

Ellis School Newsletter

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February 4, 2009

February 6, 2009

Dear Families,

Well, we made it through January, the days are getting longer and I have seen Robins in my yard! Spring is on the way!

We have a number of exciting events that you might be interested in. After all, we can never have too much information as parents!

***First, our **Go Green, Go Healthy Fair is Saturday, February 7, 2009.**

This is an opportunity to gather information about healthy life styles and environmentally healthy practices. Admission is free, and all attendees will be entered into a raffle for some very nice prizes.

Doors open at **9:30 AM and close at 12:30**, please enter through the main entrance.

*****Families First** is hosting parenting workshops on **Tuesday 2/10/09 and 2/17/09**. I encourage parents and care givers with students in grades 3-8 to attend. This will be held in the school library, pizza and babysitting is available. Please call the school to sign up.

*****Reading and Literacy:** For parents and care givers of kindergarten and preschoolers. Please join us to learn about pre-reading strategies, Readers Workshop and best practices in literacy.

And finally, on **February, 18 and 19th** we will be presenting the first draft of our new **Standards Based Reporting system**.

Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction are constant intersecting practices that drive our instructional methods. In order to accurately track learning and report progress throughout the year we had to re-invent our reporting system. On these evenings you will learn how the proposed system will work. Your questions are important to us.

I hope to see everyone over the next two weeks.

Dawn Lewis
Elementary Principal

Upcoming Events:

- **February 7– Go Green Go Healthy Wellness Fair**
9:30 am– 12:30 pm
- **February 13– Middle School Dance**
Grades 6-8 only
- **February 23-27 No School**
February Break



Support Your 6th Graders!

The 6th grade class will be selling carnations to help raise money for Sargent Camp. Send a Flower to your favorite teacher, best friend, or any special middle school student! The cost of the flowers will be \$1.00. Orders will be taken during lunch on Wednesday 4 Feb, Thursday 5 Feb, Friday 6 Feb, Monday 9 Feb, Tuesday 10 Feb, and Wednesday 11 Feb. All Flowers will be delivered by the 6th Grade class on 13 February. Parents, Want to send your student a flower? Contact the main office for a form!

Seacoast School of Technology Day
Career and Technical Education

Kate Segal, Ellis Middle School Guidance Counselor

On Friday, March 6, 2009, Ellis School 8th graders will be participating in a half day Career and Technical Education Day at the Seacoast School of Technology. Middle school students who learn more about careers and the school to work connection are more likely to finish high school and obtain a four-year degree. All students will go on a tour of newly renovated Seacoast School of Technology and hear opening remarks, including an overview of the program of studies. Students will then visit two programs of interest based on four of their top choices. After closing remarks, students will return to Ellis in time for lunch.

The following lists the programs SST offers and related careers:

Animal Plant Science: professional fields include aquaculturist, greenhouse manager, sales, vet assistant, kennel manager, floral designer, stable manager, and veterinarian

Automotive Technologies: includes 13-bay automotive technology building, new dealer simulation area, parts room, engine repair, suspension and steering, brakes, electrical systems, engine performance, and state safety inspection

Biotechnology: professional field includes geneticist, forensic scientist, medical doctor, microbiologist, biochemist, bioinformatician, molecular biologist, and pathologist

Building Construction: professional fields include framing carpenter, cabinet maker/millwright, mason/plumber/electrician, architect, contractor/business owner, and concrete foundations/floors

Computer Programming: professional fields include computer game designer, software engineer, software support, application support, database programmer, and system analyst

Culinary Arts: professional fields include: restaurant manager, executive chef, catering manager, food service director, baker/pastry chef, restaurant owner, and dining room manager

Digital Communications: professional fields include: digital media specialist, web designer, graphic designer, animator, imaging specialist, multi-media technician

Early Childhood Education: professional fields include: K-12 teacher, early childhood educator, day care director, preschool teacher, social worker, child psychologist

Health Sciences and Technologies: professional fields include: nursing, physician, exercise science, athletic trainer, surgical technician, radiology, EMT/paramedic, pharmacy/dental, medical assistant, exercise science/massage therapy, occupational/respiratory therapy

Marketing Education: professional fields include: sales and management, business management, advertising associate, public relations/promotions, sports and entertainment, entrepreneur, e-commerce marketing

