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Interesting Facts about November



- Thanksgiving was first celebrated in the U.S. in 1789.
- The birthstone for November is the topaz.
- John F. Kennedy was assassinated in November 1963.
- Lincoln's Gettysburg address was given in November 1863.
- The ancient Roman calendar listed November as the ninth month.
- The US and Canada celebrate the end of WWI on November 11.
- Presidents Harding and Polk differed in age by 70 years, but they were both born on November 2.



How to Have a Successful Parent/Teacher Conference

School conferences are a great way for parents and teachers to learn about children. They're also a good time for you to tell the teacher important things about your child. The key to a successful conference, parents and teachers agree, is two-way communication. By exchanging information, parents and teachers can set the stage for a great school year.

Before you attend the conference, spend a few minutes talking with your child. Tell him/her that you need help preparing for the conference.

You might:

- Ask what he/she would like you to talk about with the teacher.
- Ask what he/she thinks the teacher will say.
- Ask about his/her problems and successes.
- Let him/her know that after the conference you will discuss what the teacher said.

Prepare some questions in advance. Jot down the questions you most want answered. Here are some suggestions:

- What will be covered in this grade or subject this year?
- What are your expectations for homework? Has my child missed any assignments?
- How are my child's work habits? Does he use time well?
- Does my child get along well with others?
- What can I do at home to help my child be more successful at school?

Keep an open mind. Remember that both you and the teacher want to help your child succeed. Your goal is to work for cooperation between you and the teacher. Even if the teacher says something you disagree with, try to listen to what he/she has to say.

Follow up. Stay in touch with the teacher. If you think of a question you didn't ask, write a note. Talk with your child. Stress the positive things the teacher said...and talk about suggestions for improvement. Plan with your child how to carry out these suggestions.

News from 6th Grade



Eastern Middle School 6th Graders are reading, reading, reading!

N and J Team students have been reading books for their first marking period book report projects. The finished products arrived at the Middle School on Wednesday November 3, 2010. The projects simply look amazing! Students selected a book to read for the first 9 weeks of school. During the past 9 weeks they have been reading in class, during sustained silent reading, and at home. At the completion of all this reading, a project was developed using a coffee can, an envelope, a cereal box or a bag. The students carefully designed their container to represent key elements of their story. Then the container was filled with key vocabulary terms, personal connections to the content of the story and questions the students developed throughout the text.

“WOW! I am truly impressed with the work some students have put into this project,” says Mrs. Mable. “They have truly amazed me with their hard work, creativity and enthusiasm towards reading.” In addition to the reading, the students are conferencing with Mrs. Mable and Mrs. Myers about their book, and discussing the elements included in their project. “Nothing beats a book talk! I can learn so much more about what a student has read in a personal conversation. This is much better than an old fashion book report,” Mrs. Mable comments.

Many of the projects will be displayed in the display case in front of the Middle School office. “We are very proud of the work our students have done with our first book report project. We are anxious to share them with the entire middle school,” comments Mrs. Myers. We truly want to encourage everyone at EYMS to keep reading!



***“The more that you read, the
more things you will know.
The more that you learn, the
more places you'll go.”
Dr. Seuss***

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6th grade parents had the opportunity to join in the fall festivities in reading class for the N and I-Teams during Parent Visitation Day. Parents learned the steps of FLIRTING with the text and participated in the reading of “Lump Thump.” When students returned to school on Friday, they were surprised to find their reading classrooms had been transformed into dark, spooky woods.

Students sat around the classroom campfires, reading their published spooky stories while making smores and eating apples.



News from 7th Grade

As Seen Through the Eyes of Our Students



On October 19th, the 7th grade girls were transported to York College in order to attend the county-wide Young Women's Leadership Conference. While they were attending this event, the guidance counselors arranged for the gentlemen to have their own conference at Eastern York Middle School. The following articles, kindly submitted by Alexandria Gallo and Bryce Miller, will give you a glimpse into what these conferences entailed.

Our Quiet Morning at EYMS

By Bryce Miller

Upon this particular October morning, the halls were rather quiet. The girls had gone to the Young Women's Conference. While the girls were off, the boys got to do some interesting things.

My group got to go to Mr. Hess's room. He showed us his dogs. But these were no ordinary dogs; they were rescue dogs. Mr. Hess presented a slide show to us, so we could see how his dogs were trained. I enjoyed being introduced to the two, Liberty and Apollo-- the two most intelligent dogs I know.

Next, we went to Mrs. Pullen's room, where we were greeted by the district's computer technician. He gave a speech and presented a slide show to us on men of character. He spoke about many sports figures. Some of their characteristics were generosity, honesty, and loyalty. I only hope to follow their examples.

At transition three, we went to the H Team English room. There, an Air Force Master Sergeant talked to us about patriotism and some of his experiences. It was great to hear about his experiences, and he made me proud to pledge to the American flag every morning.

