



EBB VALLEY EAGLE'S FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER



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February 2011 - Notes from the Office

Winter Weather - Brrrrrr!!! This has been a pretty cold winter. We want to remind parents to be sure that your child wears a jacket, coat or heavy sweatshirt to school during the winter months. We try to have a fire drill every month and last year during the January Fire Drill we had children wear their coats outside but many students had no coat with them. Please remind your children to dress appropriately for the season.

PBIS Respectful Behavior - "Etiquette"

In conjunction with our Empty Bowls Project and Ebb Valley Art Show, we will be holding a short assembly on Thursday, February 3rd to model and highlight respectful behavior. We will be sharing with students our expectations for appropriate audience behavior and how they should conduct themselves at events such as school concerts and assemblies as well as after school/evening school events such as the Empty Bowls Dinner, School Art Show, Ebb Valley Talent Show, Donuts with Dad, Muffins with Mom, school dances, etc. Students will be bringing home a note after the assembly. Please take the time to ask them what they learned about "etiquette" in school.

Yearbook Request - *To all parents or those involved with Ebb Valley, the yearbook team sent out a plea for pictures. We are in need of pictures from different events such as Donuts with Dad, Munchies with Mom, Book Bing, Pep Rallies, Assemblies, field trips for each of the grades as well as pictures from last year's play day, the spring carnival or other events with school which took place in the Spring until the end of the school year. We want to get as many pictures as we can in the yearbook and want to get all of the kids in as well. Right now, we only have a select amount of pictures to use. If you have any pictures at all, please email them to cjones@mcdaniel.edu or you can send the pictures in to school marked "yearbook pictures". Thank you for your help. We will need all pictures turned in by next Friday, February 5th.*

EBB VALLEY SCHOOL SIGN

We would like to extend a special “Thank You” to the families, friends, and local businesses of our school community for their generosity in helping us purchase and erect our school sign. We would like to give special recognition to volunteers Greg Hull with Bark Hill Excavating for digging the hole for the base of the sign, Jim Nicholes with Concise Contracting for pouring the concrete pad and Marty Schmitt with Baltimore Masonry and his son Alex for laying the brickwork. Thanks to everyone our school sign is complete and looking beautiful. Be sure to check the sign for messages as you arrive at Ebb Valley.



Phone Number and E-mail Updates

If your home phone number, cell number, work number and /or e-mail address changes, ***please remember to send a note in to the school office so that we can update your child’s records.*** While trying to reach parents, we are encountering disconnected home phone numbers and work numbers where parents are no longer employed. If you are unsure of the numbers we have on file for you, just send us a note with your current numbers and we will verify and update if necessary.

Inclement Weather Policy

In the event that it becomes necessary to close schools for the entire day because of inclement weather, the announcement will be made no later than 6:30 a.m. through the following media sources: WTTR – AM 1470, Channel 21 and Channel 3 (Westminster), as well as the major TV stations (Channels 2, 11 and 13). If weather conditions are such that the opening of schools might be delayed one hour or more, or it becomes necessary to close schools early, the notification will be made through the same stations as for the closing of schools. Pupils and parents are asked to refrain from calling the school, radio stations or the Pupil Transportation office to inquire about school closing and bus service as it may impact the handling of announcements. When schools are closed all day or close early, there will be no after school or evening events.

Reminder for borrowed lunch money

The cafeteria has limited funds for children who need to borrow lunch money. If your child borrows lunch money, we appreciate your promptness in repaying that money to the cafeteria the next day. Keep in mind that you can purchase advance lunch tickets for your child. You can prepay for as few or as many lunches as needed. Lunches are \$2.00 each. Please send in a check, made payable to the Ebb Valley Cafeteria, for the number of lunches you wish to purchase times \$2.00 each. If you would like to apply for free or reduced lunches, please contact the office for an application.

