



# EBB VALLEY EAGLE'S SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER



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## September 2010 - Notes from the Office

Here we are, back at school already! The time is certainly passing quickly.

Mr. Noel, Mrs. Schmidt, Mr. Thomas, Mrs. Brown and Mr. Baker have done a superb job of getting the school ready. Teachers have been busy preparing their rooms, learning new curriculum, and preparing new materials as we start the school year. Mrs. Markle, Mrs. Fouts and Mrs. Walzl have been trying out new recipes and getting everything ready for school breakfasts and lunches. In the office, Mrs. Swecker, Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Crump and Mrs. Wagaman have been working hard preparing materials for teachers and making sure records are up to date. Everything is ready to go.

Over the summer we said goodbye to Mrs. Barbara Darsch who transferred as cafeteria manager at Manchester Elementary School. We also said goodbye to Mrs. Betsy Cunningham who accepted a teaching position at Mt. Airy Elementary. We want to welcome Ms. Jenna Baldi, our new First Grade Teacher. We want to welcome Mrs. Susan Brown and Mr. Jeff Baker to our custodial crew. We have several teachers who changed grade levels. Mrs. DeStefano will be teaching fifth grade, Mrs. Miller will be teaching second grade and Mrs. Gardner is now a Kindergarten teacher.

We also want to welcome the staff of the Judy Center Partnership: Ms. Dana Bradley, Ms. Barb Vransy, Ms. Dawn Devivo, Ms. Chris Gallagher and Ms. Aratha Smith. The Judy Center staff work with parents and pre-school aged students (birth to age 4) providing resources and support at home and in school based programs. Check out what they have to offer at the Back to School Nights. Call for more information - 410-386-1594.

As of today our enrollment is:

Kindergarten - 67 students	Grade One - 87 students	Grade Two - 74 students
Grade Three - 90 students	Grade Four - 74 students	Grade Five - 96 students

We are all looking forward to a wonderful and exciting new year.

## **“BACK TO SCHOOL” NIGHTS**

The staff at Ebb Valley would like to invite all parents to attend their child’s “Back to School “ Night. This is a great opportunity for you to hear about our school, meet your child’s teacher and see his/her classroom. Since each grade level will meet on a different night, please mark your calendars for the night your child’s grade will meet. Kindergarten parents attended an orientation on August 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Grade 1 – “Back to School” night - Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> 6:30PM – 8:00PM**

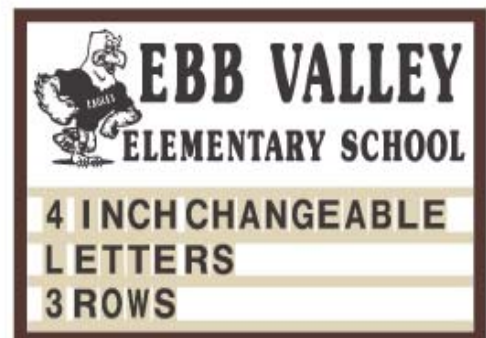
**Grades 2 & 3 – “Back to School” night - Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup> 6:30PM –8:00 PM**

**Grades 4 & 5 – “Back to School” night - Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> 6:30PM -8:00PM**

Keep in mind that Volunteer Training Sessions will be held before and after each “Back to School” night. The Volunteer Training Session before will begin at 5:45 and last until approximately 6:15PM. The Volunteer Training Session after each “Back to School Night” will begin immediately following the conclusion of the program.

## **SCHOOL SIGN UPDATE**

Our school sign has been purchased. We would like to thank our parents and families, local businesses and friends of our school for their generosity. We would like to thank 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 for laying the brickwork.



