

Cardinal Chatter



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Earlham Community School District, Earlham, Iowa

It's "Game On!" for Homecoming 2013



Homecoming week is underway and the Earlham School Community is gearing up for a spirit-filled week centered around the "Game On!" theme.

the Pep Rally in the auditorium. During the Pep Rally, the winners of the HS float, window, and skit will be announced. The Homecoming King and Queen will be crowned at the conclusion of the Pep Rally.

On October 4, the pep band will march through the halls at 11:15 AM. The high school girls' PowderPuff game will begin at 2:30 that afternoon and the Varsity Football game will kick off at 7 PM against the Woodward-Granger Hawks. The week concludes for high school students with the Homecoming Dance on October 5 from 8-11 PM at the school.

Homecoming Court

In mid-September, students in grades 9-12 voted to select their representatives on the 2013 Homecoming Court. Cassie Bond and Paxton Groves are the Freshmen Attendants, Morgan Allen and Andy Algreen are the Sophomore Attendants, and Mikayla Russell and Max Kasap are the Junior Attendants. Senior Queen Candidates are Kayla Hawbaker, Addie Herman and Jazlin Sprague. Senior King Candidates are Lucas Morrison, Branden Waldron, and Bryton Voss.

Crownbearers are Kindergarteners Evie Boyle and Henry Tessmer, and school's Head Custodian and Earlham's Fire Chief Shawn Boyle is the Grand Marshall this year.

Activities Planned

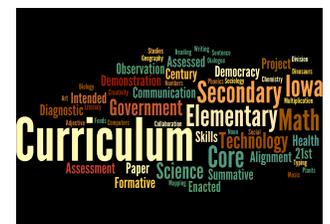
Students in each building will show their spirit by participating in dress-up days throughout the week. On October 3, the high school boys will compete in a He-Man Volleyball game at 2:30 PM. The Homecoming Parade will begin at 6:30 PM that evening, followed by

Professional Development

During each full professional development day this year, one hour of time is set aside to allow teachers time to input curriculum information in the newly acquired mapping system, Atlas.

There are several benefits of curriculum mapping, including knowledge transfer between staff members, integration of all aspects of the instructional process, transparency in student education, accountability for what is taught, and collaborative and focused conversation between educators.

This tool will help staff analyze and improve their practice, and in the future, different components of curriculum maps will be available for public viewing.



PBIS: ALL IN!



If you have attended a home varsity football game this season, you may have noticed a booth by the front gate with a clicking, clacking wheel. To reinforce the PBIS values of being Respectful, Responsible and Proud with students, as well as parents,

extended family members, and those in the community, the PBIS team has an informational booth right inside the ticket gate.

Students in PK through 2nd grade share the three core values for a chance to spin the wheel for a PBIS prize such

as a notepad, pencil, pen all the way to the sought after lanyard. Students in grades 3 through 8 must share an example of an expected behavior that demonstrates one of the core values such as "Being proud by wearing school colors at a football game" or "Being responsible by picking up concession trash from what is eaten/drunk". Brochures about the program and prize lists are available to take to examine for further information by adults.

The informational program has been a huge hit with fans. Each student who stops by gets their name in the bucket and five PBIS t-shirts have been awarded at each game, too! And, on September 20th, the first PBIS celebration of the 2013-14 school year was held. Earl the Cardinal was on hand for the PK-2nd grade session to personally congratulate those students who earned a certificate and a free Subway kids' meal for terrific behavior!



Family Math Night

On Thursday, October 10, families of elementary students are encouraged to attend Family Math Night at the school from 6:00-7:30 PM.

During this time, families will have the opportunity to play a variety of math games and learn more about the *Everyday Math* program. Teachers will be available to provide information and answer questions.

Additionally, Mr. Hammen will be providing information about the program, answering questions, and sharing information algorithms in *Everyday Math* during his presentations in the auditorium.

When children first begin learning about computation, they spend a lot of time experimenting with a variety of algorithms and sharing their own problem-solving methods.

Instead of simply memorizing a set of prescribed algorithms, they learn to think, use common sense, and understand the purpose of algorithms. They are then required to demonstrate proficiency in one focus algorithm for each operation--addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division.

