

# Tiger Tracks



A Newsletter for Parents • Ellisville Elementary School

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## Ellisville Elementary

- Missouri Gold Star School
- Ellisville has been recognized for Exemplary Gold for Physical Education by the Missouri Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (MOAHPERD). (1995, 2000)
- Recognized in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch as a school which exceeded expectations on standardized test results in 2001

For more information, please visit our Web site at:

Dear Parents,

Please join me in congratulating the 2010-2011 Ellisville Teacher of the Year Mrs. Adie Smith!! Adie is an extremely caring and skilled teacher whose students know that she cares about them and that she expects nothing less than their best. She provides varying levels of support, depending on the individual students needs, and modifies instruction as appropriate for individual students. Adie is a quiet, gentle and firm teacher in which students excel under her care.

Thank you to all our wonderful Ellisville volunteers! It is always amazing to look back at events and realize how much support we get from our parents. Recent events to highlight are the Ellisville Trivia Night, Variety Show and Science Day. The Trivia was so exciting and what a great experience to just relax and have fun with parents and staff competing together. This year additional games throughout the evening added to the excitement. This past weekend was our Ellisville Variety Show. I was really impressed with the talent, creativity, and courage our students brought to the center stage!! I am also equally impressed that our staff can get in sync to a dance routine!! I would like to thank all the volunteers who made these events possi-



ble. If you haven't volunteered at our Science Day in the past, it is really something to see. Ms. Hager, along with the Rockwood Science Department, organize a terrific event where students problem solve and have friendly competitions. All of these events make Ellisville such a close knit community. We couldn't do our job without you.

While the staff and I are working diligently to finish the 2009-2010 school year, we are also reflecting on this year. Educating the children is an ongoing endeavor, requiring continuous

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**Early Dismissal**  
**Tuesday, March 2, 2010 12:47 PM**

**SPRING BREAK**  
**March 12—21, 2010**

**Parent Teacher Conferences**  
**March 9, 2010 4:00PM—8:00PM**  
**March 10, 2010 4:00PM—6:00PM**

## Recipient of the Missouri Gold Star School Award

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Dr. Allison Loy, Principal



Growing Together,  
Learning for Life

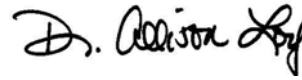
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evaluation, planning, and organization. Starting now until the end of May, there will be collaboration among grade level teachers, administration, the guidance counselor, and specialists to provide input so that the best classroom placement is made for each child. Included in this newsletter is a form that you may use to provide parent input regarding class placement. It is not mandatory, but if you feel your child has certain needs/learning styles that should be considered, feel free to complete the form and return it to the office by Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. **I ask that you not request a specific teacher.** Class lists are created this spring with changes occurring throughout the summer as new students are enrolled. A welcome e-mail will be sent in early August to notify students of their class placement.

**Parent / Teacher Conferences** are scheduled for Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 4:00-8:00 p.m. and Wednesday March 10<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Please mark these dates on your calendar as we value this opportunity to discuss your child's progress. I also encourage you to take time to visit with your child's Art, Music, and Physical Education Teachers.

Enjoy your Spring Break!!

Sincerely,



Dr. Allison Loy

## How is Ellisville Supporting our School Improvement Plan Goals?

### Kindergarten

During the month of February Kindergartners were busy learning about Dental Health and the Presidents. We made a class book about what we would do if we were the president and a character web using the characters from the story The Mitten. During writing, the children have been practicing writing two sentences using sound spelling and popcorn words.

In math, we continued practicing our measurement skills using feet, tape measurers, and links. The penny and nickel have been introduced. Please practice counting using these coins. We started a collection of three dimensional shapes (sphere, cube, cylinder, cone, and rectangular prism) in order to construct a Solid Shape Museum that was used for sorting at the Discovery Center.

March will focus on Weather, St. Patrick's Day, the Spring Season, and telling time to the hour.

