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E. A. White PTO Newsletter

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Notes from Mr. Hughes—

I love the briskness of the morning, the smell and feel of autumn, and the excitement on each face as students bounce down the sidewalk each morning on their way to school. Can you believe that we have completed the first grading period of SY 2009 - 2010? Students come to school ready to learn and display proper respect towards themselves and others. Our staff works hard to maximize the learning environment by creating nurturing, innovative, and creative activities for our students. I have had the opportunity to observe all classrooms and review a great deal of student work. As a result of these experiences, I can assure you that there is quality education going on at Edward A. White Elementary School. We will continue to work hard to insure that this quality is evident throughout all that we do!

Dr. Shirley Miles, DoDEA Director, visited our school on Friday, October 16th. Upon arrival to the school, Dr. Miles was greeted by two of E. A. White School Ambassadors. After the warm greetings and introductions, the two students shared with Dr. Miles our White School Data, which is displayed in the school entry way. The students explained that the data on the displayed charts and graphs were used to determine our school goals of reading comprehension and problem solving and reasoning in mathematics using higher level critical thinking skills. They did an awesome job in explaining the data to Dr. Miles.

Following a faculty breakfast, Dr. Miles was interviewed live on the morning broadcast show. The students showed great insight as they asked Dr. Miles about her vision for our schools. Dr. Miles was asked to share what she did to prepare herself for her job and what thoughts or advice she had for our students. For the remainder of the morning Dr. Miles visited every classroom at E. A. White School. At the conclusion of her visit, Dr. Miles commended the Faculty & Staff for their dedication to the military children and their families. Dr. Miles praised the teachers for their focus on the DoDEA standards, Continuous School Improvement Plan and student centered instruction. Of course, you and I know this already.

It was and is such a pleasure for our visitors to see and recognize our students and teachers for their excellence!

Volunteering...what does it mean? It means spending a little of your free time to use your talents while making friends! At EA White, our volunteers are amazing racking 209.75 total hours for the month of September!! Those numbers came from 33 volunteers! That truly is amazing! These volunteers can be found making copies, helping in reading groups, creating display cases, running fundraisers, going on field trips, providing incentives for our eager readers, helping with classroom projects and the list goes on and on.

Volunteering also means that your child sees YOU involved at school and that increases the importance of school to you both! So, thank you for not only helping our school, but showing to your child that they are important too! Our school and the success of our PTO would not be possible without YOU! Remember to check-in at the office, wear your volunteer id, and record your hours!

EVENTS TO REMEMBER

- Nov 10 - Family Fun Night at Chuck E Cheese
- Nov 11 - Veteran's Day (No School)
- Nov 13 - Square 1 Art deadline
- Nov 16-20 - American Education Week
- Nov 20 - Freedom Friday
- Nov 23-27 - Thanksgiving Holidays (No School)
- Dec 1-5 - Service Project
- Dec 8 - Christmas Play @ 1:30pm and 6:30pm

MISSION: The mission of Edward A. White School is to develop student excellence in a diverse military community through a nurturing environment.

VISION: Edward A. White School stakeholders aspire to provide an environment for student excellence in academics, behavior, and leadership that result in lifelong learners who contribute to global society.

We Want You! The PTO Board is missing a few volunteer positions: **Service Project** December 1-5th~ this person coordinates the various service project opportunities for our children and school.

Talent Show March 26th~ the person in charge of the talent show will organize the entire program. There will be try outs and rehearsals to prepare in January and/or February.

Book Fair~the person will be in charge of Spring Scholastic Book Fair Interested??? Please contact Rachel Wilkins at teamwilkins@sbcglobal.net or 913-775-2738.



Congratulations September Star Students!!!

"One Call Now" is a parent notification service to keep students safe and parents/guardians informed. It can be used to announce school events, attendance, and emergency school closings. *****Please send in your current phone number and preferred email address** so that you can be notified of what is happening at E. A. White when parents/guardians need to be informed.



CSU performs *Senora Tortuga* at E.A. White



**Congratulations to October
Star Student Winners!!!**

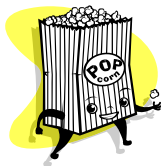
The trait for October was Courage!