**BRICK BASE**

## **EBB VALLEY ELEMENTARY**

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### ***STUDENT DO AND DON'T REMINDERS FOR 2010-2011***

#### **DO**

*Do make every effort to have your child in school everyday.*

*Do make sure your child arrives on time everyday. Students should be here by 8:30 AM. Instruction starts at 8:40 AM.*

*Do send or fax a note if you are picking your child up early or if there is a dismissal change.*

*Do be prepared to show ID upon request when picking up a child from school.*

*Do send in change of address or phone numbers as soon as they occur.*

*Do follow the one AM and one PM bus stop policy. Only permanent changes can be made.*

*Do share custody documents with the school. Make sure we are aware of changes in custody status.*

*Do request a copy of the student directory to mail birthday invitations.*

*Do contact the school if your child is fearful, refuses to come to school, or is complaining of bullying.*

*Do contact your child's teacher FIRST if you have a concern or problem.*

*Do be aware that a warning is just that...Students should not be punished for getting a "W".*

#### **DON'T**

*Don't forget to send or fax a note if your child is absent. You can also call the school to report an absence – 410-386-1550.*

*Don't forget to sign in your child if they are late (8:40 or later)*

*Don't call the office to change your child's dismissal unless it is an emergency.*

*Don't forget that emergency contacts /step-parents, etc. cannot pick up a child from school without a note from the parent.*

*Don't let your sick child spend needless time in the nurse's office because we cannot reach you.*

*Don't ask for changes in bus stops to accommodate play dates, etc.*

*Don't forget to remind non-custodial parents who want copies of school notices and report cards to put their request in writing.*

*Don't bring or send birthday invitations to school to be distributed.*

*Don't let your child suffer in silence. We can help.*

*Don't wait until report card time if you have a question or concern.*

*Don't forget to sign and return Stop & Think Notices and Discipline Notices.*

## **DO**

*Do be sure your child is dressed appropriately for school, including sneakers on days they have Physical Education*

*Do provide the school with a valid e-mail address so you will receive all school notices and reminders via AlertNow.*

*Do be sure that you bring all prescription and over the counter medications to school with a signed order from your child's doctor in the original unopened package.*

*Do review the CCPS Student/Parent Handbook for information regarding electronic communication devices.*

*Do mark all of your child's clothing and belongings with their first and last name.*

*Do be sure to pay for all school purchases and field trips by check.*

*Do be sure you receive Volunteer training each school year. Check the CCPS website for dates.*

*Do be aware that it is assumed that parents and guardians have consented to their child being audio taped, photographed, videotaped or have images placed on the school website.*

*Do complete the application for free or reduced meals.*

*Do send in your child's lunch money on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis.*

*Do sign in and out at the office every time you come to visit.*

## **DON'T**

*Don't forget to review the CCPS Dress Code in the Student/Parent Handbook.*

*Don't forget to check your e-mail especially on inclement weather days. You will get e-mail notice as soon as a decision is made. Don't call school.*

*Don't send ANY medication to school with your child.*

*Don't allow your child to bring any games, toys, electronic devices or sports equipment to school.*

*Don't forget to check the Lost & Found located outside of the gym doors. Each year we have hundreds of unclaimed items that are left at school.*

*Don't send cash for anything other than breakfast and/or lunches. Consider prepaying for lunch and breakfast.*

*Don't forget last year's training is valid until September 30<sup>th</sup>. Don't wait until the last minute to be trained as a volunteer for field trips. You must be trained 7 days prior to volunteering.*

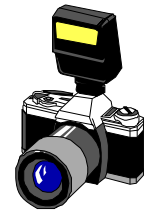
*Don't forget to send in a note if you do not want your child's image or voice used on the school website, newsletters or yearbook.*

*Don't forget that you can apply or reapply for free or reduced meals at any time.*

*Don't forget to repay lunch charges immediately. Refrain from bringing fast food items to the lunchroom for your child.*

*Don't forget to wear a visitor's or volunteer's badge.*

**School pictures will be taken at EBB VALLEY ELEMENTARY  
on THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16<sup>th</sup> .**



On Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, Larry Allen and Company Photographers will be here at school to take individual portraits of each student.

This will be your only opportunity to purchase fall portrait packages. Packages will not be produced for students who do not pay by picture day. **EVERYONE WILL BE PHOTOGRAPHED** for our school records and yearbook, but only those who pay in advance will receive a portrait package. If your portraits are not satisfactory, your money will be refunded by Larry Allen & Company. All Portrait packages purchased will be mailed home.