Lastly, we went to Ms. Luckenbaugh's room. While there, we played a competitive game of MarioKart on the Wii. We then indulged in an **adrenalin pumping** game of checkers. It was a great way to complete our (not so) quiet morning at EYMS.

A Day with the Leaders
By Alexandria Gallo



October 19, 2010, was the date Kathleen Hassan, the motivational speaker, wanted us to remember. For it was the date she believed a young girl's life would change. She told us about her troubled past and how she is now a 54 year old woman. What a fabulous 54 year old woman, who is able to inspire 7th grade girls (like the 1,200 7th grade girls that were at the conference in York College).

Kathleen talked about body image, the negative impact of bullying others, and the way media influences young girls. She showed us videos on how girls on TV are crazy, careless, and fighting each other. And she told us that girls who watch those shows (especially young girls) may start to act like that. She even said, "Now, for you 'Jersey Shore' fans, don't finish this sentence," She then said, "Don't even get me started on the 'Jersey Shore' and that Snookie girl." Also, for body image, we watched a high speed makeover video for a Dove photo shoot. The video showed how, when the picture is taken, the photographers make the model's pictures look prettier on the computer. And there even was a fashion show, which showed us that we can look great in our own style. When it came to the bullying, she said, "Nobody can make you feel inferior without your consent. Instead of having the mentality 'Why me?,' be confident and think, 'Why not me?'"



Kathleen didn't just tell a motivational speech, she also cracked jokes, told stories about her and her family throughout, beaded necklaces, and played music. Everyone jumped up, reaching their hands out, screaming, "Me, me, me!" But one girl, one individual girl, just got up and walked to the stage. After that, Kathleen said what she did was amazing because she just did her own thing and that she wasn't afraid of what could happen. Finally, the conference ended, but before we left, Kathleen played the song, "Just the Way You Are" by Bruno Mars because she said we were amazing just the way we are.

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News from 8th Grade

S - Team Students travel the U.S.

What were you doing this past summer. Reading books,? playing video games? Hanging out with your friends? Well some of the S team members were traveling the country!

Tate Adamson went to Colorado this summer to send his brother off to college. After spending a few days at Colorado Mountain College, Tate got to experience the Hot Springs, which he enjoyed very much.

Adrienne Beck traveled with her family to Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming this summer. Her favorite parts of the trip were seeing the geysers, and the Grand Tetons.

Chatney Grimm traveled 1200 miles to Mississippi with her father in September. On this educational mission trip, she helped build houses for families who are still homeless due to flooding. It was hard, dirty work, but she enjoyed the experience.

Brianna Elicker traveled to the Poconos, in Pennsylvania, where she camped and hiked the trails at Bushkill Falls with her family. Her favorite parts were the many beautiful waterfalls.

Hannah Trimmer spent 10 days traveling across Alaska with her father this past September. Sightseeing included lots of different wildlife such as polar bears, and moose, Mt. McKinley, and many native Alaskans. She also spent time in Antarctica, which was very cold. Hannah tasted boiled whale meat and was probably the only person to dip it in ketchup. Some habits are hard to break!

Amber and Tiffany Yordy went to North Carolina for a family wedding.

Rachel Krohn is going to Kentucky to watch a college soccer game in which her cousin is playing. They will also visit the Kentucky Horse Park where the world equestrian games were held.

Katie Grim parasailed for the first time this summer at the Outer Banks, North Carolina. Though she was nervous at first, once up 800 ft in the air, it was exciting!

Allie Evans had a busy summer vacationing in Pennsylvania with her grandparents, great grandparents and cousins. They visited Knoebels Park, Raystown Lake, Frontiertown, the beach and the mountains. Her favorite place was Raystown Lake, where she camped and rode a zip line.

Aryeanna Wert went on a 28 hour train ride to Florida and spent a lot of time at the beach. She loves to shop, and went to a huge mall, three times the size of the Galleria.

Karah Eberly went on a 3hour drive to Maryland with her dad and a neighbor. (The rest of the family went in another car.) It was a boring ride for Karah, but when they got to Rehobeth Beach, she had fun.

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Christian Warner was spending Columbus Day weekend in Columbus, Ohio with his friend, Creighton Lever (from the T team) and his family. They hope to see the Ohio State football game, and a Serpent Mound.

After a very long, boring drive, **Kyle Smith** visited South Carolina.

Sherri Barr traveled through 16 states on her trip out west this summer with her family. She went to Ohio, Illinois, Iowa, Idaho, Minnesota, Oregon, South Dakota, California, Wyoming, Nevada, Arizona, Utah, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, and Indiana. They visited 17 National Parks, among which were: Yellowstone, Yosemite, Grand Canyon, Redwood, the Badlands, and Crater Lake. They saw lots of interesting wildlife including buffalo, prairie dogs, moose, and coyotes.

Drake Kohler vacationed at the Outer Banks, North Carolina and also spent a day in Baltimore, Maryland.