**Congratulations
Star
Students!**



**Pickles and Popcorn!
Every Friday!**

Popcorn \$.25
Fruit Chew \$.25
Blow Pop \$.25
DubbleBubble \$.25
Pickle \$.50



**All proceeds go to EA White PTO in
support of your kids!**

Pickles & Popcorn has added a new item to the menu! Now, in addition to popcorn, pickles, fruit chews, and blowpops, you are now able to purchase DubbleBubble gum. The price is just .25 for two pieces!

Also, on Freedom Friday, the class with the most Red, White, and Blue shirts worn that day wins an ice cream party. It can be any red/white/blue shirt, not just the EA White Freedom Friday shirt.

Have you turned in your Square 1 Art order form yet? It's NOT too late. Order forms are due **NO LATER THAN Friday, November 13** (this is a new date). Square 1 Art makes great Christmas presents for family who would be proud to display your artwork (see PTO table outside of office for display of some items available and more information on the fundraiser). Consider purchasing a wall tile for the school to display for years to come. You get a sucker when you turn in your order form and your class could win a pizza party. Any questions, contact the school.

**The Importance of Home & School
Teamwork**

Neither parents nor teachers working alone can do everything to help students learn. But **when parents and teachers are on the same team, children win every time.** Here's how you can contribute to the partnership:

- **Teach responsibility for learning & behavior.** A child who understands and accepts responsibility will do better in school. And the very best place for your child to learn to take responsibility is right at home.
- **Teach your child to set goals.** At the beginning of the week, help your child identify one goal, write it on a piece of paper and post it in a prominent spot. Talk about how to accomplish the goal. Help your child break it down into smaller steps. At the end of the week, did your child achieve the goal? Talk together about why or why not.
- **Teach your child to be organized for school.** Together, decide where your child can keep everything for school - books and supplies, completed homework assignments, special projects, permission slips. Your child's final responsibility each evening is to put everything for school the following day in that place.

Texas Road House Family Night brought in approx. \$1,000!! That means E.A. White will receive a check for \$105.00!! Way to go!! Remember, Chuck E. Cheese will be our family fun night destination for November. The date is Nov. 10th. There will be fliers going home soon. There will be no Family Fun Night for the month of December. We will resume at Texas Road House again in January.

Thank You

On behalf of the students I would like to thank you for your phenomenal support of our recent book fair. The Volunteers were awesome and the customers were very generous. As a result of the book fair we have new books for our library and other needed items.

Information Specialist



BOX TOPS for EDUCATION:

E.A. White families raised \$78.00 through Box Tops for the month of September. Keep it up! Remember to register for our school at www.btfef.com. You can print out coupons for many items and raise money for our school by shopping through their link to over 70 stores, such as Lands End and Target. We had 5 new families register in October!

We are going to mix it up in November...**the winning class will pick their prize!** The class that brings in the most Box Tops will be given several options from extra recess to movie and popcorn in the class. They will vote on their prize and be rewarded in December. Start clipping!

Congratulations to Mrs. Wilson's 4th grade class for bringing in the most Box Tops for September!



Lion's Pride PTO 2009/2010 Budget:

	YTD	
	Budget	Actual
Income:		
Membership Income	\$500	\$480
Donations/other	-	332
Chuck E Cheese/TX Roadhouse	1,000	247
Box Top Income	900	24
T-shirts/school items	1,000	1,146
Popcorn and Pickles	1,000	747
Candle Queen	2,500	2,450
Square One Art	1,500	-
Talent Show/Family Night	2,500	-
Total Income	\$10,900	\$5,426

General Expenses:

Teachers - classroom supplies	2,400	1,150
PTO Board supplies & childcare	200	44
Stickers, ribbons, trophies	525	73
Teacher/Volunteer Appreciation	750	95
Other various expenses	1,210	403
Total General Expenses	\$5,085	\$1,765

School Programs:

Columbus State programs	650	700
Springer field trip	2,000	-
Pine Mtn program	50	-
Joanna Maddox program	500	-
Total Programs expense	\$3,200	700

Approved purchases: