Lark. Our Senior Candidates for King and Queen are:

Upcoming Events

October 3	October 11 & 13	October 14	October 19	October 25
NO School Staff PD Day	Parent-Teacher Conferences AND 1 pm Dismissal days!	NO School! Teacher Comp. Day	1 pm Early Dismissal	Picture Re-Take Day

See the master calendar at home.ecsdcards.com

Sara Balch & Eli Kasap, Kari Coulter & Mason Madren and Alexa Losee & Joey Harkins. On Friday, the 7th we will



begin the day with the marching band playing through the halls. Our young women will hit the gridiron to win bragging rights with PowderPuff Football held out on the field (again with a 2:30pm start). Then, the central event: the Homecoming Football game versus Griswold will begin at 7pm with a fantastic pregame band show with middle school and high school players followed by a halftime performance by the HS Marching Band highlighting the songs from “Jersey Boys” and showing off our royalty. Brant’s Buddies will have their annual soup supper in the Commons prior to the game!

The Homecoming Dance will be held on Saturday the 8th.

District Wide Needs Assessment Survey

The Earlham Community School District has requested a Needs Assessment Survey conducted by the Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB). The survey is designed to help the district and will assess our strengths and areas of needed improvement, with a focus on improved student achievement. We would like your opinions and judgments in response to the brief survey. All responses are anonymous. Please look for the survey link on the district website. The survey will be available on the district website beginning on October 10th and concluding on October 17th. Thank you in advance for your participation and helping to make improvements for our students.

PBIS STORE

The PBIS store is open for business in the Commons concession stand three days a week! Each elementary classroom has a designated time that they may come down and shop for PBIS items through their earned Cardinal Cash (formerly CCC cards). Each class has one opportunity a week for shopping. Middle school students also may purchase items by ordering their choices through Mr. Dalton. Meanwhile, 6th graders run the store and assists with purchases!



Students may save up their Cardinal Cash and buy some fantastic items that range from \$50 for a pen, pencil or tattoo to \$75 for all sorts of coupons that allow the bearer to bring a stuffed animal to class or wear a hat all day. For those that really save up, at the \$150 level they can buy a lanyard, megaphone, football, shirt or even put a message on the school sign. Additional items can be earned at \$300 or \$400 levels too so Earlham students can be “ALL IN” by focusing on being Respectful, Responsible and Proud!



Kasch Petersen with his most inspirational teacher, Brian Becker.

Gifted and Talented News

The University of Iowa Belin-Blank Center's Recognition Ceremony was held on Sunday, September 25th at the Iowa Memorial Union on the University of Iowa campus. Among the attendees from around Iowa and the nation, was Earlham's own Kasch Petersen. Brian Becker, sixth grade teacher, was honored by being credited with having the most profound influence on the student's life.

Students were recognized by the Center for exceptional performance in the Belin-Blank student talent search and a variety of specific areas from STEM to inventions to arts and humanities. Kasch was recognized for his excellence with IXL Mathematics! Way to go, Kasch!

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

On October 11th and 13th, conferences will be held for all students. All elementary conferences are scheduled with homeroom teachers while secondary conferences are scheduled with advisory (M & M/MTV) teachers. Parents are welcome to visit any teachers on a drop-in basis, too (fine arts, PE, other core classes). Additionally, there will be PowerSchool help sessions in the elementary computer lab from 4 - 8 pm each evening.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SERVES!

The entire Earlham Middle School headed to Hy-Vee Hall in downtown Des Moines to once again package Meals from the Heartland. Thousands of meals were packaged before they posed for pictures after their shift in their hair nets. The middle school completes at least one service project every couple of months.

The high school student council is attempting to raise funds to host our own meal packaging event on school property for all students!



MEALS FROM THE HEARTLAND

From the Board Table

At their meeting on September 14, 2016, the Earlham School Board “retired” the current Board following the approval of the items on the consent agenda and approving the financial statements and bills as presented. The new elementary physical education/health teacher, Casey Barclay, was introduced to the Board by Mr. Hammen. She had been teaching in Illinois for the past few years and is excited to be part of the Earlham Community School District. The Board adjourned and concluded the business of the out-going Board.

The “new” School Board elected member Kathy Woolcott to serve as President for the next school year and Julene Mutchler-McNeal to serve as Vice President. The Board set meeting dates for the next 12 months and established committee membership for the district’s standing committees. In addition, the Board assigned responsibilities for representation at the Iowa Association of School Boards Delegate Assembly and the Dallas and Madison County Conference Board. These are all items that take place each year in September regardless if there is a Board election or not. This meeting is sometimes referred to as the Board’s Organizational Meeting. All of the above information has been updated and is available on the district’s website.

The Annual Progress Report for the 2015-16 school year was shared with the Board. The information in the APR includes goals, student achievement data on the Iowa Assessment, Measures of Academic Progress assessment, FAST and other success indicators as required by the Department of Education. The APR also included accomplishments from many extracurricular activities from the 2015-16 school year including the amazing soccer season with post-season play by the shared Winterset-Earlham Girls team. The APR is posted on the district website and copies have been made available at the library, post office, the E-Bank and Montross.

Mr. Hammen presented his written report with the Board. He shared information on Measures of Academic Progress testing in the elementary. Mr. Hammen also shared information from the September 6th Professional Development day. The elementary staff worked with Diane Royer in math and Jennifer Burns on foundations of vocabulary. He also shared information from the summer school program.

Mrs. Knight presented her written report highlighting the growth of students in both the middle school and high school on the MAP test compared to their tests from last year. She also highlighted the secondary professional development from September 6th where the staff received training from Brian Carico on mental health issues. Mrs. Knight also encouraged the Board members who are on Twitter to check out #GreatDayToBeAnEarlhamCardinal.

The next regular Earlham Community School Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 14th at 6:00 p.m. in the school library.

CORRECTION ON CALENDAR CHANGE

The September Chatter incorrectly noted that there would be a change in the District Calendar. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CALENDAR WILL NOT CHANGE! An Early Out Dismissal will still occur on December 14th and a regular, full-length school day will happen on December 15th as originally planned. There will be a Varsity Girls and Boys Basketball game versus AC/GC at Wells Fargo Arena on December 15th but the originally scheduled school days will remain. Sorry for any confusion this may have caused you.



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We will publish this newsletter monthly throughout the school year to keep our school community updated on our progress as a district. Copies will be available at local businesses and it will be posted on the school website, but you can elect to have the Chatter delivered directly to your home via email or mail! Simply go online to <http://goo.gl/dJ08ds> or call the district office at 758-2214 to get signed up to receive all future issues!

Looking for more information about our school? Check out our school website at home.ecsdcards.com for additional announcements, a calendar of events, the staff directory, program information and more.