



# EBB VALLEY EAGLE'S JUNE NEWSLETTER



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## June 2010 - Notes from the Office

I cannot believe that the school year is over. It seems like just a few days ago we were gearing up for this year to start. As we plan for next school year, our registration for Kindergarten is really lower than we would like it to be. If you have a neighbor or a friend who has not enrolled their child yet, please encourage them to come in to register right away.

- Kindergarten - 51 students - 3 or 4 classes
- Grade 1 - 80 students - 4 classes
- Grade 2 - 76 students - 4 classes
- Grade 3 - 85 students - 4 classes
- Grade 4 - 72 students - 3 classes
- Grade 5 - 93 students - 4 classes

As the final weeks and days of this school year approach, please accept my sincere thanks for the many ways you have supported the growth of your children. We appreciate your cooperation. We owe many thanks to our volunteers who have accumulated numerous hours of service. We also want to thank our PTA officers and committee chairpersons who have worked diligently on behalf of our students and Ebb Valley Elementary community. The support we receive from our community makes this a very special place.

Always feel free to contact us with your comments and questions. We look forward to a busy last few days of school! Enjoy a safe, happy summer!

***Absent / Tardy Reminders***

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

- Email: [eveattendance@k12.carr.org](mailto: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.**

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***Address, Phone and Email Updates***

**Please remember to send in updates to the school office if your address, phone number (home, work and cell) and/or email address changes.**



**Dress Code Reminders**

Please help your child learn respect for school by sending them to school dressed appropriately for learning. Students are not permitted to wear halter tops, half tops, see-through tops, short skirts, short skorts or short shorts. No shoes with spikes/cleats, wheels, clogs, slippers or flip flops should be worn to school. Clothing should be modest, clean, decent and appropriate in appearance so that it is not disruptive to the educational process. Please remember that P.E. classes are outside and children should dress for the weather.

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**The last day of school for students is June 10, 2010.  
We will dismiss students at 12:25 PM on this day.**

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## **LOST AND FOUND**

Our lost and found is overflowing!!! When you are in the building, please be sure to stop by the LOST AND FOUND and see if any of these items belong to your child.

4 pr. of gloves	15 loose gloves
3 scarves	1 neck cover
5 books	3 change purses
2 umbrellas	14 knit hats
2 lunch boxes	6 regular shirts
9 pullover sweatshirts	32 zipper hooded sweatshirts
6 winter coats	3 wind breakers
1 EVE reader's backpack	

On the last day of school any items still here will be donated to Sheppard's Staff in Westminster.

### **Attention Parent Volunteers !!**

If you are a parent volunteer, please remember your volunteer training is good until September 30, 2010, **no matter when you took the training this past school year.**

Ebb Valley Elementary will once again hold volunteer training before and after each back to school night. Please be sure to get your volunteer training during one of those evenings and avoid last minute rushes prior to field trips.

Remember you must be volunteer trained **7 school days prior to volunteering** on field trips or in your child's school. The volunteer training and screening help to keep our school and students safe.

We appreciate our volunteers and all you do to help our school be the great place it is. We look forward to seeing you next year!

**EBB VALLEY ELEMENTARY  
STUDENT DIRECTORY / INVITATION POLICY**

**It is Ebb Valley School policy that party invitations are not to be distributed at school.**

However, it has come to our attention that some students are bringing in invitations and giving them out to friends without the knowledge of staff members. This notice serves to inform you that invitations handed out by children during school hours will be collected and returned home.

**For the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year**, if planning a party for your child, parents can send enough invitations for your child's entire class to the school office in **stamped** envelopes. The office will put on addresses and mail the invitations for you.

**For the upcoming 2010-2011 school year, Ebb Valley policy will remain that no invitations can be distributed at school during school hours.** The Ebb Valley office will compile a student directory that will be available in September 2010. This directory will be given to students free of charge. The directory can be used to mail invitations to your child's friends. It is the parent's choice as to whether or not your address and/or phone number appears in the directory. Your child should have brought home a form for parents complete letting us know if you would like your child's name, address and /or phone number to appear in the directory. If you did not receive a form or if you have any questions, please contact the school office at 410-386-1550.