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**EBB VALLEY STUDENT HANDBOOKS**

Ebb Valley's 2010-2011 Student Handbook is available on our website at [www.carrollk12.org/ebbvalley](http://www.carrollk12.org/ebbvalley). We will not be sending home a paper copy of the handbook unless you request one. Please take the time to read this handbook and familiarize yourself with the school's rules, regulations and policies. The handbook addresses issues from arrival & dismissal, attendance, buses, custody, discipline, dress code, homework, PBIS, school lunch, visitors and volunteers – as well as many others. If you have questions concerning anything in the handbook, please call the school office at 410-386-1550.

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*Your Financial Partner Since 1932*

***New this year.... School banking!!***

New Windsor State Bank (NWSB) is proud to sponsor the School Banking program at Ebb Valley Elementary School. The banking program is offered to all students in grades K through 5 and is specifically designed to help children learn the value of saving. The school bank will be open every Thursday morning in the front lobby beginning September 30th. Please look for information coming home explaining the program and forms to sign your child up to participate.

## This Just In!!



From Mrs. Spera, School Counselor

Hello! Welcome back to another year at Ebb Valley. I am very excited to begin working with students. Here are some notes regarding the School Counseling Program:

\*I will be in your child's classroom within the first two weeks of school to talk about my role and to introduce this quarter's highlighted character trait- "Respect"

\*Classroom Counseling lessons will begin in late September or early October. I work with all students toward Academic, Personal/Social, and Career Development.

\*Please visit the EVE webpage and click on "Counselor's Corner" for more information about the School Counseling program, including parent resources.

## PBIS News!

We kicked off our Ebb Valley PBIS program with a schoolwide assembly to introduce/reteach the Ebb Valley Eagle Flight Plan to students. The "Flight Plan" is made up of four basic expectations (Responsibility, Respect, Safety, and Preparedness) for behavior in all areas of the school. These expectations are being taught and recognized in all settings throughout the school. You can find out more about PBIS in the EVE Student Handbook, or from Mrs. Spera.



## Ebb Valley Safety Patrollers-

Fifth graders who served as Safety Patrollers last year will be briefly retrained and assigned to stations during the first week or two of school. I know that patrollers are anxious to get their belts back on and monitor student safety, but it's important for all students to focus on learning their own new routines and classroom expectations during these first weeks. Patrollers- Mrs. Bolander and I will see you very soon!

## Back to School "jitters"?

Sometimes students (and even parents) can be a little nervous at the start of the school year. Just like adopting any new routine, it requires a transition from one behavioral set to another. Having these feelings is normal and to be expected. Supporting your child through feelings like this may include:

**\*talking to your child about his/her feelings**

**\*validating the feelings as a normal part of change**

**\*communicating confidence**

*verbally*- "Feeling worried is a normal part of making a change. It might not be comfortable...your tummy might feel knotted up, or maybe you'll get a little headache, but that will pass, and I know that you will get through it just fine!"

*nonverbally*- have your child ride the school bus from the very first day

**\*following up with appropriate resources if the anxiety persists for more than a week or two** (school counselor, community resources)

## Quarter One's Highlighted Character Trait is:

# Respect

"R-E-S-P-E-C-T, find out what it means to me..."

Here's what respect means at EVE:

- \*showing kindness/empathy
- \*using good manners
- \*using appropriate voice tone
- \*positive facial expression/body language

**\*\*Optional Homework assignment from Mrs. Spera:\*\***

### **What does respect look like at home?**

**Draw a labeled 8.5x11 size picture showing what respect looks like at home (if you need paper, come and see me!). Write a few sentences explaining your picture. We'll laminate responses and hang them in the hallways of EVE to help underscore our community's shared expectations ☺**

## EBB VALLEY ELEMENTARY STUDENT DIRECTORY / INVITATION POLICY

For the 2010-2011 school year, it is Ebb Valley School policy that party invitations are not to be distributed at school during school hours. This notice serves to inform you that invitations handed out by children during school hours will be collected and returned home. The Ebb Valley office will compile a student directory that will be available this month. 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. Parents were given a permission form to complete and return allowing us to print your child's name, address and/or phone number in the directory. At this time, there are several children who did not return a permission form. If we do not have signed permission for your child, then your child will **not** be included in the directory.