### First Grade

Here we are again with yet another month of school having passed. Where does the time go? First graders have been using every minute of their time to improve upon their reading, writing, math skills, and content area knowledge. In reading we have been expounding upon our knowledge of the text by working with main idea, the author's point of view, and sequencing the story's events. We are not only growing in our ability to read a great number of words but also in our ability to analyze the text we have read. Our writing skills are also becoming more specific. We have been working on growing our written stories with good, appropriate detail. We have written some pretty silly stories in order to develop this skill. Our goal is to have more specific detail in our written pieces so that the reader can better understand what the writer was thinking. In the area of math we have worked with identifying and creating name collection boxes, counting various coin combinations, and using a calculator. We have also been refining our work with addition and subtraction number models. We would like the students to have a number of the basic addition and subtraction facts committed to memory by the end of our school year. Our social studies time has been spent on exploring

maps, globes, George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and a number of our country's symbols.

### Second Grade

Thanks to all the second grade parents for another ideal class party. Everyone had lots of fun at the recent Friendship Party. We appreciate your time and all the generous donations. Our students are becoming more responsible, independent workers as they learn new concepts and skills. This month we have focused on fractions, measurements involving length and distance along with problem solving. Daily practice of math facts is a must for all students. Our research of famous Americans is in full swing. The students will be presenting the results of their research in March. Every student thoroughly enjoyed completing a science activity inside Rockwood's mobile science lab. While working in the kitchen, encourage your child to discover all the changes of matter that take place during food preparation. Our focus each day in communication arts includes read to self, listening, writing, and word work. We look forward to seeing you at conference time.

### Third Grade

Stop! What's that sound? Actually it's the sound of our new science focus. Third graders will investigate how sound is made, how it travels and how the different parts of the ear allow us to hear the sounds going on around us. During this unit, students will be provided several different engaging and exciting experiments to test properties of sound as well as creating their own instrument. As always, third graders need to continue working on Math facts – especially multiplication from 0-12. Each class is working on practicing for the upcoming MAP tests in April. Your child should be bringing home example packets over the next few weeks. Finally, our students enjoyed a guest speaker on magnets and a presentation from the Wild Bird Sanctuary. Thank you to everyone who donated to make this opportunity possible.

## How is Ellisville Supporting our School Improvement Plan Goals?

### Fourth Grade

Fourth grade students continue to work on their math skills, fact recall, area and perimeter, and problem solving strategies necessary to interpret and respond to questions on the MAP tests. Another element that students are focusing on in preparation for spring testing includes the genres of fiction, nonfiction, and poetry elements. In poetry, students are working on interpreting poems on a literal and symbolic level, identifying mood and tone, identifying audience, purpose, and narrator. Parents can help by continuing to support and reinforce these skills and the importance of being at school on time daily.

#### Did you know.....?

**A student who is 10 minutes late to school everyday will miss a total of 30 hours of instruction during the school year!**

### Fifth Grade

Fifth graders are gearing up for Spring! In science, we have an extra "spring" in our step from making circuits. Static electricity sure can be shocking! Students also explored different ways to complete a circuit and make bulbs light. We are also creating electromagnets with nails, wire, and batteries. Feel free to experiment with these at home, just don't bring them near a cell phone!

In reading, we continue to focus on MAP skills such as identifying main ideas and details, making inferences, utilizing story structure, and summarizing text. In math, we continue to add and subtract fractions. In order to find common denominators, it is crucial that 5<sup>th</sup> grade students memorize all their multiplication and division facts.

Finally, in social studies, we are leading up to the Revolutionary War. We witnessed the "shot heard around the world", dumped tea in the Boston Harbor, and protested unfair taxes. Colonial life is anything but boring!



## Gym Shorts

**(Important Physical Education News and Updates)**



### P.E. EXTRAVAGANZA

**Who:** All Ellisville Elementary Students (Grades 1-5) and Parents  
**What:** The P.E. Staff has prepared a night full of fun and fitness for the whole family!  
**Where:** The Ellisville Auditorium  
**When:** Tuesday, March 2nd 6:00—7:30  
**Why:** Parents can experience a P.E. class the way that their children do!

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

#### What's up in P.E.?

Over the past few weeks, all students displayed their body awareness and control during a tumbling unit. Primary grades learned animal walks and simple rolls and jumps. Intermediate grades learned rolls and stunts such as tri-pods, headstands and handstands. The unit wrapped up with an "open gym" where students got to try various stunts and do the rope climb. These challenging activities helped students to improve their flexibility and balance as well as self-confidence.