Absent / Tardy Reminders

To report your child’s absence, please use one of the following methods:

Email: eveattendance@k12.carr.org

Phone: 410-386-1550

Fax: 410-386-1555

Note: Absent notes must contain – child’s first **and** last name, explanation for absence, date of absence(s), signature of parent or guardian.

Students who arrive after **8:40 AM are late** and must be brought into the office by a parent/guardian to be signed in. Students will receive a pass to take to their homeroom teacher.



Beginner Band & Strings Concert Performance
Monday, February 7, 2011
Snowdate: Wednesday, February 9, 2011
6:45PM in the Cafeteria



Bullying or Intimidation Acts

Carroll County Public Schools will not tolerate any acts of discrimination, harassment, hazing, bullying, hostile acts or other forms of intimidation on the part of students or employees. The following is a brief summary of Carroll County Public Schools regulations:

Bullying – Intentionally using power to repeatedly and consistently harm one or more persons. The following conditions are usually present:

Repeated and consistent negative actions toward another. Targeted person often feels more humiliation each time.

An imbalance of power between the one who bullies and the targeted person.

Contrasting feelings between the one who bullies and the target as a result of the bullying episode. The person who bullies usually displays feelings of excitement, power, and amusement, while the targeted person expresses feelings of hurt, anger, and humiliation.

Bullying can be expressed physically, verbally or through deliberate acts of exclusion. Examples of bullying include but are not limited to: name calling and put downs, threats and intimidation, extortion or theft, and deliberate exclusion from a peer group. Harassment or Intimidation (Bullying) Reporting Forms are available in the main office.

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration for the 2011-2012 school year will take place the week of March 21-25th. Registration will take place from 8:45AM-3:00PM Monday through Friday. There will be special evening hours on Wednesday, March 23rd from 4:00-7:00PM. If you have a child who will be five years old on or before September 1, 2011, you will need to register them for Kindergarten. We will be sending home a letter this month for you to request a kindergarten packet. Complete the tear-off on this letter and return to the school office so that you can receive a registration packet containing enrollment and medical forms for your kindergartner.

**EMPTY BOWLS, SILENT AUCTION & EVE ANNUAL ART SHOW
FEBRUARY 4, 2011 (snowdate February 11, 2011)
6:00 – 9:00PM in Ebb Valley’s Cafeteria**

Empty Bowls is a fundraiser that donates all of its profits to local food banks to aide in feeding the hungry and homeless. Mrs. Markle’s delicious soups will be available for purchase in a Styrofoam bowl or in a clay bowl constructed in art class by our 5th grade students. Student art work will be displayed throughout the gym, main lobby and main hallway. We encourage you to come out and dine on a delicious selection of soups and enjoy the art show.

Prices for fare are as follows:

- Soup in a handmade clay bowl along with a serving of bread \$6.00
- Soup in a disposable Styrofoam bowl along with a serving of bread \$4.00
- Refills in same bowl - \$3.00
- Coffee and Ice Tea - \$1.00
- Cake - \$1.00 per slice



Nurse Notes:



As February approaches, flu season is upon us. Please, for the wellness of the students and staff, keep your children home when they are sick. Use caution when sending your children to school. Students with the flu can feel better one day and be hit hard again the next. If your child has the flu, make sure they are healthy enough to return to school.

Also, if your child has been absent more than 2 days, please remember to call the school nurse to discuss reason for illness.

Hearing and vision screening is held in April this year. This screening is for all K, 1st and 4th graders. If your child(ren) do not pass either test, a form will go home to notify you of the issue. Please have your child(ren) evaluated by a physician and return the form to the nurse.

