

# Ellis School Newsletter

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## SAVE THE DATE!

The "Go Green Go Healthy" Fair will be held Saturday, Feb 7th from 9:30 am- 12:30 pm (Snow Date: Feb 14th). Based on your feedback to the Ellis Wellness Committee, we are currently assembling an exciting list of exhibitors and demonstrations related to wellness and green living. More info to follow.



December 19, 2008

## Upcoming Events:

- **December 22– Holiday Concert**  
6:30 pm in the Ellis Gym
- **December 24 - January 3- No School**  
Holiday Break

## Library News!



Apparently, library has been really exciting for the Elementary school. In first and second grade, they are reading traditional and modern fairy tales, and then comparing them. In third and fourth grade, they are also reading fairy tales. They recently had an election for the Ladybug Picture Book Awards. The winner statewide is a book called When Dinosaurs Came with Everything by Elise Broach and it was illustrated by David Small.

By Kayla Troy and Micaela Sampson

## Moon Lit Night

A silver glow of glimmers as the night comes by  
Coming peace and beauty  
Starlight twinkles upon the sky  
Though nothing seems that high  
When you sit upon the lake's edge the stars just look so bright  
It's like you can reach up and grab them  
On that peaceful moonlit night

By Haley Corning - 6m



Please Note:  
Change in **Date, Time and Place!**

The Winter Concert will be held at **6:30 pm on Monday December 22 in the Ellis Gym!**





## Almost out of the dust 7th Grade Language Arts

Students in 7<sup>th</sup> grade language arts classes have completed writing a news article for an event from the book, Out of the Dust. During this activity, students learned about the writing process and completed each step—Prewriting, Drafting, Revising, Editing, and Proofreading. Students also learned about one of the 6+1 traits of writing—Organization.

Each news article had to include the following parts: headline, byline, lead paragraph, explanation, and additional information.

First, students were given definitions of the parts of a news article and an example. Then, students were brought through each step of the writing process with their teacher while drafting a practice news article using a fairy tale. Finally, students were on their own to create an account of an event from the book they've been reading in class. When asked how the writing process helped her writing, Danielle Jongsma replied, "It helped me use more organization in my writing." Ryan DellaPenna responded, "I understand the writing process more and my sentences are more fluent."

The book, Out of the Dust was written by Karen Hesse. This book was the winner of the Newberry Medal. Out of the Dust is written in a series of free verse poems. The book takes place during the Dust Bowl years of the Great Depression.

by Susan Pipitone

### Nutritional News

This time of year is busy for just about everyone! Check out these tips for staying healthy on the go!

\*When ordering a kids meal, substitute fruit for the fries.

\*Have your kids help you make a large batch of trail mix at home using seeds, nuts, and dried fruit. Store trail mix in small bags so they are ready to go at a moments notice.

\*Ants on a Log—spread peanut butter on a piece of celery. Add raisins as ants and you have a fun, healthy treat.

### *Middle School Homework Helpline*

Parents or students call the school number of [895-2511](tel:895-2511) after school hours and dial one of the following extensions:

### **Telephone Extensions**

**Nurse—dial—8**

**Absent & Tardy Line—dial 7**

**Middle School Hours—7:50—2:20**

**Elementary Hours—8:35—3:05**