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*Notes from Fifth Grade.....*

The fifth grade team would like to wish our students good luck as they transition to the middle school. You have all worked very hard and are ready to begin your journey toward your future. It has been a pleasure to work with each and every one of you! We especially enjoyed our field trip to the Baltimore Museum of Industry and The Famous American Wax Museum. We would also like to extend a special thanks to all of our volunteers. You truly help make our jobs easier with all that you do. Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

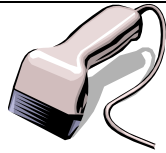
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Instrumental Music Notes - Mrs. Rees

I would like to thank our 4th and 5th grade instrumental music students for all of their hard work this year! You should be proud of your many accomplishments on your chosen instrument. Please remember - it's important that you KEEP PLAYING over the summer so you don't forget everything you've learned! Get together with a few friends and have a "jam session", or put on a concert for your family. Visit a local music store with Mom or Dad to see what other "fun" books are available. I look forward to working with many of you in 5th grade next year, and hope to see those of you moving on to 6th grade playing in the middle school band and orchestra!

# Ebb Valley Media Center

## Make Waves... Read!



### Volunteers Needed

We have started inventory. If you have some extra time and are handy with a scanner we could use your help. Stop in and sign up!

### Reading Incentive

A great big THANK YOU goes out to all of the parents who encouraged their children to complete our reading incentive program.

Congratulations to Mrs. Etzel's first grade class for having 85% of her students complete the program. They were tops in the school. First grade had the most students participate and Kindergarten was not far behind.

The pirate pictures are being taken now, so they should be coming home soon.

I would also like to thank the staff members for their help with the program and for letting us take their pictures.

### Summer Reading

Please encourage your children to read during the summer months. Let them take a break and read comic books or graphic novels. Magazines can also be a lot of fun. Students often enjoy reading the short articles instead of a long story. Have them help you find items in the grocery store by reading labels. You might also have them read you an article or the comics in the newspaper. Any reading helps maintain and improve skills.

Looking for a good series that your child might enjoy? Stop by and I can give you some suggestions.

Join the Summer Reading Program at the North Carroll Public Library. They have some great prizes this summer.

**Keep Reading!**  
**Enjoy your Summer**

Helga Anderson  
Media Specialist



## Nurse Notes:



**MEDICATION PICK-UP: Please remember to pick-up any medicines from the school, no later than June 10th at 3pm. Students can not transport their medications. After June 10<sup>th</sup> the medications will be discarded. I will also give you new forms for the next year to have filled out over the summer.**

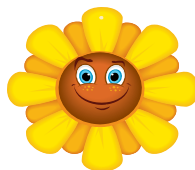
**REMINDER:** Hearing and vision screening was completed the last week in March. Re-screen day was April 30<sup>th</sup> for all absentees. This screening was for all K, 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders. **Follow-up forms were mailed home and needed to be returned ASAP.**

As the days get hotter, sunscreen needs to be applied at home in the morning, and students can bring in their own, to keep in their lockers. **They are not to share their lotions, and the nurse will not be providing lotion for them.**

*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, and on the CCPS website.
- 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 Counseling this month:*

**Kindergarteners, First Graders, Second graders,**

Third grade, **Fourth grade:** Have a wonderful summer and I'll see you next year!



**Fifth graders** are developing their awareness of middle school expectations/routines. The counselors from North Carroll Middle School came to visit our fifth graders on May 19<sup>th</sup>. They shared a DVD which showed many facets of sixth grade 'life' at North Carroll. Our fifth grade students had the opportunity to ask questions and discuss some middle school expectations with the counselors. We have a field trip over to the middle school on the morning of June 2<sup>nd</sup>, when students will receive a tour of the building and meet the principal.

