

# IKE'S EAGLE




*Students listen intently while learning the appropriate behavior when in the halls during the PBIS kick off event.*

*Dear Eisenhower Families,*

Welcome to Eisenhower for the start of the 2011-12 school year! The beginning of every school year is one of my favorite times of the year. Excitement is in the air as our halls and classrooms come to life with engaging learning activities. I want to thank you for choosing Eisenhower School for your children. Please know that at Eisenhower we are committed to providing all students with outstanding learning opportunities in a safe and welcoming environment.

Thank you to all of you who were able to join us for our first Parent Information Night on Sept. 20th. If you were not able to attend and would still like to learn more about what your child will be learning this year, please contact your child's teacher.

On Friday, September 23 we held our PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) kick off for students. We focused on the three rules of the "Eisenhower Way": *Be safe. Be respectful. Be responsible.* We are continuing to teach students to make positive choices while in the lunchroom, hallways, bathrooms, and on the playground. Stay tuned for more information about how students can earn "eagles" for making great choices at school.

Parent/teacher conferences are just around the corner. This year the fall conference dates have been moved up a month early district-wide. The purpose of the move is to make the experience more about a child's progress during the current grading period rather than a summary of how the child performed after the grading period has been completed. We are striving to achieve 100% attendance from families at our conferences this fall as we work together to make this a successful year for all students.

I urge all parents to maintain the connection with the school throughout the year. There are many opportunities to volunteer in your student's classroom or to assist our award-winning PTA with one of their wonderful events. I cannot stress enough that no matter what grade your children are in, the connection between teachers and parents is an essential component to school success. Please stay involved.

I am looking forward to a fantastic year!

*Sincerely,*  
*Kristin Bowers, Principal*

## OCTOBER CALENDAR



- Oct 5-7 Scholastic Book Fair
- Oct 6 Open House/PTA Fair, 5—7 pm
- Oct 10 School Board Meeting at Fisher Building, 7 pm
- Oct 12 Elementary Evening Conferences, 4:30—8:00 pm
- Oct 13 Elementary Evening Conferences, 3:30—7:00 pm
- Oct 14 Elementary Conferences, **No classes K-5**
- Oct 17 JK Conferences: **No JK classes**
- Oct 19 PTA Meeting, 6:15 pm
- Oct 20 Market Day pick-up, 4:30—5:30 pm
- Oct 24 JK Conferences: **No JK classes**
- Oct 24 School Board Meeting at Fisher Building, 7 pm
- Oct 27 Costume Parade, 2 pm
- Oct 28 Fall Break, **No classes K-12**

### *LOOKING AHEAD.....*

- Nov 11 **Early Release Day: 11:15 am dismissal**
- Nov 14 School Board Meeting at Fisher Building, 7 pm
- Nov 16 PTA Meeting, 8:15 am
- Nov 17 Market Day pick-up, 4:30—5:30 pm
- Nov 23 **No classes K-12**
- Nov 24 Thanksgiving Day: **No school**
- Nov 25 **No school**
- Nov 28 School Board Meeting at Fisher Building, 7 pm



**MUSICAL NOTES FROM  
MS. JAMES, MRS. SIMUNCAK &  
MR. GILCHRIST**



Sara James – General/Vocal Music and Chorus – ext. 1168  
Loree Simuncak/ Lygia Topolovec – Orchestra – ext. 1171  
Jeff Gilchrist – Band – ext. 1171

*"I believe in music and in young people. Between the two, the world is a better place." Isaac Stern*

**When Students Have Music:**

Senior Kindergarten – 3 times/week for 25 minutes  
First and Second grade – 2 times/week for 40 minutes  
Third, Fourth, and Fifth grade – 2 times/week for 30 minutes  
\*Students can join Orchestra in 4<sup>th</sup> grade and Band in 5<sup>th</sup> grade\*

**What Can You Do to Support Music At Home?**

Listen to music together!  
Sing together!  
Play instruments together!  
Attend concerts! There are TONS of free concerts in our area.  
Encourage creativity – have them make up songs or beat patterns to perform for you!  
Ask questions about what they are learning in music class!  
Ask them to show you! Ask them to sing for you! Ask them to teach you!