Just a few reminders to all parents:

- *Students sent home with a fever greater than 100 degrees **MAY NOT** return to school until **FEVER** free for at least 24 hours without medication.*
- *Acetaminophen and Ibuprofen are the only drugs permitted with parent signature. However, any dosing above the recommended dose for weight and age will need a physician order. Forms are available in the Health Room.*
- *All other Over-the-Counter or Prescription medicines will need a physician order, **No exceptions**.*
- *Students are **NOT PERMITTED** to transport any medications, ointments etc. to or from school.*
- *Parents must bring in the medicine in the original container with the student's name on the outside. Please make sure that all prescription medications are properly labeled from the pharmacy with the student's name, medication, dosage, physician's name and expiration date.*
- *Reminder to all Kindergarten parents: Please consider sending in a change of clothes for your child. The clothing will remain at school and used if needed.*
- *The following items may come to school with your student: Chapstick/lip balms, saline eye solution, hand lotion, sunscreen, and waterless hand cleansers. Non-medicated cough-drops are also permitted. (Halls, Luden's or Ricola, for example). Medicated cough-drops have a daily dosage and a limit for a 24 hour period; these would need a physician order and be transported by an adult.*

Thank you for your continued cooperation, and let's hope for a healthy school year. As always, feel free to contact me with any questions.

Nurse Kerrie

This Just In!

From Mrs. Spera, School Counselor



Classroom Guidance Units this month:

Kindergarteners developed their knowledge and skills related to anger control and self-regulation. They learned that there are acceptable ways to deal with anger (clean anger), and unacceptable ways to deal with anger (dirty anger), such as hurting ourselves, others, or property.

First Graders experienced a little bit of what the working world is like by producing a product at the "First Grade Card Factory". First graders also made connections between "grown up" jobs, and their very important "student job".

Second grade found out about the different sides of our personalities ("The Me's"): Impulsive Me, Bossy Me, Caring Me, Thinking Me, and Enthusiastic Me. Students discovered that using their "thinking me" can benefit them when making everyday decisions/choices.

Third graders In the month of February, third graders will be participating in a study skills/organization unit entitled "STEP UP" as a part of classroom guidance. STEP UP stands for **Space** (proper home study space), **Tools** (homework/school supplies), **End** (have a goal), **Pay Attention**, **Understand Directions**, and **Practice!**

Fourth grade will begin a unit on developing our conflict resolution strategies: defining conflict, working out options for the parties involved, and learning some mediation techniques. I will also be working with students to develop a clear conflict resolution strategy: The Win/Win Game.

Fifth graders will be working on study skills and organization strategies during the month of February. Students will identify three "keys to success" that transfer from school to the work world. Also, we will explore what it's like to be academically overwhelmed, and practice a task-breakdown strategy to lessen those feelings.

Highlighted Trait for Quarter 3:

PREPARED

- **I have my supplies for school.**
- **I am well-rested and have a good breakfast every day.**
 - **I actively listen in class.**
- **I wear athletic shoes for P.E. and wear my smock for Art.**



PBIS News!

- Ebb Valley Students continue to follow their *Flight Plans!*
- Our Second Quarter Pep Rally is scheduled for Friday, January 28th
 - Ebb Valley students are earning thousands of Eagle feather tickets every month!

National School Counseling Week is **February 7-11th , 2011**

**Students are welcome to create posters or drawings depicting the different ways that they experience the School Counseling program at Ebb Valley: classroom lessons, schoolwide programs such as PBIS, individual and small group work, lunch-bunches, etc. I'd love to hang these posters/drawings in and around my office! **

As part of National School Counseling Week, I'd like to thank all of the students, staff, parents, and Ebb Valley Community with whom I have the good fortune of working so closely with! Your support for the EVE School Counseling Program is so very valuable to me.
THANK YOU!

Parents, please take a peek at the ***Counselor's Corner*** page on the Ebb Valley Elementary School website. It's been updated to include many parent resource websites: Go to www.carrollk12.org/eve and click on the "Counselor's Corner" bar on the left. If anyone has any helpful resources to add, please email or call me.

Thank you to all parents who came to our Cyberbullying/Internet Safety Night (1/25). We received a lot of great information from Anna Bible, CCPS coordinator of Safe & Drug-Free Schools.