Focus algorithms are powerful, relatively efficient, and usually easier to understand and learn than traditional algorithms. Once children have mastered the focus algorithm for each operation, they are free to use any method to solve problems.

More information about algorithms, along with examples, will be shared at Family Math Night.

A schedule with specific details will be shared with parents of elementary students via School Messenger and notes home with students.

Dot Day

On Monday, September 16, PK-6 students celebrated "International Dot Day", a global celebration of creativity, courage, and collaboration.

PK-8 Technology Teacher Alli Waugh coordinated the day for students, getting each classroom a copy of *The Dot*, written by Peter Reynolds, for teachers to read with their students, and providing Dot Projects that encouraged students to express their individuality and creativity to make their marks. The students' work is now posted in the halls for everyone to enjoy.

Many teachers incorporated technology into the activity, ranging to listening to audio books to watching the author read the story. Ms. Waugh also connected with other educators virtually to share students' participation in the project.

Spotlight on...

LEARNING OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

Fourth Grade Visits Kuehn

Fourth grade students enjoyed the Children's Festival of the Prairie Awakening Celebration on Thursday, September 6 at Kuehn Conservation Area. Native Americans from as far away as Western Nebraska and Canada came to share their heritage with us.



Students did hoop dancing and learned about respect for each other and our earth through stories told by Dallas Chief Eagle and his daughter Dallascina. They were treated to flute playing in the woods by Mike HeCrow who also shared with them some snacks he made from roots and berries. The Annishonobi drummers entertained with lively drumming and shared some history of their tribes and the craft of drum making. Laura Zaugg taught them traditional games that can be played with rocks and feathers.

By the end of the day, students had learned much about the heritage of our land and the people who first lived here. Special thanks to Chris Adkins and the Dallas County Conservation staff for providing this experience!

Iowa Hall of Pride Workshop



Shelly Johnson from the Iowa Hall of Pride came to Earlham High School to facilitate a Pride Academy workshop for students on Friday, September 30. During this event, organized by the high school Student Council, students examined and discussed effective leadership traits.

To do this, they brainstormed and discussed leadership qualities, viewed video clips, discussed examples of leaders, assessed their own leadership skills, and reflected on the importance of leadership, followership, and role models through a variety of interactive and collaborative activities.

Students visit KCCI



On Monday, September 30, seven elementary and five high school students visited KCCI studios in Des Moines to learn more about the technology and production process used for their newscasts.

Students were able to see the newscast sets, production room, and learned more about KCCI's Chromakey board, which is similar to our green screen. Chris Wilde, Chief Engineer at KCCI, and Wes Callison, Meteorologist, shared tips and techniques with lighting, graphics, presentation and troubleshooting. Students also had the opportunity to try out their skills in front of the camera.

Students also learned about the varied career opportunities in broadcasting as well as the importance of teamwork, communication, problem-solving, and flexibility in the workplace.

School Election Results

The official election results from the September 10 election were announced at the September 19 School Board Meeting.

The Bond to build Elementary Classrooms and Gymnasium Expansion did not pass, with 373 votes yes and 345 voting no. The measure needed a super-majority of 60% plus 1 vote to pass.

School Board incumbents Teresa Waldron and Kathy Woolcott were re-elected for a four-year term in the election, with 381 and 328 votes, respectively. Candidate Tim Hochstetler received 187 votes, candidate Bob Russell received 220 votes, and candidate Rex Stancil received 247. There was a scattering of 11 votes in the election.

Waldron was elected by the School Board to serve a second term as Board President, while Woolcott was re-elected by the Board as Vice-President.

All scheduled board meetings for the 2013-2014 are posted on the master calendar on the school website.

Fall Play Debuts in November

At 7 pm on November 8th and 9th, ECSD students will be presenting “Chateau LaRoach” in the auditorium. These performances wrap up 9 weeks of dedicated rehearsal by 25 students in grades 8-12, both onstage and behind the scenes.

“Chateau LaRoach” is a slapstick farce, in which things start out silly and quickly move on to “crazy”. The cast and crew are having a great time learning about the comedic art form and are looking forward to sharing what they've learned with the community.

Don't miss “Chateau LaRoach!”

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