

East Ridge PTA Newsletter

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Will You Be The Next PTA President? How About PTA Treasurer?

You may have heard that there is a PTA Nominating Committee out there looking to fill the positions of PTA President and PTA Treasurer for next year. Do they meet in smoke filled rooms where fat cat promises and secret deals go down to decide the leadership of PTA? Not at all!!



The Nominating Committee doesn't decide who serves but just makes a concerted effort to find the willing volunteers. So, don't let worries of primaries and run-offs keep you from volunteering. We won't ask you to stump for votes or make promises to special interests to win a nomination. If you want to be President or Treasurer just tell the Nominating Committee and you are as good as "in." It will be the easiest "election" you've ever won!

And if you are still thinking you don't want to be President of Treasurer - may we humbly remind you that no one else before you ever really did either! But they were moved to serve so that the PTA programs we all enjoy, like Fall Festival, ASAP, Science to Go, Yearbook, School Play, Spelling Bee, Chess Club and many others, would continue to function.

So, don't kiss any babies (unless you want to) - just contact the **Nominating Committee** by emailing **Trish Cooper** at trishpcooper@yahoo.com or call her at **788-6623**. We can't wait to hear from you!!



PTA Family Program Night Musical "Spotlight" - Tuesday, April 28th - 7pm in Gym

The East Ridge sixth graders and Music Teacher Janie Anderson would like to invite you to a night of "Spotlight" musical performances.

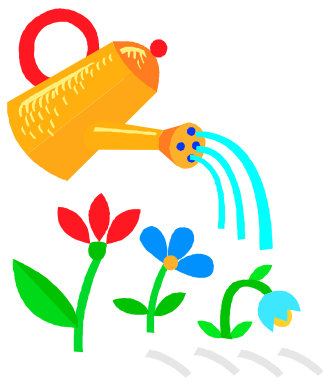
There will be performances by 6th grade music students on a variety of instruments including recorder, flute, and strings. There will also be singing and the debut performance on our new steel drums!

We are excited to show some of what we've learned in Music this year and hope you will join us!

There will be a brief PTA meeting just prior to the start of the program. And, as always, ERPTA Hospitality will provide refreshments after the program.

Questions? Please contact **ERPTA VP for Programs Trish Cooper** at 788-6623 / programs@erpta.org or **East Ridge Music Teacher Janie Anderson** at janderson2@nsd.org





East Ridge Staff Plant the Seeds of Knowledge

Staff Appreciation Week — May 11 to 15

Please join us in showing our school staff how much we appreciate them! The theme this year is “East Ridge Staff Plant the Seeds of Knowledge” and we have lots of fun and exciting garden themed events going on the week of May 11th.

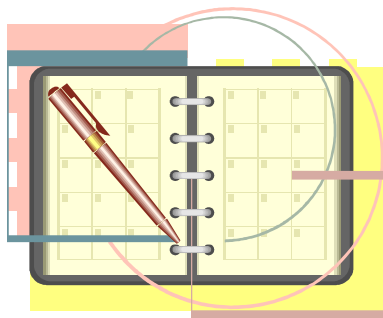
We start the week of with a **Blooming Breakfast** on Monday followed by **Glorious Gift Baskets** on Tuesday. Wednesday will be a **Calming Coffee Break** and Thursday will be a **Picnic Baskets** full of goodies. Finally on Friday, we will have a **Garden Party Luncheon** and **RAFFLE**.

Can you help? Donations for the staff raffle can be accepted at any time before the luncheon on May 15th. Please drop them off at the PTA office with a note attached indicating that the gift is for the raffle and your name. If you can help with any of the other events please sign up at:

www.erappreciation.tadalist.com

user name: **staffapp** password: **erpta**

We will need a lot of help to make this a success, so sign up now. Questions? Contact **ERPTA Staff Appreciation Chair Karen Gahrns** at appreciation@erpta.org or **788-7526**.



PTA Board Meetings

Please Note Upcoming Date Changes!

The remaining East Ridge PTA Board Meeting dates have been changed and will now be held on the following dates, at school:

Friday May 8th at 9:00 am

Friday June 12th at 9:00 am

Please add them to your calendar. Meetings are open to all PTA members. If you wish to propose an agenda item for the meeting please contact the PTA President at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting by emailing president@erpta.org. All meetings are held at East Ridge Elementary and you will find the specific location for the meeting when you sign in at the office.

This School House Rocks!

East Ridge Kids Shine on Stage!

East Ridge PTA's annual School Musical was a great success. Our outstanding student performers brought their talents to the stage in song, dance and acting as well as in the sound tech crew. And our amazing parent volunteers helped facilitate an on-stage and behind the scenes success!

My special thanks to Julie Vandehey, Steve Falcon and Tim Root who offered many hours of teaching and directing, Lynn Fleischer who provided the kids with her costuming talents and production experience and Nancy Nygren and Carol Hook who took wonderful photos. You can view and download copies of the pictures at the following flickr.com sites:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/umichfans/sets/72157614921706863>

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/umichfans/sets/72157615782495597>

Planning is already in the works for the 2010 ERPTA School Musical, which will be **Willy Wonka, Jr.** Will you find the Golden Ticket? Questions? Contact **ERPTA Play Chair Debbie Markezich** at debnron@hotmail.com.





Scrip - For Our Kids!

Everyday Purchases Provide Extraordinary Results!

The eScrip program is a wonderful way to raise money for PTA to use for our kids and staff! And the beauty of the program is that all you have to do is shop with your registered Safeway Club card.

But that's not all! Our earnings are not limited to the use of your Safeway Club card. You can also register any one or all of your existing grocery loyalty, debit and credit cards for use in this program.

A long list of participating merchants such as Macy's, Staples, Barnes & Noble and Safeway will make contributions to East Ridge PTA, based on purchases made by you, just by using the cards you have registered.

You can even track purchases online, allowing you to see just how much you are earning for our PTA. eScrip guarantees confidentiality to every customer.

To register, please go to www.eScrip.com and register using our **Group ID #8562022**. If you have any difficulties registering or locating our group online, please contact **ERPTA eScrip Chair Bee Creel** at escrip@erpta.org.

PTA Calendar

Friday	April 24	Popcorn Friday - Don't Forget Your Quarter!	
Tuesday	April 28	PTA Program Night! 6 th Grade Talent Showcase - 7pm - Gym	
Monday	May 4	Newsletter Published	
Friday	May 8	PTA Board Meeting 9am at East Ridge	
Monday Friday	May 11 - May 15	Staff Appreciation Week "East Ridge Staff Plant the Seeds of Knowledge"	
Friday	May 22	Popcorn Friday - Don't Forget Your Quarter!	
Monday	May 25	No School - Memorial Day	
Tuesday	May 26	No School - Teacher Work Day	