Lisa Spera
School Counselor

February 7 - 11 is
National School Counselor Week.

Ebb Valley is very fortunate to have Lisa Spera as our School Counselor. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Spera for her dedication to the students and staff of Ebb Valley. Her hard work and commitment to the PBIS program have helped to provide students with a positive and rewarding learning environment.



Instructional Assistant Day is February 23rd. We would like to acknowledge Ebb Valley's Instructional Assistants for all their hard work and dedication to the staff and students at Ebb Valley.

Cindy Porter



Pam Newton



Sheila Cole



Kelly Yuhus



Dawn Yingling



Nikki Patterson



Lisa Carver



In addition to our contractual Instructional Assistants, Ebb Valley is very fortunate to have hourly assistants as well. We would like to recognize and thank the following hourly assistants who give so much to our students and staff on a daily basis.



Donna Oursler
Learning Support



LouAnn Fouts
Cafeteria Assistant



Denise Harmon
Cafeteria Assistant



Dawn Conine
One-on-One Assistant



Kim Cooper
One-on-One Assistant



Jackie Heilbron
One-on-One Assistant

SCHOOL BANKING

New Windsor State Bank sponsors the School Banking Program here at Ebb Valley. The banking program is offered to all students in Grades K-5 and is specifically designed to help children learn the value of saving. The school bank is open every Thursday morning from 8:15-8:40AM in the front lobby. We implemented this program just three months ago and have received 470 deposits from students at our school. We look forward to not only continuing, but further expanding, this exciting program. Beginning January 13th, we started a weekly prize drawing. Each weekly prize will be awarded to one Ebb Valley student who made a deposit that day. Even if your child makes a deposit and does not win the weekly prize, he/she will still be entered to win a Grand Prize drawing in June for a \$100 Savings Bond. The more deposits that your child makes during the school year, the greater chance he/she will have of winning the Grand Prize. If your child already has a School Banking account with New Windsor State Bank, then no further action needs to be taken (other than making deposits) to participate in this new incentive. If your child does not yet have a School Banking account and would like to participate, then you only need to complete the enclosed application and have your child bring it to School Banking, with a deposit, on Thursdays. Please feel free to contact the bank (410-861-2400) if you have any questions regarding this program or contact the school.

New Windsor State Bank Prize winners for the month of January



Dominic Gruss
January 13
Prize Winner



Allison Briley
January 20
Prize Winner



Your Financial Partner Since 1932

School Banking Signature Card

SAVINGS ACCOUNT NUMBER: _____

DATE	SCHOOL NAME	MINOR'S FULL/LEGAL NAME	MINOR'S SOCIAL SECURITY #
MINOR'S D.O.B.	MINOR'S MOTHERS MAIDEN NAME <i>(For Security Purposes)</i>	CUSTODIAN'S FULL/LEGAL NAME	CUSTODIAN'S SOCIAL SECURITY #
CUSTODIAN'S D.O.B.	PHYSICAL MAILING ADDRESS <i>(No P.O. Boxes)</i>	ALTERNATE ADDRESS <i>(May be a P.O. Box ONLY if we have a physical mailing address as well)</i>	CUSTODIAN'S EMPLOYER <i>Employer Name:</i> <i>Employer's Address:</i>
OCCUPATION	CUSTODIAN'S DRIVERS LICENSE INFO <i>Number</i> <i>State of Issuance</i> <i>Exp Date</i> <i>Issue Date</i>	CUSTODIAN'S MOTHERS MAIDEN NAME <i>(For Security Purposes)</i>	HOME PHONE # WORK PHONE #

Under penalty of perjury I certify (1) that the number shown above on this application is my correct taxpayer identification number and (2) that I am not subject to backup withholding either because I have not been notified that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or the internal revenue service has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding. The undersigned hereby apply(ies) for an account in New Windsor State Bank, New Windsor, Maryland subject to its charter and by-laws and the rules, regulations and laws governing said corporation. The Corporation is hereby authorized to act without further inquiry in accordance with writings bearing such signature(s). Customer(s) requests service indicated and acknowledges receipt of and agrees to be bound by the laws and conditions of all applicable service agreements and disclosures. Customer(s) certifies application is complete and correct.