#### What's up in Health?

Students just completed a body systems health unit. The first and second graders learned about, "Healthy Hearts". Third, fourth and fifth graders learned about the muscular, skeletal, circulatory and respiratory systems. They enjoyed playing health related activities with muscle dyna-bands and games like, "Heart Wars", "Lucky Words" and "Funny Bones".

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Bowling Field Trip

The Fifth Annual Ellisville Bowling Field Trip was a huge success! Fifth graders got to bowl two games at Ellisville Lanes on Monday, January 25th. This proved to be an excellent way to wrap up the bowling unit. A big THANK YOU to Ellisville Bowling Lanes and to the Ellisville parent volunteers who made this field trip an enjoyable experience for all!



### P.E. Early Bird Special Auction Item

The Ellisville P.E. teachers would like to give a special thanks to the parents and students who participated in this year's P.E. Early Bird Special. The students really enjoyed arriving to school early and playing their favorite activities with their friends! We look forward to offering this as an auction item at the Ellisville Trivia Night next year, as well!

### Upcoming Jog Jam Dates

March 5 and 26  
 April 9, 16, 23, 30  
 May 7

*Please be sure to drop off your child no earlier than 8:15 A.M. Jog Jam will begin at 8:20 and end at 8:45 A.M.*




















### Reading Intervention

#### Decoding Sounds Chart

Parents often ask how they can help their children decode words. Previous RI articles have encouraged parents to use a variety of decoding strategies such as using picture clues, sounding out words, chunking words, and skipping then coming back to the word to try to determine the word through context.

Decoding words is difficult if children don't recognize and remember all of the different long vowel patterns, digraphs, and diphthongs in our language. In RI we have a variety of ways to help students remember these sounds. The chart below is one of the visual aids we use to help students remember the sounds for transfer to their reading. Parents can use this visual aid as well.

The first row of the chart shows the various long vowel patterns. In the box "Aa" all of the ways to spell the long a sound are shown. For example, the word "late" is an example of the a\_e long a sound. "Play" is an example of the ay long a pattern. The "Ee" box shows all of the long e patterns. Then the following boxes show the long "Ii", "Oo", and "Uu" patterns. The other boxes have picture clues to help students remember the corresponding letter combination sound. For example, a sh sheep is shown to help

<b>Aa</b> a_e ay eigh ai	<b>Ee</b> ee _y ea _ey _e _ie e_s _ei	<b>Ii</b> i_e igh _y ie	<b>Oo</b> o_e ce oa _o _ow	<b>Uu</b> u_e ew ui oo ue
 sh	 ch	 th	 wh	<b>Ff</b>  phone  laugh
 book  moon oo	 aw au	 ow ou	 oi oy	<b>Cc</b>  cat  cup  city  celery
 ar	 ir er ur	 or	8 + 2 = 10 _tion (shun)	 _sion (zhun)

students remember the "sh" sound, "aw" and "au" are represented by a straw, "tion" is represented by an addition problem, etc. If your child has difficulty with these types of patterns and sounds, you can print the chart, explain and practice the patterns and sounds with your child, and then have them use it to assist in their reading at home.

### Ellisville's Rose Award Nominees

- Jennifer Abbate
- Cheryl Anderson
- Terry Brown
- Mara Ferguson
- Nora Frein
- Barb Hough
- Maureen McGeehan
- Karen Pfeifer
- Martha Peirce
- Debby Powell
- Kent Proffer
- John Ruprecht
- Debbie Schelp
- Ilene Spevack
- Diane Werges