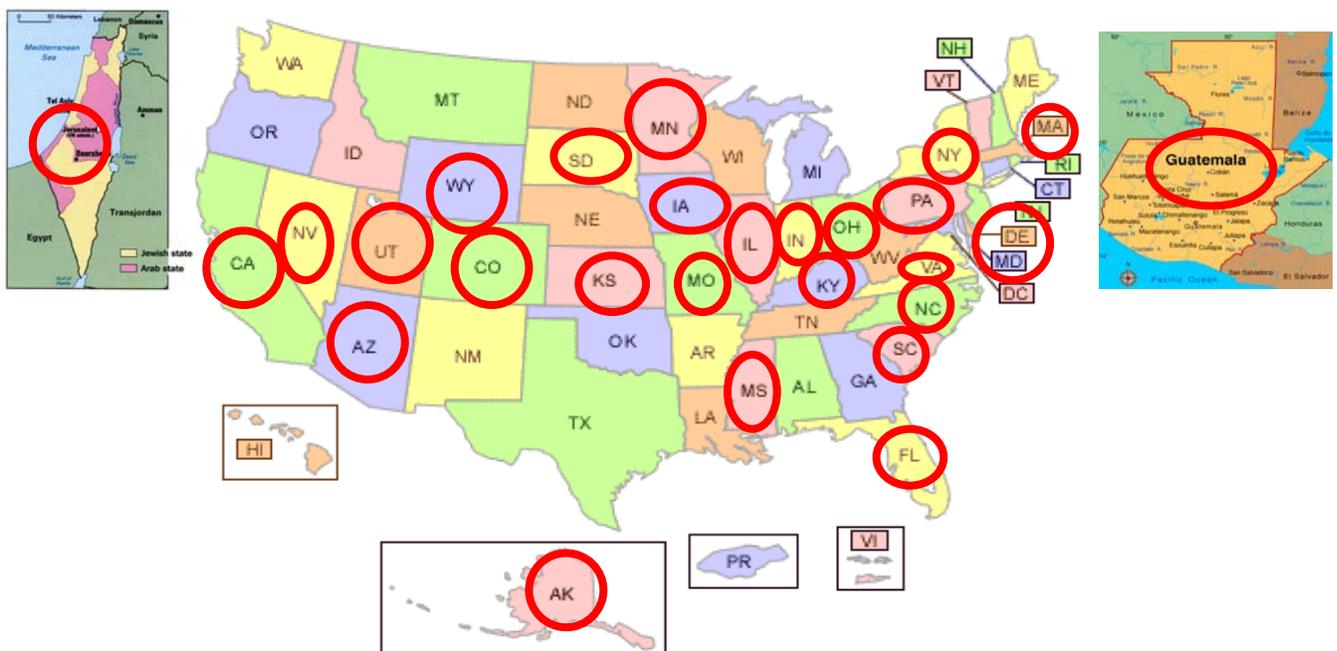
Emily Weitcamp went to Massachusetts to visit some of her relatives. She cruised in the Boston Harbor, took a walking tour of Boston, and went on a duck tour.

Sean McMaster saw a Green Day concert in Virginia. He also traveled to New York, and Delaware. And while in Baltimore Maryland, he saw the ravens in some of their pre-season games. He camped at the Buck, in Lancaster County.

Traveling outside of the United States were Dulce Rankin and Tara and Kiah Fowler.

Dulce Rankin traveled to Guatemala one year ago, This exciting family vacation allowed her to visit the Mayan Ruins, and climb to the top, scuba dive and zip line.

Tara and Kiah Fowler traveled to Israel for 2 weeks . While there, they kayaked down the Jordan River, rode camels in the desert, slept in bedouin tents, and swam in the Dead Sea. Sightseeing included the cities of Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. They participated in a real archeological dig, and found some pottery shards.





A Message from the Attendance Secretary

When your child is being picked up early from school, your wait time in the school office can be decreased if you send a note with the student in the morning. The note should indicate who will pick them up and what time they are leaving. When they bring a note to the office upon their arrival to school, we will issue a pass for them to leave class and be in the office waiting when you arrive. Hopefully this can streamline the process for you and for us.

Upcoming Events

- 11/03/10 – End of Marking Period 1
- 11/05/10 – Picture Re-Take
- 11/08/10 – PTSO Meeting – 6:30 PM – MS Library
- 11/10/10 – 11/12/10 – MS Conference Scheduling
- 11/22/10 – MS Parent Conference – 5-8 pm
- 11/23/10 – MS Parent Conference – 9am – 9pm
- 11/23/10 – Teacher In-Service – No School
- 11/24/10 – 11/29/10 – No School
- Thanksgiving Break
- 11/25/10 – Thanksgiving

The Giant Program is a cash back program to schools for patrons who place their Giant Bonus Club number into their computer system.

A certain percentage of everything you spend then would come back to the school in the form of a check in April.

A patron can designate up to 2 different schools. If they do that; the percentage is split between the schools. Actually it is FREE money for schools.

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October ARMOR Raffle Winners



6th Grade



7th Grade



8th Grade



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