CUSTODIAN'S SIGNATURE: _____

(DATE)

SUCCESSOR CUSTODIAN

I, _____, the undersigned Custodian for _____ Under the Maryland Uniform Transfer to Minors Act in New Windsor State Bank Account Number _____, hereby appoint _____, as Successor Custodian of such account with authority to act in that capacity in the event I resign as Custodian, be legally incapacitated or die.

CUSTODIAN'S SIGNATURE: _____

(DATE)

SUCCESSOR CUSTODIAN'S FULL/LEGAL NAME	SUCCESSOR CUSTODIAN'S SOCIAL SECURITY #	SUCCESSOR CUSTODIAN'S D.O.B.	PHYSICAL MAILING ADDRESS <i>(No P.O. Boxes)</i>
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SUCCESSOR CUSTODIAN'S MOTHERS MAIDEN NAME <i>(For Security Purposes)</i>	HOME PHONE #	WORK PHONE #	THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE SCHOOL BANKING PROGRAM!

September - December School Banking Incentive Celebration

Ebb Valley Elementary has 36 students who met the number of required deposits for the September - December School Banking Incentive Program sponsored by New Windsor State Bank. These students are invited to attend a Pizza Party and receive a tour of the North Carroll Branch of the New Windsor State Bank.

Congratulations to:

Anthony Anderson

Austin Anderson

Zoe Askew

Michael Aversa

Sean Aversa

Garrett Boerner

Grant Boerner

Allison Briley

Kathryn Briley

Megan Briley

Ryan Briley

Josh Bubczyk

Colby Canova

Madison Collins

Alex Cook

Benjamin Cook

Delainey Daneker

Anthony Delle Donne

Marlee Dzergoski

Madisson Foster

Dominic Gruss

Jacquelyn Harmon

Morgan Jones

Erika Lucas

Kyrsten Lucas

Emily Messinese

Lauren Messinese

Tyler Montgomery

Carson Owings

Gavin Owings

Shane Ratcliff

Bobby Riegert

Joshlyn Robertson

Christian Rodriguez

Colleen Sheckells

Alyssa Stull



CARROLL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
OUT-OF-DISTRICT REQUESTS FOR THE 2011 - 2012 SCHOOL YEAR

On February 1, 2011, out-of-district applications will be available in school offices. Board policy states that students who attend Carroll County Public Schools shall attend school in their designated attendance area. However, in very specific and limited circumstances, students may be placed in a school outside their attendance area if an approvable circumstance is deemed to exist.

Parents/legal guardians desiring an out-of-district placement for their child should carefully review the list of approvable circumstances listed on the back of the out-of-district application to determine whether the child meets the criteria for approval. Please review the out-of-district regulations in the Student Services manual for updates. The information can be found in Section I of the Student Services manual at www.carrollk12.org. The Carroll County Public Schools' out-of-district policy and regulation will be strictly adhered to in making decisions regarding admission of students to schools outside of their assigned attendance area.

The only Carroll County Public Schools designated as "OPEN" for the 2011-2012 school year are as follows:

ELEMENTARY

Cranberry Station Elementary
Ebb Valley Elementary
Elmer Wolfe Elementary
Hampstead Elementary
Manchester Elementary
Mt. Airy Elementary
Parr's Ridge Elementary

Robert Moton Elementary
Runnymede Elementary
Sandymount Elementary
Spring Garden Elementary
Taneytown Elementary
Winfield Elementary

MIDDLE

New Windsor Middle
North Carroll Middle

Northwest Middle
Shiloh Middle

HIGH

Francis Scott Key High
Manchester Valley High
North Carroll High

South Carroll High
Westminster High

All other Carroll County Public Schools will be designated as "CLOSED" for the 2011-2012 school year. This means that any out-of-district application submitted for placement to a "CLOSED" school for the 2011-2012 school year will be denied unless it meets the limited criteria for admission to a "CLOSED" school.

