

East Ridge PTA Newsletter

Monday, May 4, 2009



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President's Message

Lisa Goldman, PTA President

Spring is finally here and with just seven weeks of school left PTA is busy organizing some **great events** to wrap up the year...



This month we are celebrating our wonderful East Ridge Staff with a week of **Staff Appreciation** events and will be helping to celebrate our students with our annual **Ice Cream Social** during the Learning Celebration. Next month we'll have **East Ridge A-Go-Go** at Timbercrest Junior High as well as **Field Day**.

I'm want to thank our **Nominating Committee**, Trish Cooper, Deanna Almond, and Kelda Thommen, who did an outstanding job. With their help a **full slate of officers** was elected at the April 28th General Membership Meeting. Please join me in thanking the following volunteers who have stepped up to lead PTA in the 2009-2010 school year:



Denise Nicholson - President
Becky Gerhardt - Vice President for Fundraising
Trish Cooper - Vice President for Programs
Angela Van Lierop - Treasurer
Richelle Strom - Secretary

Now that the leadership is in place for next year we need to turn our focus to filling open **Committee Chair positions**. The following chair positions are still open for next year:

Hospitality, Membership, Newsletter, ASAP, Co-Chair for Art Docent, Audit Committee, Chess Club, Classic Books, Directory Advertising, Fall Festival, Legislation, Popcorn Friday, Playground, Reflections, Spring Dance, and Webmaster.



There is something for everyone!

If you are interested in any of these positions please contact me (president@erpta.org) or our incoming PTA President Denise Nicholson (denisenicholson@gmail.com).



Finally, I'd like to remind everyone that our next **PTA Board Meeting** will be this Friday, May 8th at 9am at East Ridge. You will be able to find the **agenda** for each upcoming Board meeting posted at www.erpta.org three days before each meeting. You can also find the **minutes** from our meetings at www.erpta.org/minutes.html.



Staff Appreciation Week is Almost Here!

It's not too late to help!

If you would still like to help shower our staff with gratitude during our traditional week long celebration of the East Ridge staff, please log on to:

www.erappreciation.tadalist.com

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

We still need help with food for the **breakfast**, gathering goods for the **baskets**, subbing for the **coffee breaks** and food for the **luncheon** on Friday, as well as donations for the **greatly enjoyed raffle**.

Questions? Contact **ERPTA Staff Appreciation Chair Karen Gahrns** at appreciation@erpta.org or 788-7526.



Bring Change To East Ridge!

The Penny Drive Makes Cents!

The penny drive is under way and we are off to a great start. Since starting the drive on March 2nd, we have collected 50,000 pennies! That's \$500 of cold hard cash!

But remember, our goal is **ONE MILLION PENNIES** so we still have a long way to go. Every penny counts and we are really excited that we will be able to give East Ridge Elementary \$10,000 when we reach our goal! So keep sending in those pennies!

Out of pennies, but still want to contribute? Send in your silver change or bills and we'll convert it to pennies and add them to the jar in the library.

Questions? Contact **Rebecca Gerhardt** at RebeccaLGerhardt@aol.com or 844-1177

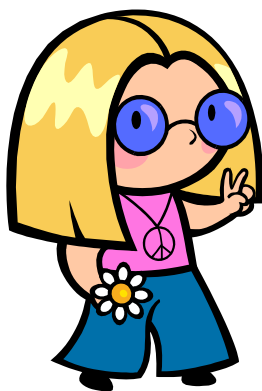


Ice-Cream Social

No Need to Scream for Ice-Cream!

Please join us at the Annual PTA Ice Cream Social during the East Ridge Elementary Learning Celebration on Tuesday, May 12th.

You'll be treated to your choice of ice-cream sandwich, ice-cream bar or ice-pop!



East Ridge A-Go-Go

At Timbercrest Junior High!

You won't want to miss this party at Timbercrest Junior High exclusively for the students of East Ridge!

More information will be coming home soon, but in the meantime dust off those bell-bottoms and mark your calendars!

FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 2009

5:30-8:30 PM

TIMBERCREST JUNIOR HIGH

Questions? Contact **Suzanne Brown** at suzanne@sbrownfamily.com or 788-7566



Friends of the Library

Birthday Book Club

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

Natalie M. - *Great Bear Lake*

Veronica U. - *A Kick in the Head* and *Mrs. Muddle's Holidays*

Ethan W. - *Raven Rise* and *Six Innings*

Tessa E. - *Waggits Tale*

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>



School Banking Program Ends

Your Funds are Safe!

We have been informed by WAMU/Chase that the student banking program has been terminated as of May 1, 2009.

There will be no further banking days at school but the accounts remain intact at WAMU/Chase. Any deposits will now have to be made at a WAMU/Chase bank branch.

If you have any questions please contact **ERPTA Banking Chair Loren DiDomizio** at didomizio4@yahoo.com

PTA Calendar

Friday	May 8	PTA Board Meeting 9am	
Monday Friday	May 11 - May 15	Staff Appreciation Week "East Ridge Staff Plant the Seeds of Knowledge"	
Tuesday	May 12	PTA Ice Cream Social at Learning Celebration	
Friday	May 22	Popcorn Friday - Don't Forget Your Quarter!	
Monday Tuesday	May 25 May 26	No School - Memorial Day No School - Teacher Work Day	
Friday	June 5	East Ridge A-Go-Go at Timbercrest	