### Ellisville Elementary School will be competing for a \$1000 prize!

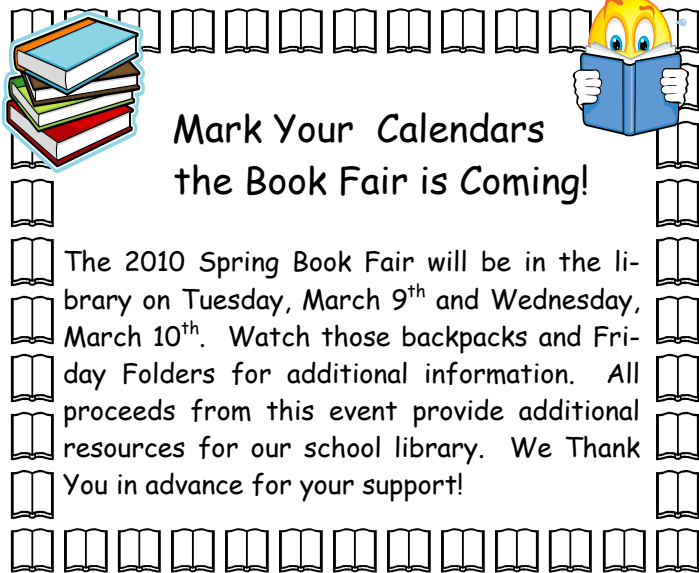
It will be awarded to the Rockwood School which shows most improvement in recycling efforts. To help us earn this prize, please consider dropping your recycling off at one of Ellisville's recycle bins, located on the North end of the back parking lot.

The greater our poundage of recycling, the greater our chances of winning!!!

### Congratulations!

Aylin Taysi scored "superior" and was awarded a gold medal for her performance in the Sonatina Festival held February 13th at St. Charles Community College.





**Mark Your Calendars  
the Book Fair is Coming!**

The 2010 Spring Book Fair will be in the library on Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. Watch those backpacks and Friday Folders for additional information. All proceeds from this event provide additional resources for our school library. We Thank You in advance for your support!

**Adventure Club is now accepting enrollment for the 2010-2011 School Year. Enrollment is also being accepted for the SummerLink/theZONE programs for Summer 2010. Apply Early! Our services are in high demand and waiting lists start early.**

The 2010-2011 application fee is \$70 per child/ \$140 family max and the 2010 Summer non-refundable weekly deposit is \$25 per week per child.

You may access the online enrollment form by visiting: [www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/adventureclub](http://www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/adventureclub). If you don't have access to a computer please visit the Adventure Club office at 1900 Hawkins Road in Fenton. For more information, call 636-861-7768.

**The Rockwood School District  
Community Education Department**

is offering spring baseball/softball programs for boys and girls in grades K-5. The K-1 league is a Co-ed Coach Pitch/T-ball league while the 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade boys play Machine Pitch Baseball and the 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade girls play Coach Pitch Softball. The registration deadline for these programs is Friday, March 5. To register or for more information about these programs and other Community Education programs, please visit our website at [www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/communityed](http://www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/communityed) or call our office at 636-938-2307.

**Junior Girl Scout Troop 1064 is collecting craft supplies for the kids at The Gateway Homeless Shelter**

Items needed are:

- |                                    |                 |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Stencils                           | Paper           |
| Pipe Cleaners                      | Glue            |
| Stamps                             | Colored Pencils |
| Ink Pads                           | Pens            |
| Markers                            | Old Cds         |
| Scissors                           | String          |
| Construction Paper                 | Beads           |
| Drawing Paper                      | Chalk           |
| Stickers                           | Play Doh        |
| Foam                               | Paint & Brushes |
| Gently used books & board games    |                 |
| Plastic containers (shoe box size) |                 |

Please drop off donations in the bin located in the school lobby.  
**All donations must be turned in by: March 26<sup>th</sup>**  
Thank you Ellisville Families for your support !!!

**Alert! Alert! Alert! Alert!**  
**Important Upcoming Dates for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade!**

March 30 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Musical
May 14 <sup>th</sup>	Springfield, Illinois field trip to the Lincoln Museum
May 25 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Recognition Ceremony in the Auditorium at 1:45pm
May 26 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration at Riverchase
May 27 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade BBQ Lunch and Autograph Party

Please mark these dates on your calendar. We will need many parent volunteers to make all these events special for our 5<sup>th</sup> grade class!

Also, make sure you send all photos from school events with our 5<sup>th</sup> graders to Dawn Anglin @ [5thgradevideo@gmail.com](mailto:5thgradevideo@gmail.com) so that our 5<sup>th</sup> grade will have a wonderful photo DVD to remember their 5<sup>th</sup> grade year by.