## **VOLUNTEERS**

Volunteers are divided into two groups:

### **Level 1 Volunteers:**

Description – Activity takes place under direct supervision of a CCPS staff member and/or involves no solitary student contact. Activity takes place with a large group of students (twenty or more) at one time for a short period of time.

Examples include, but are not limited to: guest speakers/presenters/readers, event ticket collectors and concession stand operators.

Requirement Checklist: 1) Annually register by completing a Volunteer Information form (only one per school year). 2) Sign in when you arrive to volunteer so your service will be credited to our location, and sign out before leaving. 3) Wear volunteer identification lanyard with badge.

### **Level II Volunteers:**

Description – Activity takes place under direct or limited supervision of a CCPS staff member or there is unsupervised time with students.

Examples include, but are not limited to: classroom helpers, tutors, chaperones, and mentors.

Requirement Checklist: 1) Attend annual volunteer training at least seven (7) school days prior to volunteering to allow time for the screening process and data entry. School days are defined as days when schools are open for students. Additional school days may be required to complete the screening process. 2) Complete a volunteer information form (both sides) 3) Sign in when you arrive to volunteer so your service will be credited to our location and sign out before leaving to avoid difficulties when volunteering at the same site or at other schools. 4) Wear a volunteer lanyard and badge.

**Volunteer Training obtained during the 2009-2010 school year is valid through September 30, 2010.**

If you would like to be a volunteer, you can attend any training session offered for Carroll County Public Schools. The CCPS website ([www.carrollk12.org](http://www.carrollk12.org)) has a complete listing of Volunteer Training Sessions.

### **Upcoming Volunteer Training Sessions at Ebb Valley will be:**

**September 7<sup>th</sup>** – 5:45-6:15PM and immediately following Grade 1 “Back to School Night”

**September 13<sup>th</sup>** – 5:45-6:15PM and immediately following Grades 2 & 3 “Back to School” Night

**September 15<sup>th</sup>** – 5:45-6:15PM and immediately following Grades 4 & 5 “Back to School” Night

**September 20<sup>th</sup>** – 6:30-7:00PM in the Media center

**September 28<sup>nd</sup>** – 6:30-7:00PM in the Media Center

**Please don't wait until you are ready to chaperone a field trip to realize you need volunteer training. Take advantage of these early training dates!!!**



### **Nurse Notes:**

*WELCOME BACK! I hope everyone had a great summer. I wanted to inform everyone that Carroll County Public Schools will again be administering the flu mist vaccine. This year the vaccine will include the H1N1 and seasonal together. The dates for administration will be forthcoming as the year starts.*

*Please remember parents to bring in medication for your child with the signed medication form. **STUDENTS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO TRANSPORT MEDICATION OF ANY KIND.***

*If there have been any changes to your child's health status, please inform me of these changes. This aids in caring for your child at school.*

#### *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*

Ebb Valley Media Center  
**"One School, One Book"**

**Welcome Back!**



TV.

If kids are entertained by two letters, imagine the fun they'll have with twenty-six. Open your child's imagination. Open a book.

~Author Unknown

We are excited to be back and hope that the children are ready for another fun-filled year in the Media Center! My goal is to help the students remember that reading is fun. Our Media Center has an excellent collection of books and every student should be able to find interesting books within the appropriate reading level. Please feel free to ask for help if your child is having trouble finding good books.

Every student in the school comes to the Media Center for 30 minutes every week. We learn about text features, research, the Internet, and focus on learning to find information quickly and easily. Knowing or

memorizing information is not as important as being able to find it quickly. With the availability of Wi-Fi, I-pads and the Internet, information is always at our fingertips. Unfortunately, the overabundance of information can be difficult to wade through. Our goal is to help students become effective users of technology.



**Stay Tuned!**

We are planning some new programs this year and will need your help. With the "One School, One Book" program the whole school will be reading the same book at the same time. Parents will need to work with us to make this successful. Let's build a school community and have some fun!

