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# The Eagle Tribune



## *Ellis Middle School*

### **NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

#### Newsletter

We are combining the Principal and School's Newsletter because of February vacation. Next week, you will receive our March edition of Middle Years. The third and fourth week of the month, you will see our PTA Newsletter and March School Newsletter.

#### HOMework HOTLINES

- **Grade 5—x 175**
- **Grade 6—x 176**
- **Grade 7—x 177**
- **Grade 8—x 178**

#### Website

We recently met with the Principal, Assistant Principal and Guidance Counselor from Sanborn High School. We discussed the transition for our 8<sup>th</sup> graders and ways of making it better. There are links on our Middle School website for High School information. As Sanborn sends me information, I will post it there. The first event coming up is the 8th Grade Open House on March 11. More information regarding this night is in this Newsletter.

#### S.A.S.S.

Due to Monday's school closure and cancellation of our S.A.S.S parent information night, we have postponed the classroom presentations. We are currently negotiating new dates for the Parent Information Night and the classroom presentations.

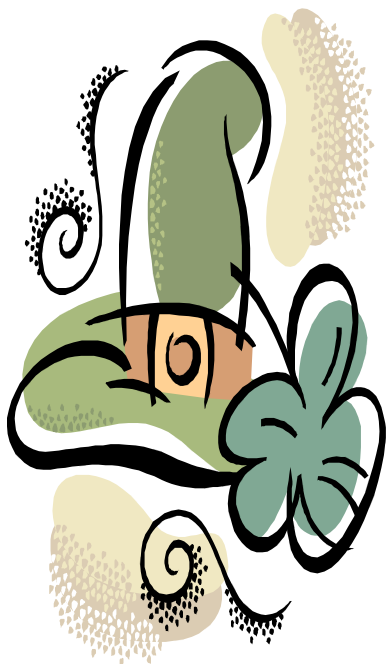
#### Extra-Curricular Activities

Eagle League has begun with Mr. Fernandes, Ellis School Art Teacher,. We have a small number in Eagle League this year, and anticipated the success of this year's Eagle League will increase our numbers for next year.

The Pat's Peak Ski Program has begun as an after-school program with about 70 students involved. Mrs. Antoine and Mrs. Jackson are the co-coordinators of the Program this year.

#### Environmental Educator of the Year

Mrs. Foley has been selected as the New Hampshire Environmental Educator of the Year. Mrs. Foley will be honored at the New Hampshire Environmental Educators Annual Conference on March 10th. Congratulations!





## 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE LANGUAGE ARTS - MRS. LEE

### The QUEST has begun.

**Fairy Tale Frolickers** have embarked on an adventuresome quest to save **Queen Loopey Lee** from the silly sleeping Sickness. Quests target reading and analyzing **for purpose**.

**Purposes include:** Identifying elements of the genre, explaining theme, comparing various texts, connecting with previous texts and personal experiences, predicting and evaluating character change, identifying point of view and influences, and **MORE.....**

Our FTF will be fatigued by the time they are introduced to their **FINAL Quest**, synthesizing an

arts-based version of their fairy tale of choice, but angled from an alternate point of view.

Though **dragon singed** and **wizard weary**, I have unlimited confidence that our warriors will conquer, as not to let Queen Loopey Lee in a forever state of sleep.

#### WORD STUDY:

We will be having a **CUMULATIVE WORD STUDY** and **VOCABULARY ASSESSMENT** this Friday.

Word lists are going home today. Students should study their words, rules, AND vocabulary. **NEXT WEEK** we will be analyzing **word roots, prefixes, and suffixes**.

With knowledge of word parts,

students will be more able to dissect and analyze unknown words.

I will continue to reinforce **WOW** (Words of the Week), **NEW** (No Excuse Words), and commonly **misused homophones**.

#### Grammar, Mechanics, Conventions, etc...

will include Rapunzel run-ons, Fairy Tale Fragments, Dragon Dialogue, Spellbinding Similes, Cinderella sequencing and more!

