

East Ridge PTA Newsletter

Monday, March 16, 2009



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President's Message

Lisa Goldman, PTA President

We are looking for a **President and Treasurer** for East Ridge PTA in the 2009-2010 school year. We will not have a functioning PTA if these positions are not filled. So if you know someone who has a passion for our school and our kids, and can help lead our PTA next year, please let us know!

Send all questions regarding nominations for PTA President and PTA Treasurer to myself, president@erpta.org or **788-8833**. Or contact the **PTA Nominating Committee - Trish Cooper, Deanna Almond and Kelda Thommen**. You can find their contact information in the Directory.



The Reptile Man is coming to East Ridge!

Tuesday, March 17th, 7pm in the Gym

Join us for a special St. Patrick's Day PTA Program Night that promises thrills and chills! The Reptile Man, otherwise known as Scott Petersen, will surely spark your interests in the natural sciences and the importance of all animals in the balance of nature!

You may have seen Scott on Disney's nationally televised Bill Nye - The Science Guy, Evening Magazine, Northwest Afternoon, Town Meeting, Q13 Kids Club, or Watch This. Now see him, and his animal entourage, up close and personal at East Ridge!!

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



Cookies and Juice

Make our Program Night Even More Fun!

If you can make or buy baked treats or juice for our PTA Program Night on the 17th please contact **East Ridge PTA Hospitality Chair Kathleen Summers** at hospitality@erpta.org. Thanks!



Penny Drive Makes Cents!

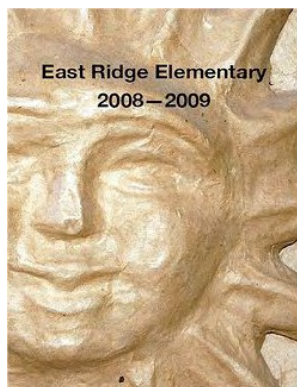
Making Our Way to One Million!!

The penny drive is under way and we are off to a great start. Since March 2, we have collected 24,000 pennies! That is \$240!

We still have a long way to go, so keep those pennies coming!

Remember that our goal is one million pennies and we will keep collecting until we reach it. Every penny gets us closer to our goal.

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



It's your year....

Remember it with a School Yearbook!

East Ridge's 2008-2009 Yearbook orders start this week! You will be receiving order forms in your child's mail later this week, and additional order forms will be available in the office. Orders will be taken through Friday, April 3 (the last day of school before spring break). Yearbooks are expected to arrive at school around June 8th.

We are moving to FULL COLOR yearbooks this year, which is an exciting development! Reserve yours today!

Questions? Contact **ERPTA Yearbook Chair Nancy Nygren** at yearbook@ertpa.org



2009 Classic Books Program

Beginning after Spring Break

It is almost time to begin our 2009 Classic Books Program for students in 3rd-6th grade. If you like to read and talk this is the perfect program for you!

Each Grade level book club will meet once every two weeks to discuss the book they have chosen as group to read. Sign up sheets will be coming home with the children shortly.

PARENTS we need your help to make this a success. It is great fun and can be VERY rewarding.

If you are interested in being a group facilitator, please contact **ERPTA Classic Books Chair Julie Amer** at julie_amer@hotmail.com or 425-939-0687



PTA Legislation

Sign the Washington Kids Can't Wait Petition

The petition was developed by Lisa Layera Bunkan & Susan McBurney (two of the "Spokane Library Ladies"), the League of Education Voters, Stand for Children, and the Washington State PTA and posted online on March 9, 2009.

I recommend it to you for your consideration.

<http://gopetition.com/petitions/wakidscantwait.html>

Questions? Contact **ERPTA Legislation Chair Kirsten Taniguchi** at legislation@erpta.org.



Reflections Art Competition

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Katie D. and Kevin H. who received honorable mentions this year. Congratulations also to Grant B. whose entry has reached State level.

Never Too Early To Start Creating!

The 2009 Reflections Art Competition theme will be **"Beauty is..."**

PTA Calendar

Tuesday	March 17	PTA Program Night! The Reptile Man - 7pm - Gym
Friday	March 20	No School - Teacher Work Day
Friday	March 27	Popcorn Friday - Don't Forget Your Quarter!
Friday	April 3	No School - Teacher Work Day
Monday- Friday	April 6- April 10	No School - Spring Break
Monday	April 13	PTA Board Meeting - 9:30am
Monday	April 20	Newsletter Published
Friday	April 24	Popcorn Friday - Don't Forget Your Quarter!
Tuesday	April 28	PTA Program Night! 6th Grade Talent Showcase - 7pm - Gym