**Keep Reading!**

Helga Anderson  
Media Specialist

## *News and notes from the PE Department*

We hope everyone had an active and healthy summer!! Here are a few reminders to keep everyone safe and active during PE classes this year. To be prepared for PE, tennis shoes are a must. This allows the students to do their best and allows them to move safely in the gym or on our fields. Ladies, please no dresses or skirts on PE days. We are frequently riding scooters, rolling on mats or doing other fitness activities that are not appropriate to do in a dress or skirt. A letter will be coming home telling you on which letter days your student is scheduled for PE.

Megan Persing will be doing her student teaching experience with us until October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Ms. Persing comes to us from McDaniel College and she is looking forward to working with us here at Ebb Valley. She has some exciting plans for our students.

***Please mark October 1<sup>st</sup> on your calendars.***

*That is the day of our Ebb Valley Fun Run. It will take place again this year in our bus loop and last years event was a great success. All together, the students at Ebb ran a total of 940 miles and raised over \$10,000 in donations last year. This is a fund raiser for our PTA and a portion of the proceeds are donated to the Leukemia / Lymphoma Society. Last year Ebb Valley was on of the top 5 fund raising schools!!! Can we be number 1 this year????? I think we can!!!!!!!!!! Details will be coming home soon about this exciting activity.*

### **Permission to Photograph, Videotape or Audiotape**

Throughout the school year, the Carroll County Public School System frequently covers school activities and may use your child's photograph, video image, or voice for educational, informational, or public relations purposes, with or without identification by name.

If you do not wish to have your child's voice reproduced on tape or to have his/her image appear in such things as a video, a photograph, or the school website, please notify the school principal in writing. It is assumed that parents and guardians consent to their children being audiotaped, photographed, videotaped, or having their image placed on a school website by the school system unless such notification is received.

There are also occasions when the media cover certain school events (such as when a government leader visits a school). If you do not wish to have your child's name or likeness published by the media, you should address your concerns directly to the school involved so that the media is so advised. Please be advised that the school system has no control over the media when they are covering activities such as sporting events and musical programs that are open to the public.

### **Use of Student Work on Websites or in Publications**

There may be times throughout the year when the Carroll County Public School System wishes to display student work on school websites or in publications. If you do not wish to have your child's art, poetry, writing, etc. appear on school websites or in publications, please notify the school principal in writing. It is assumed that parents and guardians consent to their child's work being displayed on school websites or in publications unless such notification is received.

The Ebb Valley Elementary staff and students would like to thank the following businesses for sponsoring our "Eagle" take home folders. These folders are important in the educational process in that they help children to be responsible for organizing their own materials coming to and from school. As you visit these businesses, please thank them for their generosity to our students and school.

## SPONSOR LIST FOR EBB VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 2009 FOLDERS AND BOOK COVERS

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Manchester, MD 21102

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Coldwell Banker  
1130 Baltimore Blvd  
Westminster, MD 21102

James Emerick  
Risk Management Consultants  
P.O. Box 80  
Lineboro, MD 21088

Linda S. Raver  
Raver's Insurance Agency  
1010 South Main St  
Hampstead, MD 21074

Kenneth E. Miller  
Millers Food Market  
3075 Manchester Rd  
Manchester MD 21102

Augusto Illiano  
New York J & P Pizza  
903 South Main St  
Hampstead, MD 21074

Lester Hess  
Hess Discount Music  
P.O. Box 308  
Manchester, MD 21102-0308

Joe Borucki  
Global Martial Arts Academy  
907 South Main St  
Hampstead MD 21074

Christopher T. Oswald  
Farmers & Merchants Bank  
15222 Hanover Pike  
Upperco, MD 21155

Tracy Collins  
Carroll Water Systems  
60 Aileron Court # 3  
Westminster MD 21157

John Gleeson  
Manchester Pharmacy  
3321 North Main Street  
Manchester, MD 21102

Jennifer Bartholow  
Arbonne  
640 Canyon Ct  
Westminster, MD 21158

J. Gambrill  
Building Blocks Early Care & Education  
2967 Manchester Rd  
Manchester, MD 21102



3100 Swiper Rd  
Manchester, MD 21102  
410-386-1550

Student \_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

*"Our mission at Ebb Valley is to safely and respectfully  
Work together, doing our very best each day"*

# **Music News and Announcements**

The Music Department hopes everyone has had a safe and relaxing summer. As we start a new year there are important dates to keep in mind.