Parents/legal guardians who plan to submit out-of-district applications for the 2011-2012 school year need to be aware of the following procedures:

- It is the parent's/legal guardian's responsibility to obtain an out-of-district application from the school office or the Student Services Department. These applications will be available on February 1, 2011, *but not before*. Please be certain that the application obtained is for the 2011-2012 school year. Completed out-of-district applications may not be returned to the school office.
- The deadline for out-of-district applications for the 2011-2012 school year is **April 1, 2011**. Completed applications must be postmarked or personally delivered by the deadline date to:

Carroll County Public Schools
Student Services Department
125 North Court Street
Westminster, Maryland 21157

- Applications postmarked/received after the deadline date of **April 1, 2011** will be returned to the sender without consideration.

QUESTIONS REGARDING OUT-OF-DISTRICT ISSUES MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE SCHOOL'S PUPIL PERSONNEL WORKER, MARK BUGBEE, AT 410-751-3135.

Spring Conference Day - Thursday, March 3, 2011

Parent/ Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, March 4th from 3:45-7:15PM. Your child's teacher will contact you to let you know if you need to schedule a conference on this day. Conferences will be scheduled by calling the school office at 410-386-1550.

Ebb Valley Yearbook

Yearbook orders were collected in November. If you forgot to place your order or have since decided you would like to purchase a yearbook, it's not too late! Larry Allen & Co., who publishes our yearbook, informed us we can continue to take orders for a limited time. Yearbooks are \$19.00 each. Checks should be made payable to Ebb Valley PTA.

Fifth Grade News

ILA

- In January, students wrote and turned in their Americanism essay entries for the Legion's essay contest. We hope to hear soon if any students had winning entries. Currently, students are working on a letter to King George III. The letter is using content learned in Social Studies to persuade the King to rethink how he is managing the American colonies.
- Since August, students have been writing daily in Writer's Notebooks to improve on their writing fluency and practice writing skills learned in class. The monthly notebook checks are based on the quality, quantity, neatness, conventions, and that the students are using what they've learned in class to improve their writing. Yes, writer's notebooks may come home with students.
- In mid-January, students took the Scholastic Reading Inventory (SRI) for the second time this school year. Congratulations to the students that demonstrated significant process in their reading score after hard work during class and at-home reading.

Math

- In February, students will be starting the Probability & Statistics and Fractions clusters. Reviewing 4th grade Geometry and Measurement at home would be helpful in preparing for the MSA in March.

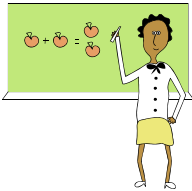
Science/Social Studies-

- Students will return to Ms. McDonough for the third marking period to continue the Science unit "Earth and Beyond".



First Grade News February 2011

It is hard to believe that we are half-way through first grade already! We recently took our January math benchmark exam. Please look for data concerning your child's score to be inserted in his/her data binder in the coming week. Students have also just completed their mid-year ILA assessments. Data binders will be updated with these assessments. We will have special 100th day activities planned. More information on this will be coming home as the date gets closer. (The exact date will depend on weather!) On Monday, February 14th, we will have a small Valentine's Day celebration. Students may bring in valentines to give to their friends on that day. The children will also have a light snack in the afternoon. If you are willing to donate snack items, we would greatly appreciate it. A flyer will come home separately. Thank you for your support.