Fifth grade parents, if you are interested in some information about transitioning to middle school, or more about North Carroll Middle School, please check out the "Counselor's Corner" page on the Ebb Valley Elementary website:

[www.carrollk12.org/eve/counselor](http://www.carrollk12.org/eve/counselor)

May/June's Character Trait of the month is:

## **PERSEVERANCE**



### **PBIS News!**

Ebb Valley Students continue to follow their *Flight Plans!*

- Our final Rally for the school year will be held on June 9<sup>th</sup> at 9am
- Thank you parents, for supporting our PBIS framework all year!
- Summer Homework Assignment from Mrs. Spera ☺: Create a poster or chart telling how you demonstrate the following characteristics at home (I'd love to see what students come up with when we return in August):
- RESPECT
- PREPAREDNESS
- SAFETY
- and RESPONSIBILITY



*Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week May 24-28<sup>th</sup>*

Ebb Valley welcomed the opportunity to highlight and discuss bullying behavior, as well as review the many related topics that School Counseling, Health, and Classroom Teachers work on all year long (conflict resolution, empathy-building, assertive communication, PBIS, etc.). This week the entire school community signed a large hallway banner acknowledging that keeping our school bully-free is everyone's responsibility; **"The End of Bullying Starts With Me."**

*I am always interested in hearing feedback about the School Counseling Program. If you have suggestions or thoughts about classroom counseling lessons, please contact me anytime.*

\*\*For further information about the School Counseling program at EVE,  
-please see [www.carrollk12.org/eve/counselor](http://www.carrollk12.org/eve/counselor)  
-please contact me: [ljspera@k12.carr.org](mailto:ljspera@k12.carr.org) or 410-386-1550

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***EBB VALLEY 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL TALENT SHOW***

Ebb Valley will host a talent show to raise funds for the music department on Wednesday June 2nd from 6:30-8:30 P.M. The funds we raise go directly to new instruments, music, guest musicians to visit our school, and future field trips. Tickets are \$3 a person. The talent show performances range from song, dance, instrumental music, skits, magic etc...Our goal is to raise \$1,500 dollars in ticket sales so that we can purchase guitars for a guitar unit. We would be the only elementary school in Carroll County to provide an opportunity like this. We want the best and the most for our students here at Ebb Valley! So come on out and support Ebb Valley's music department on Wednesday June 2nd at 6:30 P.M. Tickets will be sold at the door. Doors open at 6:00 to purchase tickets. Thank you for your support in the music department! We hope to see you on Wednesday June 2nd!

## ***Reminders for June 2010.....***

***June 1 .... Grade 2 walk to Pine Valley Nature Center 11:30AM – 2:00PM  
Market Day Pick Up 7:00PM in cafeteria***

***June 2....Grade 5 to visit North Carroll Middle School 9:30AM-10:45AM  
Grade 4 walk to Pine Valley Nature Center 11:00AM – 2:45PM  
Talent Show 6:30PM – 8:30PM in cafeteria/gymnasium***

***June 3.....Grade 1 walk to Pine Valley Nature Center 1:10PM-3:00PM***

***June 4 ....Grade 3 walk to Pine Valley Nature Center 12:30PM-2:45PM  
Ms. King's class Reader's Theater Room B212 1:00PM-2:00PM***

***June 7....Grade One Ice Cream Social 1:10PM-3:00PM  
Grade 5 walk to Pine Valley Nature Center 9:00AM-2:00PM  
Kindergarten Picnic and Author Celebration***

***June 8....Grade 2 Class Picnic 10:50AM-2:00PM***

***June 9 ....Pep Rally 9:00AM -10:15AM  
Grade 3 Class Picnic 12:00PM- 3:00PM***

***June 10... 2 hour 45 minute Early Dismissal for Students  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade Farewell Celebration 9:00AM in cafeteria***

***Enjoy your summer!!***

***The school office is open all summer, Monday through  
Friday, from 8:00AM – 4:00PM. Please call the office if  
you have any questions or concerns 410-386-1550.***

# Math+Science Connection

Beginning Edition

Building excitement and success for young children

Ebb Valley Elementary School  
Principal

## TOOLS & TIDBITS

### Name that shape

Build your child's geometry skills by having her label household items. She can draw and cut shapes out of construction paper, name them with markers, and tape the labels to the objects. *Examples:* "rectangle" for refrigerator door, "cylinder" for peanut butter jar.