## **5th Grade Chorus, Band, Strings Concert:**

Thursday, December 16 at 7:00 P.M.

## **4th Grade Chorus, Band, Strings Concert:**

Tuesday, May 17 at 7:00 P.M.

## **Eisteddfod:**

March 25, 2011, 7:30 P.M. at Westminster High School

*(Tentative Schedule: Date may change!!)*

Please be sure to mark your calendars as we need all of the 5<sup>th</sup> graders present in the winter program and all 4<sup>th</sup> graders present in the spring program. It is a tradition at Ebb Valley that ALL students participate in one choral setting a year. This provides a greater number of students involved in a performance setting, as well as avoids pull outs from other academic areas. More information will be provided to parents/guardians in the form of a letter sent home with students closer to these events.

The Eisteddfod program is a tradition in Carroll County that extends for over 80 years. Each elementary school chooses nine 5<sup>th</sup> grade students to sing with all of the other elementary schools in our region in front of hundreds of people at Westminster High school. It is a huge honor and privilege to be a part of this advance chorus as you may only be selected for this chorus up to three times in one's entire school career grades 5-12. Auditions for the Eisteddfod will take place the first and second weeks of January. More information will be sent home before the winter break.

The music department has a website and we encourage students and parents to visit this site on a regular basis as it contains all of the important dates, materials for general music and band/strings, student resources etc... You can find the website through Ebb Valley's Homepage by clicking Music on the left navigation bar, or type in the following URL in your web browser:

<http://www.carrollk12.org/eve/music/default.asp>

As we start our first few weeks together I encourage you all to read the following: "Twelve Benefits of Music Education." It is an informative list about what music education can do for the student's growth academically, socially, and personally.

1. Early musical training helps develop brain areas involved in language and reasoning. It is thought that brain development continues for many years after birth. Recent studies have clearly indicated that musical training physically develops the part of the left side of the brain known to be involved with processing language, and can actually wire the brain's circuits in specific ways. Linking familiar songs to new information can also help imprint information on young minds.

2. There is also a causal link between music and spatial intelligence (the ability to perceive the world accurately and to form mental pictures of things). This kind of intelligence, by which one can visualize various elements that should go together, is critical to the sort of thinking necessary for everything from solving advanced mathematics problems to being able to pack a book-bag with everything that will be needed for the day.
3. Students of the arts learn to think creatively and to solve problems by imagining various solutions, rejecting outdated rules and assumptions. Questions about the arts do not have only one right answer.
4. Recent studies show that students who study the arts are more successful on standardized tests such as the SAT. They also achieve higher grades in high school.
5. A study of the arts provides children with an internal glimpse of other cultures and teaches them to be empathetic towards the people of these cultures. This development of compassion and empathy, as opposed to development of greed and a "me first" attitude, provides a bridge across cultural chasms that leads to respect of other races at an early age.
6. Students of music learn craftsmanship as they study how details are put together painstakingly and what constitutes good, as opposed to mediocre, work. These standards, when applied to a student's own work, demand a new level of excellence and require students to stretch their inner resources.
7. In music, a mistake is a mistake; the instrument is in tune or not, the notes are well played or not, the entrance is made or not. It is only by much hard work that a successful performance is possible. Through music study, students learn the value of sustained effort to achieve excellence and the concrete rewards of hard work.
8. Music study enhances teamwork skills and discipline. In order for a chorus or orchestra to sound good, all performers must work together harmoniously towards a single goal, the performance, and must commit to learning music, attending rehearsals, and practicing.
9. Music provides children with a means of self-expression. Now that there is relative security in the basics of existence, the challenge is to make life meaningful and to reach for a higher stage of development. Everyone needs to be in touch at some time in his life with his core, with what he is and what he feels. Self-esteem is a by-product of this self-expression.
10. Music study develops skills that are necessary in the workplace. It focuses on "doing," as opposed to observing, and teaches students how to perform, literally, anywhere in the world. Employers are looking for multi-dimensional workers with the sort of flexible and supple intellects that music education helps to create as described above. In the music classroom, students can also learn to better communicate and cooperate with one another.
11. Music performance teaches young people to conquer fear and to take risks. A little anxiety is a good thing, and something that will occur often in life. Dealing with it early and often makes it less of a problem later. Risk-taking is essential if a child is to fully develop his or her potential.
12. An arts education exposes children to the incomparable.