Math – The students have begun their money unit. We are working to learn to identify coins, name amounts, and count mixed coins. As stated before, your child has been working on fact fluency. This is the ability to answer basic addition and subtraction problems in less than three seconds each. If you haven't already, this would be a good time to invest in a package of flash cards for your child to practice at home, or you can make your own! Each student will be expected to learn basic facts in addition with sums to 18 and in subtraction with minuends to 10 at a rate of less than three seconds per equation.

Writing – The students have been working hard to organize their writing.



We are practicing planning before writing, to have a strong, beginning, middle, and end. We are also working on using leads and strong endings. Eric Carle is our mentor author for this unit. As we teach organization, the children are still accountable for incorporating what they learned in the ideas unit: focusing on choosing a topic they know a lot about, narrowing their topic to make it manageable, and including fascinating details in their writing. This month, we also begin to include all steps of our writer's workshop.

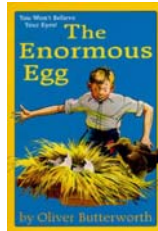


Reading – In Reading, students have been working to identify the main idea and important details in a non-fiction text. Students will also learn about different non-fiction structures such as compare/contrast, description, and sequence. Our goal is for students to accurately identify the main idea and supporting details in a non-fiction text. After this unit, we will introduce a new reading power to students which is asking questions. We will discuss question words, how to ask a question, and asking questions before, during, and after reading. This strategy helps students to "think" and "process" the text they are reading.



Social Studies and Science – We are just about finished our maps unit in social studies. The children have had lots of fun using our classroom atlases to explore map skills. Our next science unit will be animal tracks. We will be science detectives to look at clues to identify animal tracks!

Ebb Valley Media Center
"One School, One Book"



One School, One Book

We've started! The secret is out. We are reading, *The Enormous Egg*. Hopefully you have read the first chapter and enjoyed reading together as a family. If you have not started, please check your child's book bag to look for the book and reading schedule. It is my hope that every family will set aside time to join us in this special activity. The chapters are not very long and could be used for a bedtime story.

Try to follow the schedule so that your child can answer the morning trivia question and have a chance to win a prize.

We are offering special tee shirts and sweatshirts for sale to help support the One School, One Book program. An order form was sent home with the One School, One Book letter from Mr. Mitchell. **Orders must be received by February 3** so check your child's book bag if you haven't seen the form.

Bedtime Story Night

Join us on February 25 to hear the last chapter of *The Enormous Egg*. More information and fliers will be sent home soon.

Help us build a community of readers at Ebb Valley.

Keep reading!

Helga Anderson
Media Specialist



Market Day Update

We would like to thank everyone who is supporting Ebb Valley by making purchases to Market Day. Our school receives either 10% or 15% of all purchases depending on the total sales. We will keep you updated in the chart below with the monthly profit totals. All monies earned will go into an account to help fund school projects and incentives. We would like to extend a special thank you to everyone participating in the Market Day program.

Month	Profit
September	167.05
October	245.54
November	264.12
December	184.58
January	158.37
February	
March	
April	
May	
June	
July	
Total for Year	1019.66

Market Day pick up will be Tuesday, February 1st in the cafeteria from 6:15 - 7:00PM.

We would like to thank the families who helped us out by purchasing cookie dough from Market Day in January.

BOX TOPS

Ebb Valley PTA will be holding our 2nd Box Tops Contest from February 1st through February 25th.



During this period, the individual class that collects the most Box Tops will be treated to a fun and exciting class party! Proceeds from the Box Tops collection will be used to help fund technology improvements and other projects around the school. All Box Tops will be accepted, however only those that are neatly clipped will be counted toward class totals.

Donating Coke Reward points to EBB VALLEY is easy!

Ebb Valley earns points for every coke rewards code/coke cap that you send in. We will use these reward points along with Campbell's Soup Points to purchase new recess equipment.

Our Coke rewards total is now at 15,299. One recess kit can be purchased with 23,044 points. We would like to be able to purchase a kit for each grade level.

Please contact your family, friends and place of business to have everyone save their coke reward points and coke caps for Ebb Valley. Reward points can be placed in the container in the front lobby and we will enter them for you.

