

East Ridge PTA Newsletter

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President's Message

Lisa Goldman, PTA President

December is already upon us and I just can't believe it! On the PTA front, December is relatively quiet with no big events planned. But come January, it will all change!

The PTA will be looking for three individuals who would like to serve on the **Nominating Committee**. This committee is tasked with finding and nominating volunteers for any open elected PTA officer position (the elected positions each year are President, VP for Programs, VP for Fundraising, Secretary and Treasurer). If you would like to join the Nominating Committee, please give me a call or send me an email.



Also, in January, we will have a joint **Family Program Night with the Wellington Elementary PTA!!** Come and join us for a short PTA General meeting in one of the Wellington classrooms and then over to the gym to meet Author David Schwartz. This will be a great night of fun, so come to Wellington and check it out!

Wishing all East Ridge families a safe and happy holiday season! Remember to check out website at www.erpta.org for the most up to date PTA information, night or day, and look for our next newsletter on January 12, 2009!!

Contact me anytime with questions or comments at president@erpta.org or 788-8833.

Grant a Teacher's Wish!

Teacher and Staff Wish Lists Are Now Online!

PTA is trying something new this year to help our teachers and staff get things they need for their classrooms and our school.



We have set up lists of their "wishes" so that parents can consider contributing those items to their child's classroom. We know that our families are generous and want to help - so we hope this will be a good way for you to know what our teachers really want and need for their classrooms.

You can access the Wish Lists on the front page of www.erpta.org. Or go directly to the lists at <http://eastridgepta.tadalist.com> and log in with password "wishlist"

If you do not see your teacher's name you might consider the school-wide needs list or ask your teacher to contact us with information on what they need for their classrooms.

Questions about the Wish Lists can be sent to **ERPTA President Lisa Goldman** at president@erpta.org



100% PTA Membership Blitz!

Coming in January!

Look for new and improved hard copies of membership forms to come home via kid mail in January! If you haven't signed up yet then this will be the time to do it!



PTA Program Night

A Special Joint Program with Wellington Elementary School

East Ridge PTA and Wellington PTA are co-hosting Author David Schwartz on **January 13** for Family Night at Wellington Elementary!

With his ***Numbers, Numbers, Everywhere!*** Program David shows how numbers enrich our lives. He treats families to delightful storytelling, and talks about the connection between stories and numbers.

David is an accomplished storyteller and an innovator in presenting mathematical information in engaging ways, using humor and a wealth of visuals to inspire and inform. David customizes his presentations to audiences from early primary through secondary school grades. Children and adults learn, laugh, think, and howl with delight!

There will be a short East Ridge PTA meeting at Wellington Elementary prior to the presentation. More information about the evening's events will be sent home via kid mail the week prior to the event.

Questions? Please contact **ERPTA VP for Programs Trish Cooper** at **788-6623** or programs@erpta.org.



What's That Buzzing Sound?

2009 Spelling Bees Coming Soon!

Information about the 2009 Spelling Bees will be coming home soon, but in the meantime start studying those dictionaries and make a note of the dates of our Bees:

1st & 2nd Grade Bee – Wednesday, January 14th

3rd & 4th Grade Bee – Wednesday, January 21st

5th & 6th Grade Bee - Wednesday, January 28th

All Bees will be held in the East Ridge Gym and will begin at 3:15pm.

Questions? Contact **PTA Spelling Bee Coordinator Mary Mulkins** at spellingbee@erpta.org



Reflections

Wow is Right!

Thank you to all of the talented children who entered their work into the Reflections art competition this year with their interpretation of the theme "Wow!"

We had a great gallery and presentation night and had 47 works of art submitted. 24 of the works will advance to District Level. It done to the children for all of their hard work!

Questions? Please contact **East Ridge PTA Reflections Chair Julie Amer** at reflections@erpta.org



eScrip

'Tis the Season to Help East Ridge PTA's Funding Grow!

The holiday season is a great time to earn extra money for our PTA just by remembering to use your Safeway Club Card every time you shop at Safeway.

But don't stop there. Our school's earnings are not limited to just the usage 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 school. eScrip guarantees confidentiality to every customer.

To register, or confirm your ongoing membership please go to www.eScrip.com Our Group is ID #8562022 (note - a wrong ID # was inadvertently submitted in the last newsletter).

If you have any difficulties registering or locating our group online, please feel free to **East Ridge PTA eScrip Chair Bea Creel** at escrip@erpta.org.



Box Tops 4 Education

Keep Clipping - Another Contest is Just Around the Corner!

As the holiday festivities get underway, please remember to check your packages for Box Top labels.

Box Top labels can be found on so many items we use during the holiday season such as Kleenex, refrigerated rolls and cookies, disposable plates & cups, Ziploc bags, etc. There are literally hundreds of items in the stores that have the Box Top labels on them these days.

Remember every box top collected is worth 10¢ for our PTA. It may seem small at first, but it really adds up quickly. Our second and final collection of the school year will be held either late January or early February. Stay tuned for more detail in our next PTA newsletter.

If you have any questions about Box Tops, please feel free to contact **East Ridge PTA Box Tops chair Bea Creel** at boxtops@erpta.org.



6th Grade & Current Timbercrest Parents

Timbercrest PTSA Needs Your Help

Timbercrest PTSA is hoping to recruit current parents of East Ridge 6th graders for our incoming PTSA Board next year.

We also have an immediate need to to replace our Treasurer for this year. The current volunteer needs to let the position go as she no longer has a student at our school. So, if you are an East Ridge Parent who currently has a student at Timbercrest Junior High and you are interested in helping out this year we'd love to hear from you.

Please contact **Timbercrest PTSA Nominating Committee member Laurie Roberts** at 425-788-5927 or laurie@casaroberts.com



Friends of the Library

Birthday Book Club

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

Ethan T. - *Space Disasters*

Ashleigh M. - *Black Beauty, T is for Tugboat, Imagine a Dragon*

Natalie M. - *Brisling, Inkdeath, Seekers*

Shannon M. - *The Tail of Emily Windsnap*

Mali M. - *Emily Windsnap and the Monster from the Deep*

Jana S. - *Elephants and Golden Thrones*

Special Note! Jana S. was a student at East Ridge between from 1994 - 2001. She was looking at the Wish Lists on Amazon.com and found our East Ridge Library wish list. When she saw this, she decided to donate a book to our library! Thanks Jana S. for supporting your old school library!

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>

PTA Calendar December 2008

Friday	December 19	Popcorn Friday - Don't Forget Your Quarter!
Monday - Monday	December 22 - January 5	No School - Winter Break

January 2009

Monday	January 5	No School - Last Day of Winter Break!
Tuesday	January 6	Back to School!
Monday	January 12	PTA Newsletter Published
Tuesday	January 13	PTA Program Night at Wellington Elementary 7pm
Wednesday	January 14	1 st & 2 nd Grade Spelling Bee in Gym 3:15pm
Monday	January 19	No School - MLK Day
Wednesday	January 21	3 rd & 4 th Grade Spelling Bee in Gym 3:15pm
Friday	January 23	Popcorn Friday - Don't Forget Your Quarter!
Wednesday	January 28	5 th & 6 th Grade Spelling Bee in Gym 3:15pm
Friday	January 30	No School - Non-Student Day