Thank you!! Fifth Grade Team

## Ellisville Elementary School Student Profile Sheet for Class Placement 2010 – 2011

Please complete this profile sheet to provide our team with information regarding your child’s learning profile. **PLEASE DO NOT REQUEST A SPECIFIC TEACHER.** This form must be returned to the office by Friday, April 9, 2010. Please know that your letter is but one factor in determining class placement.

NOTE: Completion of this profile sheet is optional.

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Child’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe your child’s special needs or learning style:

Describe the classroom environment that best supports your child:

Characteristics of a “good match” teacher for your child:

Share any special concerns, health considerations, or peer relationships, which you believe are important for our team to know about your child.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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ALL Ellisville Elementary families are members automatically and at NO cost.

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# PTO P W PRINTS

## Your 2009-2010 PTO Board

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Thank you to all who attended our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Trivia Night on Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>. As I walked through school immediately following that weekend, I overheard so many of you commenting on how much fun you had and that the efforts of the Trivia Night committee were unparalleled. You were right! Not only does the Trivia Night committee deserve much applause, you deserve recognition too - Trivia Night's profit was almost \$11,000! These funds will allow the PTO to provide additional support to your children's learning and your PTO's focus on proactively supporting and rewarding the Ellisville Elementary community.

As you walk through the school during your next visit, take a moment to pat a child on the back for their commitment to learning, for fostering the positive character traits that define Ellisville, and, for their involvement in outside activities. It was wonderful to see so many children participating in the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Variety Show - there were 130 students plus many good-natured faculty showcasing their talents this year! Special thanks to Wendy Finch and her Variety Show committee for providing our students and talented faculty with a vehicle to demonstrate their talents. This year's show was the best yet!

Planning for the 2010-2011 school year is already underway. Hard to believe when we are not even done with this school year? We have been busily identifying candidates for open board positions, finding chairs for open committee spots, beginning the budgeting process, and evaluating our current committees/support to further streamline our efforts. Many thanks to those who are braving new territory by taking one of the open positions - we look forward to your fresh approach and energy next year!

We invite you to celebrate your PTO successes at the **Principal's Coffee and Parent Round Table on Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 9:30-11:30am** AND be recognized for all of your commitment at the **Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon** hosted by Ellisville's wonderful staff and administration immediately following the coffee.

This brief meeting will include your chance to cast your vote for your 2010-2011 PTO Board Slate of Candidates and participate in discussions about timely parenting topics led by subject-matter experts. We hope you'll take advantage of it!

We are so fortunate to have so many hearts vested in the success of our school. Enjoy your Spring Break!

## SAVE THE DATES!

**March 2nd- Early Dismissal Day**  
**March 15th-19th—Spring Break**  
**April 1st— Early Dismissal Day**  
**April 2nd-April 5th- No School**  
**April 16th- Ellisville Dads Movie Night\*\***  
**April 22nd- Donuts with Dads (A-K) - Thursday**  
**April 23rd—Kindergarten Round Up ☺ \*\***



**April 27th- Donuts with Dads (L-Z) - Tuesday**

**May 13th- Principal's Coffee ☺**

\*\* -please look on page 8 for more details

☺ -please RSVP to Charlotte Brown if you plan to attend

[browncharlotte@rockwood.k12.mo.us](mailto:browncharlotte@rockwood.k12.mo.us)

## It Makes ¢ents



Ellisville Elementary's 2nd annual Trivia Night was a huge success. The PTO's total profit was \$10,800!! Thanks so much to everyone who participated. 100% of the proceeds from the event will be used to benefit our school in the form of "Gifts to School". The PTO will consider ideas for "Gifts to School" this summer after all expenses for the year have been paid. If there is something on your "Gifts to School" wish list, please send it to Mara Ferguson, PTO Treasurer.

The PTO's operating income for the year totals approximately \$85,000. We do not anticipate generating any more income this school year which means we will incur only expenses going forward. So far this year our expenses have totaled \$65,000 and we will incur another \$10,000 or so in expenses before the end of the school year. That being said, it looks like we'll have approximately \$10,000 left after all expenses are paid. We'll get into how that money will be spent and the decision making process for "Gifts to School" in future "It Makes Cents" columns.