**Important Dates**

Winter Concerts  
SK-2 – December 16 at 10:00 AM  
3-5 + Band, Chorus, Orchestra – December 16 at 1:30 PM  
Choral Festival  
Hosted by East High School – March 20 at 7:00 PM  
String Festival  
Wisconsin Lutheran College – March 13 at 7:00 PM (different from district calendar)  
Spring Concert  
May 3 at 6:30 PM  
Opera For The Young – sponsored by our PTA  
TBD



**PBIS Kick Off**



**COUNSELOR'S  
CORNER**

On September 23rd all the students at Eisenhower participated in the PBIS Kick Off. There were four stations, the hallway, the cafeteria, the bathroom and the playground. Staff taught what good behavior is expected in these areas of the school. This year we waited until we were a few weeks into school which provided a better learning experience. Students could relate to the desired behavior after experiencing our school routine that is now in place.

Teaching appropriate behavior is just as important as academic learning. The PBIS philosophy has shown that when good behavior is present in the school, learning improves. The Eisenhower Way is to be safe, be respectful, and be responsible. I encourage you to use these words when talking to your children. Eagle rewards will be flying starting next week!

**MRS. MULLROY**

## Art News!

Dear parents,

I'd like to introduce myself. My name is Sara Sturtewagen, the new art teacher. I am so excited to be at Eisenhower this year. This is my 9<sup>th</sup> year teaching art, 8 of which have been in Wauwatosa. I am looking forward to being a part of the Eisenhower community and working with your children in the art room! This is going to be an exciting year for us all, as I have many fun things planned. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email!

Looking forward to meeting you!

Ms. Sturtewagen  
Art Room

414-773-1159 or sturtesa@wauwatosa.k12.wi.us



## Tosa Cares

Tosa Cares is an all volunteer organization which collects non-perishable food items, personal care items, clothing and school supplies for distribution to families in need.

Donated items and fresh foods are distributed seven times a year.

Please help support this mission by donating any of the following items in the TOSA CARES bin outside the school office:

- Cereal
- Spaghetti Sauces & Noodles
- Pastas and Rice
- Mac & Cheese
- Canned Protein (chicken, tuna and beef stew)
- Packaged Dinners (especially those w/meat)
- Hearty Soups
- Nonperishable Fruits, Vegetables & Juices
- Snacks (granola bars/crackers/popcorn/cookies)

Tosa Cares is located at 12012 W North Ave. To volunteer or help please contact Linda, Tosa Cares Coordinator at **414-258-0456, ext. 410** or email : **[tosacares@gmail.com](mailto:tosacares@gmail.com)**

Thank you,  
Dawn Nouansacksy

Dear Families,

I am happy to introduce myself to the Wauwatosa community as the Elementary Library Media Services Coordinator. I am an educator and library media specialist dedicated to student acquirement of 21st century skills. Today's learner is growing up in a time of unprecedented change and technological advances. The ability to use technology, and to access, interpret, and utilize information is as crucial to their future success as reading, writing and math. I am providing training for staff and will collaborate with teachers to integrate technology, research skills, and literature into the general curricular subjects providing knowledge and tools as they are needed.

Our print libraries are also thriving under the day to day guidance of the new library assistant, Meegan Archambo. Meegan is a teacher-certified professional returning to her career at school. She is also a Wauwatosa resident and Eisenhower parent. Students will continue to visit the library weekly with their classes, and are welcome to visit every day at the discretion of their teacher to exchange books.

In order to keep our libraries in good order and offer the very best to our students and staff, we are looking for parent volunteers in every school. If you are interested and willing, please contact Meegan at 414-773-1145. I know she would be happy to hear from you! If you have any questions or would like more information regarding the elementary library services, please contact me or visit the [Elementary Libraries web page](#) on our district's web site.

Thank you for your support and interest in our program!