### Make a hurricane

Let your youngster stir around the sides of a large bowl of water until the water moves in a fast circle. Then, have him quickly add food coloring to the center. The color will move away in bands—just like clouds move out from the eye (or center) of a hurricane.

### Book picks

Reading *Jack the Builder* by Stuart Murphy is like one big math lesson. Your child will learn addition as she sees what Jack can build with just one more block.

*Eye Wonder: Space* (Carole Stott) is a terrific introduction to stars, planets, galaxies, and more. The photographs and detailed information are sure to hook your youngster on space!

### Worth quoting

"The best way to have a good idea is to have lots of ideas." *Linus Pauling*

## Just for fun

**Teacher:** How fast does light travel?

**Benji:** I don't know, but it sure gets here early in the morning!

## Count on it!

Bryan loves to count everything he sees. "Look, Mommy. There are three birds. Now I see four trees." Bryan doesn't know it, but he's getting ready for addition, multiplication, and other math skills. Help your child practice counting with these ideas.



### Number sense

Get your youngster used to thinking about numbers and what they mean.

✦ Have him count objects regularly. How many computers are in the library? How many books are in his room?

✦ Give directions involving numbers. *Examples:* "Please put three plates on the table." "Take four steps to get into bed."

✦ Ask your child to count to 10 by finding numbers around the house. *Examples:* "1" on a clock, "2" on a remote control, "3" on a board game spinner, and so on.

### Skip counting

2, 4, 6, 8... Learning to "skip count" will help your child count faster and with more confidence.

✦ While walking up the block, have him read the house numbers. Point out how they increase by 2 or 4.

✦ Ask him to number 20 craft sticks (1–20) and lay them down side by side. If he removes every other one and says

the numbers that remain, he will have counted by 2s!

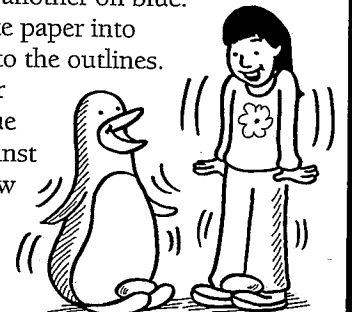
✦ Encourage him to count to 50 while bouncing a ball. He can swing his leg over the ball on every 5th number (5, 10, 15) to get the rhythm of counting by 5s.

## Polar play

Walk like a penguin. Make a polar bear disappear. With these activities, your youngster will learn habits of two favorite animals.

● Have her form an egg out of play dough. Can she walk across a room balancing the "egg" on top of her feet like father emperor penguins do? Tell her it's the dad's job to keep the egg warm for two months before it hatches.

● Ask your child to draw two polar bear outlines, one on white paper and another on blue. Then, have her tear white paper into pieces and glue them into the outlines. What happens? Her bear will stand out on the blue paper but disappear against the white—showing how polar bears' white fur provides camouflage against snow.



# Rock on

Rocks come in all shapes and sizes, and kids can find them anywhere. That's what makes rock hunting so much fun. Turn your youngster into a rock explorer with these suggestions.

**Find specimens.** In your backyard or at the park, have her pick out rocks. Encourage her to use her senses. What does the rock look like? How does it feel? What does it smell like? Let your child take home 10 rocks she likes best.



**Examine rocks.** Have her rinse the rocks with water so their true colors appear. Provide a magnifying glass for examining markings and texture. In a notebook, she can draw pictures and write words describing each rock (flat, rough, pink).

**Do experiments.** Rubbing two rocks together will show which one is softer (it will scratch away a little). Suggest that your youngster test for limestone by dropping vinegar on each rock. If it fizzes, the rock is limestone (acid in the vinegar reacts with carbon and oxygen to make carbon dioxide bubbles).

**Make a rock sorter.** Finally, help your child cut different size holes (small to large) in a shoe box lid. As she puts each rock through the hole that fits best, she'll learn to sort by size.



## MATH CORNER

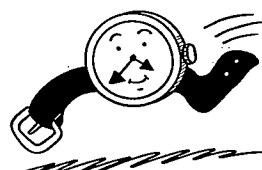
### It's about time

How long is a second? A minute? An hour? Here are ways to help your child understand time:

1. Ask him how many times he can clap his hands in a second or how many somersaults he can do in a minute. Then, time him. He'll get a better idea of how long a second or minute really is. Have him think of other things he can

do in a second (give you a hug) or a minute (sing a song).