We have been so lucky that the failing economy did not really affect our PTO budget this year. However, we are anticipating that the PTO, like everyone else, will begin to feel the crunch during the next school year. Therefore, we are working hard to plan for that in our 2010 - 2011 budget. The PTO Treasurer, PTO President and PTO President-Elect are working together to come up with a proposed budget. In March, they will meet with the PTO committee chairs to distribute action forms. These forms will require the committee chairs to review their budgets, with an eye to the poor economy, and determine whether any increases or decreases are warranted. The PTO committee chairs will be receiving more information about this soon. We hope they will be able to attend this very important meeting.

### Book and Breakfast 1st-3rd grades

1st—3rd Book and Breakfast will not be meeting in March but will resume the 3rd Wednesday in April. We wish everyone a happy Spring Break....



Join us for a Night at the Movies!!

**Dads of Ellisville  
Movie Night**  
Friday, April 16th at 7pm

Come and join your Ellisville classmates for some  
R & R....  
that's Relax and Refreshments....  
and enjoy the movie. This event is open to kids and Dads, Uncles,  
Grandpas— just bring your favorite adult guy!  
Keep an eye out for more info to follow in your Friday folders.

**See you at the MOVIES!**

### KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP!!

Friday, April 23rd 9:30 - 10:30 AM OR 2:30 - 3:30 PM

This fun hour is a great way for Kindergarteners who will be joining Ellisville during the 2010 - 2011 school year and their parents to meet teachers and become familiar with Ellisville including a tour.

If you plan to come, RSVP to Charlotte Brown in the School Office so we can make sure that we can roll out the welcome mat!

Kindergarteners  
Welcome Here!





## We've got spirit ,yes we do... Ellisville Spirit Wear... Here for You!

Be on the look-out for final order opportunities, forms, and deadlines weekly in the Tiger Folder and Ticker.

Also, requesting all suggestions for 2010-2011 Spirit Wear graphics...let those creative juices flow and you or your child could be the inspiration for a new Ellisville graphic...it can be as simple or elaborate as your heart desires...e-mail your ideas to [getandersons@yahoo.com](mailto:getandersons@yahoo.com) .

As always, thank you for supporting your school with Ellisville Elementary Spirit Wear

---Your PTO Spirit Wear Committee.

## We take "paws" to thank you

Recently, we have had so many wonderful events and volunteers to staff not only those events but also our "day to day" needs that we decided to have a special edition of "We "Paws" to thank you!!" because without all of your efforts none of this would be happening!

Special thanks to:

**Bert and John Sigwart**, for donating your time, talents, and DELICIOUS muffins for the November and February Principals' Coffees.

To all our **parent volunteers who help with Book and Breakfast**, Thanks for taking the time to make reading fun and "delicious" for our early morning crew!

To **Dan Auer**, Thanks for being a great part of our team, helping to clean up our school and make it a better place for all of us.

To **Linda Jakob, Jessica Dawson, Dani Lansing, Kristina Perzan, Darla Youngquist, Jen Willis, Jennifer Fitzgerald, Jennifer Scott, Kelly Cross, Talie Manning, Greg Tayborn, Jennifer Osterloh, Stacie Scheiner, Casey Ulman, Jennifer Moore, Sandy George, Rachel Narsh, Mary Beth Mazzola, Dena Ferraro, Daedra Lohr, Megan Seeling, Dana Taylor, Jane Martin, Karla Bennett, Melissa Dubuque, Kim McDaniel, Amanda Ozer, Diana Bunch, Angel Jenkins, Chris Schultz, Kristi Locke, Marcia Countryman, Elizabeth Bourne, Jen Abbate, Sheree Flavin, Regal Green, Kris Sawyer, Linda Trost, Leah Anne Debold, Susan Reed, Maria Hieken, Margit Scott, Raishelle Day, Lori Huff, Rhonda Balducci, Kim Thrap, Melissa Golder, Shelley Kinker, Nancy Armstrong and Sue Snyder (the room parents), and all of the parent volunteers** for coordinating another wonderful day of classroom Friendship parties.

## You Made the CUT! And that makes the difference!



By Laurie Luther, Committee Chair Box Tops

Thank you to **everyone who participated in our Box Tops and Labels for Education this year**. **Ellisville made \$2,100 this school year by collecting Box Tops!** This is a great way to earn money for our school! Mrs. Grubbs' class donated the most tops (628!) and earned an ice cream party!