Questions, concerns, comments: please e-mail [rlee@sau83.org](mailto:rlee@sau83.org) or by calling 895.2511 x 502

## SEACOAST SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY

**Technology Fun Night**  
**Friday, March 19, 2010**  
**6:00 PM – 8:30PM**

The Seacoast School of Technology is hosting a Technology Fun Night for 5th through 9th grade boys and girls from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on March 19th. The cost is a voluntary donation of 3 cans of food for local food bank per person. If you would like to

bring more cans, all donations will gladly be accepted.

This school year, the Seacoast School of Technology is offering a series of events for students to show just how much fun learning about technology can be!

Call SST at 775-8461 to register prior to March 18, 2010. This program is limited to 40 students

on a first-come, first-served basis.

This month we will be learning about Creating Art with Fractals. There will be door prizes.



## HURRICANE BY HALEY IN 7C



Tidal waves a blast,  
 Against the quaking rocks,  
 Looking down from a cliff at quivering and shaking docks.  
 Even though some gave way,  
 So far the rest have decided to stay.  
 Though, they will be wiped out at the end of the day.  
 Somewhere farther into land,  
 Beyond the ocean and soaking sand,  
 Trees crash and houses flood,  
 And some cars are stuck in the mud.  
 Way farther into land,  
 States away beyond the sand,  
 Gentle rain drops not so fierce  
 Do not alert us like those we can't hear.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL GUIDANCE NEWS

**S.A.S.S.**-Currently we are working on re-scheduling the S.A.S.S. Parent Forum so that we may be able to have the representatives from S.A.S.S. come into the classrooms for grades 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Sanborn Open House** is Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. Hope to see you all there!

**March 17<sup>th</sup>** Sanborn High School representatives will be in Ellis School to go over course selection sheets with our 8<sup>th</sup> graders. The sheets will be due the following week.

**Avenue A. Youth Center Summer Program** - I just received some information about a summer program from AmeriCorps VISTA at the Epping Recreation Department. Avenue A. is designed specifically to meet the needs of youth entering 6<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> grade and will provide both all day and special programming. The cost is \$70 a week. To find out more information on these summer camps please visit their website at [www.avenueyouthcenter.org](http://www.avenueyouthcenter.org).

### Local Resources

**DC4K** - Divorce Care for Kids meets at People's United Methodist Church, 363 Main Street, Fremont NH, Saturdays from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. For more information or to register, call Dawn at 603-702-1943 or visit. [www.DC4K.org](http://www.DC4K.org).

**Stepping Stones** - A free bereavement program for children and teens starts Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup> and ends Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. This program runs from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 pm at the Congregational Church, 2013 Elm Street, Manchester NH. For more information, contact Gary at 603-663-4005

**Families First** presents Teen Risk-Taking: How to Keep it Safe and Useful at the New Outlet Teen Center, 20 Front Street, Exeter at 6:30 p.m. For more information on this presentation and other upcoming events, please visit their website at [www.FamiliesFirstSeacoast.org](http://www.FamiliesFirstSeacoast.org)

**Lunch Groups:** I realize that some student could use a break from the cafeteria, and I am going to be offering students the opportunity to sign up for a lunch group. The group will take place once a week in my office with other Middle School students for 8 weeks. I will inform students on how to go about signing up for a lunch group with me.

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### IMPORTANT DATES—MARCH



**DATE CHANGE** - March 8 - Parent Forum 5:00-6:00  
 March 11 - Sanborn 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Open House - 6:00  
 March 12 - Second Trimester Ends  
 March 12 - School Dance 7:00-9:00  
 March 13 - School District Meeting at Ellis School 9:00 AM  
 March 19 - Report Cards sent home  
 March 19 - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Spaghetti Dinner 5:00 - 7:00  
 March 26 - Night of the Stars 7:00  
 March 29 - Teacher Workshop Day— No School  
 April 14-15 - Wizard of Oz Play at Ellis School

# Open House For 8th Grade Students & Parents



**When: Thursday, March 11, 2010 @ 6:00 PM**

**Where: The High School Auditorium**

- **Tours of the building**
- **Meet with administrators and teachers**
- **Meet parents of current/past students**
- **Learn about the high school experience**
- **Get your questions answered**

## Welcome SRHS Class of 2014!



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