

East Ridge PTA Newsletter

Monday, June 8, 2009

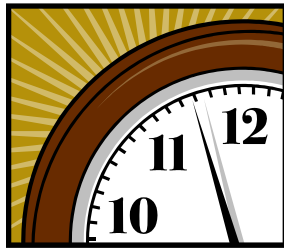


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President's Message

Lisa Goldman, PTA President

Where has the time gone?? It's hard to believe that we are quickly coming to the end of yet another school year! I would like to take this last news letter to say **THANK YOU** to the very large group of parents who volunteer in many different ways at East Ridge!



Whether you have volunteered as a PTA Board Member or Committee Chair, the amount of time and energy you have given to your programs and events is amazing. I know that you often work late nights and give up time with your own family to make sure that your program is successful. Your passion and commitment to the East Ridge Community really shows! Thank you for the countless hours you have volunteered!

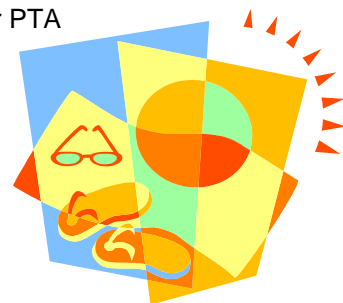
In addition to our PTA leaders the East Ridge community is lucky to have an amazing cadre of volunteers who give their time at school. A near constant stream of parents passes through the office every day signing in and putting on their volunteer badges. As they head off to a classroom, recess duty, the library, or to lead a program, it is plain to see that we are a very fortunate school community. To each of you who have arranged your schedule to spend time volunteering at school I give you my humble thanks!

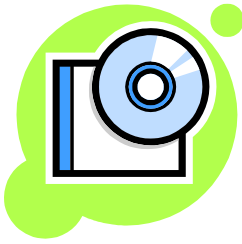


And last, but certainly not least, a thank you goes out to our wonderful Principal, Stacy Murphy and the amazing staff at East Ridge. They are an incredible group of dedicated individuals who regularly go above and beyond for our kids. Their commitment to our children will leave them enthused about learning and be better prepared for the future. Personally, our family has experienced a number of different schools over the years and I can honestly say that none compares to the high caliber of East Ridge. We are all extremely lucky to have a staff that has as much talent and enthusiasm for our kids as the Staff at East Ridge Elementary!



I appreciate the opportunity to have been your PTA President this past year. I know you are in good hands with our incoming President Denise Nicholson and can look forward to another amazing year come next fall. Meanwhile enjoy the wonderful summer months ahead, because before you realize it, September 2nd will sneak up on you!





End of Year DVD

Orders are due Tuesday!

Great news! The deadline to order your End of Year DVD has been extended until Tuesday, June 9th! But that is the absolute deadline to guarantee yourself a copy so send in your order NOW!

There will be a limited number of extras DVDs produced but there is no guarantee that there will be enough for everyone. So don't take the chance - order yours today! Print an order form at www.erpta.org/dvd.pdf

Questions? Contact **ERPTA Historian Nancy Nygren** at nygrens1@comcast.net



Penny Drive Makes Cents!

Bring Change to East Ridge!

The school year is almost over, but our penny drive isn't! We still have a long way to go to reach our goal of **One Million Pennies**.

Keep collecting those pennies all summer and we will continue the collection when school starts back up in September. Every penny gets us closer to our goal!

Questions? Call or email **Rebecca Gerhardt** at 425-844-1177 or RebeccaLGerhardt@aol.com



Friends of the Library

Birthday Book Club

Thank you for the following donations to our library through the Birthday Book Club!

Nate P. - *The Last Olympian*

Erik S. - *Williwaw!*

Evan R. - *Alien Feast*

Ainsley O. - *Dan's Angel; Ice Bears; and Beautiful Butterflies*

Nathan T. - *Jin Jin the Dragon and The World's Greatest Poems*

Sammy F. - *Diary of a Wimpy Kid (Rodrick Rules)*

Riley H. - *Amelia's Itch-Twitchy, Lovey-Dovey Summer at Camp Mosquito*

If you would like to donate a book to our library, go to Ms. Chwirka's Wish List on Amazon - <http://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/registry.html/103-8766170-8253436?ie=UTF8&type=wishlist&id=2T5PRXX4883JF>



Staff Appreciation Week Volunteers

Thank You From Staff Appreciation Chair Karen Gahrns

A huge and sincere THANK-YOU to everyone who helped out with Staff Appreciation week. It wouldn't have been as wonderful without your help!

The food was abundant and delicious, the gift baskets were larger and fuller than I have ever seen them before and the raffle items were amazing and plentiful.

Thank-you, thank-you, thank-you! You are awesome and it is support like this that helps make East Ridge such a wonderful school.

I have received several emails and notes from teachers and staff members thanking all of you as well, and stating how very pampered and special they felt last week. I think we all did a good job. Thank you again for your help, your support and your contributions.

PTA Calendar

June 2009

Tuesday	June 9	Deadline for DVD orders
Friday	June 12	Popcorn Friday!
Thursday	June 18	Field Day
Friday	June 19	Deadline for PTA Reimbursements
Friday	June 19	Last Day of School



Looking Ahead...

September 2009



Wednesday	September 2	Welcome Back Coffee for All Parents 9:00am - 10:30am in Library
Friday	September 11	Welcome Back Evening Family Event
Friday	September 25	Walk-A-Thon Fundraiser