A very special thank you to **Donna Mann, Rosemary Stream, Rona Gerber, Stacy Chanski, and Sandy George** for helping count for both the fall and spring collections. Also, please keep clipping, we will collect again in the fall!



THANK YOU! THANK YOU!  
THANK YOU!

by Julie Stover, Committee Chair, Used Book Exchange

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped with the

**USED BOOK EXCHANGE.**

Due to all your efforts, it was a huge success!! Thanks to all **the families who participated and donated books!** Special Thanks to the following people without whom the exchange couldn't have happened: **Nancy Armstrong, Charlotte Brown, Melissa Dubuque, Rona Gerber, Upasana Nanda, Francesca Pietoso, Debbie Schelp, and Jen Thomas**

One last Trivia Question...

What has been Ellisville's largest single fundraiser?



This year's Trivia Night/Silent Auction was a great event! We enjoyed an evening of socialization and competition while raising nearly \$11,000.00 for our children's' school. Thanks to **everyone who attended** and made it a fun and successful evening! A very special thank you goes out to **all those who donated items for the silent auction and for those who put in countless hours of dedication** to make the evening a success.



**2010 VARIETY SHOW  
WHAT A HIT!!**

By Wendy Finch, Committee Chair Variety Show

We had a great night watching our kids show off their talents!

**Thank you to all of our Variety Show Volunteers:**

To our committee: **Nancy Armstrong, Chris Sigman, Tammy Hardie, Melissa Golder, Julie Paul, Shelley Kinker, and Jen Thomas!**

Thank you to **Charlotte Brown and Regina Napier** for your incredible support!

Thank you to **Barb Hough** for the wonderful video!

Thank you to **the parents** for bringing your kids to try-outs and rehearsals – even when the date changes!

Thank you to **the kids and the faculty** – for your amazing talent! The show wouldn't be what it is without you!

I will miss this opportunity next year!

Thanks for 5 fabulous years!

# Prop 5: What does it mean for my school?



The \$55 million, no-tax increase bond issue focuses on these five areas:

- **S**afety measures and infrastructure
- **M**aintenance of current facilities
- **A**dditions for classrooms
- **R**enovations of instructional areas
- **T**echnology

## **At Ellisville Elementary, funds from the bond issue will allow the district to:**

- Replace aged classrooms computers and install additional classroom computers to lower the student-to-computer ratio
- Provide portable computers for full-time teachers to improve access to technology resources
- Provide student response systems (clickers) to facilitate immediate assessment of student learning

- Install amplification systems in designated areas, such as Art and Music
- Replace aged projection devices and/or interactive whiteboards (SMART Board™)
- Provide wireless coverage for all instructional areas
- Replace aged/at capacity telephone and voicemail system with Voice over IP technology that includes 911 service
- Replace aged network equipment and add additional switches
- Renovate restrooms
- Install new carpet in the office and 10-12 classrooms
- Install new tile in auditorium
- Install fire sprinkling system
- Install new HVAC system to provide air conditioning for basement classroom

*See project lists for Crestview Middle, Lafayette High and Marquette High on back.*

Take a moment to review the project lists for all Lafayette and Marquette feeder schools, and the entire district, at [www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/prop5](http://www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/prop5)

**At Crestview Middle, funds from the bond issue will allow the district to:**

- Replace aged classrooms computers and install additional classroom computers to lower the student-to-computer ratio
- Provide portable computers for full-time teachers to improve access to technology resources
- Provide student response systems (clickers) to facilitate immediate assessment of student learning
- Replace aged projection devices and/or interactive whiteboards (SMART Board™)
- Provide wireless coverage for all instructional areas
- Replace aged/at capacity telephone and voicemail system with Voice over IP technology that includes 911 service
- Replace aged network equipment and add additional switches
- Renovate Student Health Services/Nurse's office
- Add and/or renovate space for new library
- Add and/or renovate space for band and orchestra rooms
- Enclose south and north walkway entrances for safety