**Jennifer Odau**  
**Elementary Library Media Services Coordinator**  
[odauje@wauwatosa.k12.wi.us](mailto:odauje@wauwatosa.k12.wi.us)  
**414-773-1066**





## Fall Elementary Parent-Teacher Conferences

This year's fall elementary parent/teacher conferences will be held in mid-October which is earlier than in the past. Grade reports will not be sent home with students before conferences as has been the practice in the past but will go home in early December at the end of our 1<sup>st</sup> grading period. Earlier conferences will enable us to provide you with more timely feedback on your child's initial grade level learning strengths and areas targeted for improvement. Below you will find a list of areas that your child's teacher may discuss with you. Please note that teachers will not be able to discuss all of these areas with you but will highlight those that will paint the best picture of your child's current strengths and areas in need of improvement.

- Discussion of student's attendance if any specifics are warranted.
- Discussion of your child's social-emotional growth.
- Discussion on samples of your child's school work.
- Discussion on your child's MAP scores for fall 2011.
- Share and discuss your child's fall common writing assessment.
- Share and discuss your child's reading and math assessment progress.
- Discuss of how you can help at home to support the growth and learning of your child.

# Eisenhower PTA Corner

## *Hello Eisenhower Families!*

**W**e have been busy at work this summer and have another great year in the works!

We would like to give thanks to Sparkle Negrón and her committee for all their hard work at the year end picnic last June!

Thank you to Sarah Noerenberg for the JK welcome in August (supplied with popsicles from the PTA).

To all the volunteers who helped stuff forms day folders and worked forms and fees day, we couldn't do it without you!

Lastly, thank you to last year's PTA board, especially president Ann Stacey for a great year!

A quick introduction to your 2011-2012 PTA board:

**Jen Wilms/Kelly Wentz** - Co-Presidents

**Tim Wilms** - Membership

**Angela Bravata** - Treasurer

**Laura Startz** - Recording Secretary

**Molly DeVecchio** - Corresponding Secretary

**Rosalie Patrick** - Corresponding Secretary

Please feel free to contact us with any questions, comments, or ideas!

Join us for our next meeting 10/19 at 6:15 p.m. in the library.

Looking forward to another great year!

Kelly Wentz and Jen Wilms

## ***Come Skate With Us***

### **Dates**

Friday, Nov. 18

Friday, Dec. 16

Friday, Jan. 13

Friday, Feb. 24

**Friday, Mar. 23**

**Please Join Us in March and the PTA will receive 1/2 of all the admissions**



**Admission - \$4.50/person includes skate rental  
Hours - 4-6pm.**

### ***INCREDI-ROLL***

10928 W. Oklahoma Ave.

\$4.50/person includes skate rental

## **PTA Upcoming Events**

**Book Fair 10/5-10/7**

**PTA Fair and Open House 10/6**

**Fall Fundraiser**

*Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Fall Fundraiser, we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!*

*Movie date will be announced soon!*



## **October is here and Market Day has some great offers this month!**

Get a FREE trial pack of delicious French Breadsticks and Garlic Parmesan Seasoning with any \$40\* purchase.

Receive a FREE 60 count Cheese Ravioli with any \$90\* online purchase with promo code: **OCTBONUS!**

**Enter to win exciting prizes, including an Apple iPad!**

You have until October 22<sup>nd</sup> to visit [www.marketday.com/](http://www.marketday.com/) connect and enter.

Prizes for the contest include:

- **1 Grand Prize** – Apple® iPad 2™ Mobile Digital Device
- **1 First Prize** – Apple iPod
- **1 Second Prize** – Apple iPhone
- **20 Third Prizes** – \$25 Market Day Gift Certificate
- **Instant Wins** – \$2-\$10 off Market Day order-this will be provided as a unique-one time use-promo code.

### **Not sure what to try?**

Come to the Open House and PTA Fair on Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> and sample some of Market Day's most popular products. **New customers save \$5 with \$25 online order** (enter Promo Code: **NEWFIVE** at checkout)

### **Ordering is EASY!**

Return the completed order sheet to the school office by Thursday, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> or visit [www.marketday.com](http://www.marketday.com/) to place your order online by Monday, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>.