Want to donate points? Here's how you can get them

 <p>Bottles each have a code under the cap worth 3 points</p>	 <p>24 packs (of 12 oz. cans) have a code under the flap worth 20 points</p>	
 <p>32 packs pack a punch with a code under the wrap worth 25 points</p>	 <p>A 12 pack of 12 oz. cans has a code under the flap worth 10 points</p>	

Get codes and donate points from any of these participating brands

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Head to mycokerewards.com to enter codes, donate points and support our school.

My Coke Rewards is open to legal residents of the 50 U.S. states (and DC) age 13 and over. Visit www.mycokerewards.com for details and a full list of participating products. ©2009 The Coca-Cola Company.



Campbell's Labels for Education!

For over 30 years, Campbell's Labels for Education program has awarded over \$100 million in FREE merchandise to schools nationwide. Ebb Valley Elementary is participating in the Campbell's Labels for Education program. We are asking parents, teachers and friends in the community to collect Campbell product proofs of purchase that can be redeemed for free educational merchandise. At this time, we are looking to use our Campbell's labels along with the Coke Reward Points to purchase new recess equipment for each grade level.

You can help Ebb Valley Elementary earn free merchandise simply by collecting Campbell products proof of purchase and sending them in to our school.

At this time, we have submitted a total of 13,305 points to Campbell's to help us get our recess equipment. To purchase this equipment for all grade levels we need a total of 55,600 points.

We need your help and that of your family, friends and coworkers to help us reach our goal of new recess equipment. It's easy to pitch in. Simply save products proofs of purchase from any of the following Campbell products and send them to Ebb Valley:

Campbell's® soups

Campbell's® Select Harvest™ soups
Campbell's Supper Bakes® meal kits

SpaghettiOs® Pasta -Original and Meatball

Campbell's® beans, gravies, and pasta

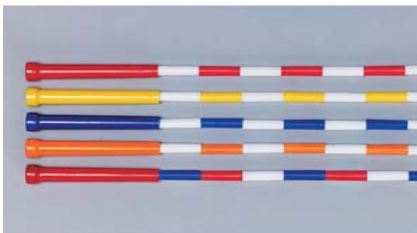
Prego® pasta sauces

Swanson® broths and canned poultry

V8® vegetable juices
V8 Splash® juice drinks
V8® soups

Campbell's® tomato juice
Pepperidge Farm® breads, cookies, crackers, and frozen products

Pepperidge Farm® Goldfish® crackers



February Dates to Remember.....

- February 1 Volunteer Training 7:00PM in Media Center
Market Day / Cookie Dough Pick-up in Cafeteria 6:15-7:00PM
- February 3.... "Etiquette" Assembly Grades K-5 in Cafeteria 2:00-3:00PM
- February 4.... Empty Bowls in Cafeteria / Gymnasium 6:00-9:00PM
Football Colors / Team Day
- February 7 ... Beginner Band Concert in Cafeteria 6:45PM
- February 9 ... Snowdate for Beginner Band Concert 6:45PM in Cafeteria
- February 11 ... 12:25PM Early Dismissal
Snowdate for Empty Bowls in Cafeteria/Gym 6:00-9:00PM
- February 17 PTA Meeting in Cafeteria 6:30 - 8:00PM
- February 18 Comfy Shirt Day
Grade 4 Mr. Watts' class trip to Weis Markets 9:00-11:30AM
Grade 4 Mrs. Carls' class trip to Weis Markets 12:00-2:30PM
- February 21.... Schools / Offices closed for Presidents' Day
- February 22.... Schools Closed for Students - Teacher Professional Day
- February 23.... Market Day Orders must be placed by 11:00PM via the internet
- February 25.... Grade 4 Mrs. Mersingers' class trip to Weis Markets 9-11:30AM
Bedtime Story Night 6:30-8:30PM