

Eagle Creek Elementary School News

There have been a number exciting events and learning opportunities taking place at Eagle Creek Elementary - as well as some that are coming up in the very near future. Below are just a few of the many highlights.

Battle of the Books

Mrs. Alderman has done a phenomenal job organizing "Battle of the Books" at Eagle Creek. During the month of January, students battled within their own classes to see which group would represent them in the grade level battles. Grade level battles took place during February. The tournament brackets - as well as descriptions and details about the tournament - are posted just outside of our library. The Regional tournament is being held on Saturday, March 6th at Estacada Jr. High (convenient for us!). Schools from all around the region will be battling it out for supremacy and bragging rights...while demonstrating good sportsmanship, of course! ☺ Volunteers are needed for the Regional tournament. If you are interested, please contact Jan Alderman at Eagle Creek or Cara Kaiser at the High School.

The Eagle Creek Regional Participants will be:

3-5 Division: "The Crazy Cows" - Cassidy Johnson, Allegra Hurman, Ally Hunt, Haley Weilert, Alternate - Molly Anderson, and Coach Jan Alderman

6-8 Division: "The Lucky Cats" - Leia Berkley, Teresa Mantei, Destiny Fredrick, Zoie Mowrey, Alternate - Jewell Cary, and Coach Cindy Babikoff

School Garden Project

The SEED (Sustaining an Edible Estacada District) Committee was able to secure a \$3,700 grant from Lowe's to go toward a new Eagle Creek School Garden. This will fund a new, more visible Garden Classroom (the existing garden will remain too) that will be handicap-friendly, as well as provide blueberries and more garden produce. Students will learn about plant biology by planting, nurturing and harvesting produce for their school cafeteria. Estacada Landscape Architect Stephen Shibley has designed an elegant garden plan. Come be a part of the first Volunteer Work Party to begin building the interlocking block retaining wall and installing the drip irrigation system on Saturday, February 27, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Milwaukie Lowe's store employees will be on hand to contribute their expertise. Lunch and beverages will be served. To volunteer, please call Mary Ann Bugni at 630-4427. Bring work gloves and boots!

Haiti Relief Effort

Eagle Creek did its part in trying to help with the Haiti Relief Effort. We recently had a "Penny War" to encourage students and staff to contribute loose change to help the earthquake victims. The students (and parents) raised \$926.29, and the staff raised \$488.81, for a grand total of \$1,415.10. The money raised was given to the American Red Cross. Thank you, Ms. Schoenleber, for organizing this effort.