2. Teach your child about "elapsed time" by making a schedule. On poster board, list times (8:00, 8:30, 9:00), and help him write in daily events (breakfast, soccer practice). Use the poster to ask questions. *Example:* "You get home at 5:00, and dinner is at 6:00. How much time do you have to play?"



## SCIENCE LAB

### Ooey goeey

Call it slime or call it quicksand—this stuff is fun! Kids can make it all by themselves, and they will learn a science lesson in the process.

*You'll need:* measuring cups, pan, cornstarch, food coloring, water

*Here's how:* Let your youngster measure 1 cup of cornstarch into a pan and add a few drops of food coloring. Have him slowly pour in about ½ cup of water and mix with his fingers until the cornstarch is wet.

*What happens?* As your child squeezes the mixture through his fingers, it will change from liquid to solid and back to liquid again.

*Why?* This experiment demonstrates "suspension." You can explain that parts of the cornstarch are temporarily mixed with—or suspended in—the water. The particles are then separated again by a process called filtering.



## Q & A

### Learn to love math!

**Q:** I want my child to enjoy math. How can I get her to like it from the start?

**A:** First, be sure to "talk up" math. Let her know that you think math is fun and that she'll use it her whole life. Then, make math a part of daily life. At the post office, have your youngster estimate how many people are in line. In the

grocery store, ask her how much milk will cost with a 50-cent-off coupon. Be sure to mention the math skills she used ("That was excellent subtraction!").

Put math into fun time, too. Play games like Yahtzee, Connect Four, or Monopoly. At bedtime, read books about math. Try *Equal Shmequal* by Virginia Kroll to learn what equal means, or *Counting on Frank*, Rod Clement's tale of a boy who uses his dog Frank as a ruler.



## OUR PURPOSE

To provide busy parents with practical ways to promote their children's math and science skills.

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# EBB VALLEY ELEMENTARY

## June

## BREAKFAST

## 2010

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1 Waffles w/ syrup <b>or</b> Cereal & Toast Fruit or Juice Milk	2 (2) Cinnamon Toast <b>or</b> Cereal & Toast Fruit or Juice Milk	3 Choice of Donut <b>or</b> Cereal & Toast Fruit or Juice Milk	4 Sausage Egg & Cheese or Egg & Cheese Muffin <b>or</b> Cereal & Toast Fruit or Juice Milk
7 Breakfast Sausage Pizza <b>or</b> Cereal & Toast Fruit or Juice Milk	8 French Toast Sticks <b>or</b> Cereal & Toast Fruit or Juice Milk	9 (2) Cinnamon Toast <b>or</b> Cereal & Toast Fruit or Juice Milk	10 Choice of Donut <b>or</b> Cereal & Toast Fruit or Juice Milk <b>Early Dismissal</b>	

Lunch - \$2.00    Ice Cream - 75 cents    Milk - 50 cents

Lunch Choices also include: Tuna on Roll, Cheese Sandwich, Tossed Salad or on Tuesdays & Thursdays a Baked Potato

# EBB VALLEY ELEMENTARY



June

## LUNCH

2010

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1	2	3	4
	Chicken Nuggets Tator Tots Fruit	Sloppy Joe Vegetable Fruit	<u>Breakfast for Lunch</u> Sausage Patty Pancakes Orange Juice Baked Apples	Pizza or Hot Dog on Roll Vegetable Fruit
7	8	9	10	
Chicken Nuggets Vegetable Fruit	Hot Dog on roll Macaroni & Cheese Fruit	Grilled Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup Cheddar Whales Fruit	Pizza or Pizzata Vegetable Fruit  <b>Early Dismissal Day</b>	

Beginning June 1<sup>st</sup> if your child forgets their lunch money, he/she will need to come to the office to call home for money to be brought in to them.

If your child has any outstanding lunch charges, please make sure you pay them ASAP.

If your child is buying lunch, please make sure they have their lunch money every morning.