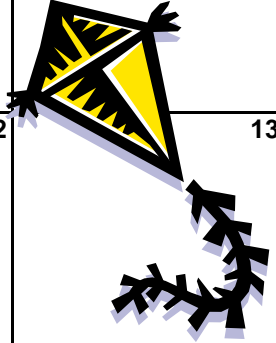
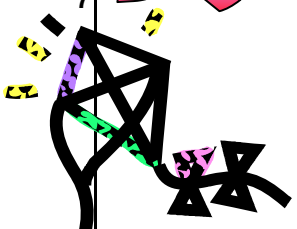

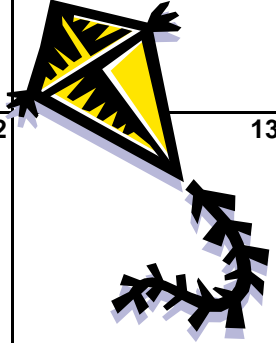


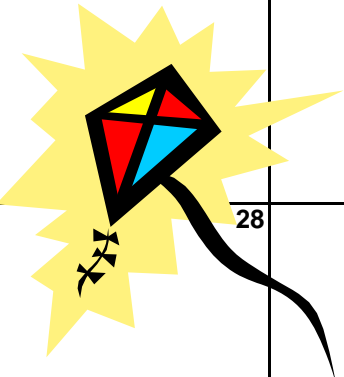
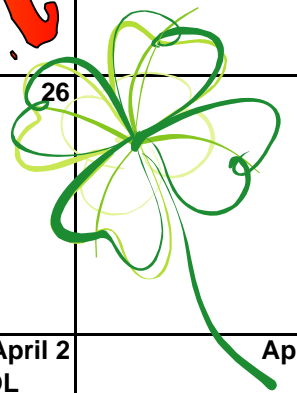
**At Lafayette High, funds from the bond issue will allow the district to:**

- Replace aged classrooms computers and install additional classroom computers to lower the student-to-computer ratio
- Provide portable computers for full-time teachers to improve access to technology resources
- Provide student response systems (clickers) to facilitate immediate assessment of student learning
- Install interactive whiteboards/projectors (SMART Board™)
- Replace aged projection devices and/or interactive whiteboards (SMART Board™)
- Replace aged network equipment and add additional switches
- Renovate selected areas of outdoor stadium, including stadium entrance, fencing and restrooms

**At Marquette High, funds from the bond issue will allow the district to:**

- Replace aged classrooms computers and install additional classroom computers to lower the student-to-computer ratio
- Provide portable computers for full-time teachers to improve access to technology resources
- Provide student response systems (clickers) to facilitate immediate assessment of student learning
- Install projection devices and interactive white boards (SMART Board™)
- Replace aged projection devices and/or interactive whiteboards (SMART Board™)
- Replace aged network equipment and add additional switches
- Install tile in 14 rooms and quarry tile in kitchen
- Replace HVAC screen wall system
- Replace sections of the building's roof
- Install kitchen hoods for gas ranges in FACS lab
- Expand student parking lot
- Expand existing weight room
- Construct new library and add and/or renovate space for 4-6 classrooms
- Conduct engineering study for possible new gym in the future

# March 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
	1 Read My Shirt/Button Day	2 Early Dismissal 12:47 PM Dr. Seuss Dress Up Day PE Extravaganza	3 CCL Day School Principal Day Favorite Character Day	4 Magic Glasses Day	5 Jog Jam Wrap Up With A Good Book in your PJs Day	6 	
<b>READING WEEK</b>							
7 	8	9 Parent - Teacher Conferences 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM <i>Book Fair</i>	10 CCL Day 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	11 Wear <b>GREEN</b> for St. Patrick's Day! 	12 NO SCHOOL	13 	
	<b>SPRING BREAK</b>						
14	15	16	17 	18	19	20	
21 	22	23 5th Grade to Faust Park  3rd Grade Musical	24 CCL Day 5th Grade to Faust Park  Market Day Pick-up	25 Kindergarten to Rockwood Reservation  March Madness! Wear your favorite team's colors	26 Jog Jam 	27	
28	29	30 4th Grade Missouri Heritage Day  5th Grade Musical	31 CCL Day	April 1 Early Dismissal 12:47 PM	April 2 NO SCHOOL	April 3 