Pre-Engineering: professional fields include: civil engineer, chemical engineer, computer engineer, electrical engineer, mechanical engineer, nuclear engineer, systems engineer

Welding Technologies: professional fields include: welding engineer, welder/fabricator, machinist, plumbing/HVAC, steel worker/sheet metal

We hope that the tour of SST, along with shadowing two programs will give our students a new perspective on their studies because it shows them a number of choices for their future. Students become more academically motivated when they are better able to grasp the connection between school and careers. To prepare for this fieldtrip, Mrs. Segal and Mrs. DiBurro will be team teaching, having students analyze their personal skills and aptitudes, while discovering the connection between having multiple skills and succeeding in the workplace. The workplace of today requires employees who excel at communication, actively engage in teamwork, have problem-solving abilities and continue to learn new ideas and technology on the job. To be successful in the world of work, students need to acquire these kinds of skill sets.



2/4/09~~BOYS 7TH AND 8TH GRADE BASKETBALL~~THANK YOU!!



Thank you very much for allowing me the privilege of coaching your son in basketball for the Ellis School. I have been a coach for a variety of sports over 20 years from the age of four (pre-school) to 19 (high school senior), and this team peaks right at the top as one of the best groups of youth I've ever coached. This team had it all that this level needs to succeed, including but not limited to; outstanding sportsmanship, genuine and positive teamwork, the understanding of the true value of opposing players, coaches, and officials, and finally the importance of acknowledging that he is a role model for hundreds of other kids in the Ellis School, and elsewhere.

Each player experienced being a team captain, and fulfilled that role whole heartedly. The eighth grade players had a second opportunity as a team captain to assist in their preparation for high school sports next year.

Following every practice I had a special treat there for each player because I really wanted them to know how lucky I am that they're playing. Also following every team meeting, practice, and game I'd put basketball decals up on their individual posters I created in the gym prior to the beginning of the season, as a visual for each player and others to see just how much effort each player has given to the 7th and 8th grade boys basketball team. Each team member will bring his home following our end of the season pizza gathering.

Once again, with all this said, your son carries phenomenal characteristics that veteran coaches truly value, and welcome as a large part of their team. I thank you very much for taking the time running your son to and from practices, and games. Without you there is no team. Thank you for the gift of allowing me to experience your son's great characteristics in the wonderful game of basketball.

Sincerely,
Ms. Hayley Lane-Therault



Recycle Your Old Jeans
Junior Troop 12463 Needs Your Help!



The girls in Troop 12463 are working on their Bronze Award which is the highest Award that a Junior can earn. The girls are collecting jeans to benefit Operation Quiet Comfort. The girls will cut the jeans into quilt squares and then get the community to sign the squares then they will be sent to Operation Quiet Comfort; an organization that takes the signed quilt squares and makes them into a quilt. The quilts are then delivered to Soldiers that are injured in Iraq and Afghanistan. We are going to have a table set up at the Green Fair at Ellis School on the 7th of February but if you are unable to make it and would like to donate some jeans you can contact our Troop Leader Erin Arsenault 734-2778

<u>Middle School Homework Helpline</u>	
Parents or students call the school number of 895-2511 after school hours and dial one of the following extensions:	
175 - 5th grade	176 - 6th grade
177 - 7th grade	178 - 8th grade.

Telephone Extensions
Nurse—dial—8
Absent & Tardy Line—dial 7
Middle School Hours—7:50—2:20
Elementary Hours—8:35—3:05



Go Green Go Healthy Fair



February 7th 9:30 am- 12:30 pm
At Ellis School in Fremont NH

Join us for a fun and rejuvenating morning while learning how to save money, green your life and enhance your health and well-being.

- Face Painting
- Massages
- Blood Pressure Screenings
- Natural Cleaning Ideas
- Nutrition Education
- Free Healthy Food Samples
- Chiropractic Care
- Smoking Cessation Resources
- Money Management Methods
- Energy Conservation Tools
- Stress Reduction Services
- Martial Arts Info
- Raffles

Just a peak into who'll be there: * Hannafords * Flatbread Pizza * Breathe NH
* NH Healthy Kids * NH Department of Safety * Exeter Hospital Drivability &
Healthy Heart Programs * Full Spectrum Wellness * Lamprey Health Care *
Families First * UNH * Easter Seals * Serve New England * Seacoast Hospice *

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