Twelve Benefits of Music Education. <http://www.childrensmusicworkshop.com/advocacy/12benefits.html> (accessed August 15 2009).

Have a great year!  
Mr. Meerdter  
[jcmeerd@k12.carr.org](mailto:jcmeerd@k12.carr.org)

## FAST & EASY WAYS TO EARN MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOL!

There are several FREE ways to earn money and merchandise for Ebb Valley school! Below is a list of programs that offer ways our school can earn extra money and materials. These programs do not cost anything - you're buying the products anyway. Help us earn cash for Ebb Valley whenever you shop. Help multiply our efforts by asking your friends and family to collect proofs of purchases, labels, and Box Tops on behalf of our school.

Campbell's Labels for Education Program is a great way to get FREE merchandise for our school. Participating in this program is easy - simply save proofs of purchase from participating Campbell's products and send them to school. See the complete list of eligible products on the flier attached.

General Mills Box Tops for Education gives our school \$.10 for every Box Top we collect! Clip Box Tops from hundreds of your favorite products listed on the attached Box Tops for Education flier. Send the Box Tops in to school and we will redeem them for cash.

Tyson Project A+ gives our school \$.24 for each Tyson Project A+ label turned in. A listing of participating Tyson Products is attached. Clip and save the entire Project A+ label and send them in to Ebb Valley

Target - This program is called Take Charge of Education. To participate, you simply enroll your Target charge card (RED card) at [www.target.com](http://www.target.com). Target will donate 1% of purchases charged with your card to Ebb Valley Elementary.

Giant A+ Bonus Bucks - A+ School Rewards are points that accrue with each purchase using your Giant BONUSCARD. Designate Ebb Valley as your desired school to benefit from the program. Giant will donate 1% of participating customer's BONUSCARD purchases to our school.

Used Toner Cartridges - Cartridge World takes our used cartridges and gives Ebb Valley a minimum of \$.25 for each cartridge.

Market Day -Market Day offers butcher shop quality meats, quick cook entrées and sides, breakfast items, lunch box favorites, appetizers, indulgent desserts and more. Ebb Valley receives a percentage of all monthly sales.

Coke Rewards - Coca-Cola offers coke reward points to earn FREE merchandise for our school. Points are located inside the box of 12 or 24 count coke products and under the cap of 2 liter bottles.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER .....**

*August 31... Market Day Pick Up 7:00PM*

*September 1 ... Manchester Valley Stampede 5:30 – 8:30PM*

*September 6 ... Schools/ Offices Closed for Labor Day*

*September 7 .... Volunteer Training 5:45PM and after “Back to School Night”  
Grade 1 “Back to School Night” 6:30 – 7:30PM*

*September 8... PTA Budget Hearing 6:00-7:00PM*

*September 9.... Schools/Offices Closed for Rosh Hashanah*

*September 13.... Volunteer Training 5:45PM and after “Back to School Night”  
Grades 2 & 3 “Back to School Night” 6:30 – 7:30PM*

*September 14.... Schools/Offices Closed Primary Election Day*

*September 15.... Volunteer Training 5:45PM and after “Back to School Night”  
Grades 4 & 5 “Back to School Night” 6:30 – 7:30PM*

*September 16... Fall Picture Day*

*September 20.... Volunteer Training 6:30PM in Media Center*

*September 28... Volunteer Training 6:30PM in Media Center  
Market Day Pick Up in Cafeteria 7:00PM*

*September 30... School Banking begins 8:15 – 8:40AM*