



# East Fairhaven News

## Message from the Principal

Geraldine A. Lucas

"True Grit"...the name of a movie? Yes, but what we've been talking about in school is that grit and determination will make successful students and adults. We stress that to do well in anything it takes determination and a sustained focus. It means hard work. (Most of our children are not use to hard work.) Research has proven that IQ is not the only determining factor in predicting achievement. Personality traits such as grit and conscientiousness have a significant impact. This is what we want our students to do everyday. In our classrooms we are asking children to write a response to a question, read it over, the student gives it a score, the teacher scores it and then the student goes back to their desk to make it better. This learning process can be applied to anything we pursue and we know this will help our students do well in school.

## Encouragement

Parents, don't ever underestimate your importance and ability to affect how well your child will do in school. You are your child's first teacher. Your praise and encouragement can change what happens in school each day. When a child comes to school feeling loved and supported by their parents they are open to learning. They know they can do it!

Since MCAS testing is important and we want everyone to be able to do their personal best we ask that you give your child something special. We are asking you to send in a personal letter written by you for your child to read before they begin taking the MCAS test. Your words of encouragement and belief in their ability will lessen any anxiety and let them know that if they do their best, then they will certainly be successful. Your support is important to your child. Please send in your letter of encouragement with your child's name on the outside of the envelope or folded letter and the teacher will save it for them to open for first time just before testing begins. You will make a difference!

**Kindergarten Registration**- for 2010-2011 begins March 8th-March 12th. Registration is just the beginning of a new process we will beginning this year at all the Fairhaven Elementary Schools. At the time of registration you will make an appointment for kindergarten screening which will be held on Thursday, May 6th. After the screening we have scheduled a "parents only" information night where you will meet with the principal, tour the school and find out everything you need to know about our kindergarten program. Because we are doing the kindergarten screening in the spring we anticipate being able to tell parents which teacher their child will have for kindergarten before the end of this school year. We are really excited about our new process and know that this will make the transition to school for the children and parents more successful.

March 2, 2010

## Important Dates

- 3/2-Grade 5 -NBSO
- 3/2-Preschool Screening
- 3/2-PTO Mtg.@ 6:30
- 3/4-Grade 5-Whaling Museum
- 3/4-Grade 3-Robbins Museum
- 3/8-3/12-Kindergarten Registration
- 3/10-NB Ballet Performs for the school
- 3/10- School Committee Mtg. 6:30PM
- 3/11-Preschool Screening
- 3/18-Half Day -12:00

## MCAS SCHEDULE

- 3/22-MCAS-Grade 3
- 3/23-MCAS-Grade 4
- 3/24-MCAS-Grade 3
- 3/25-MCAS-Grade 4
- 3/26 -MCAS-Grade 4
- 3/29-MCAS-Grade 5
- 3/30-MCAS-Grade 5
- 3/31-MCAS-Make-Ups



## Pennies for Haiti

The program spearheaded by our nurse, Mrs. Horsfall and our school Counselor, Mrs. Nogueira was a great success. Students worked very hard for two weeks collecting change to send to the people of Haiti. Students and staff were able to collect \$1,605.79 . WOW !

A contest was held for each class to guess how much money was in the collection bucket. Given only one clue, that the answer was a four digit number we had many great guesses.

The class winners were.

Kindergarten: Chelsey Goldrick

First Grade: Kimmy Vu

Second Grade: Jaiden Cabral

Third Grade: Jeremy Jackson

Fourth Grade: Faithe Daley

Fifth Grade: Blake Wethington

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Contact Jane Murphy at 508-992-5342 or [jmurphy@sailsinc.org](mailto:jmurphy@sailsinc.org).

#### TODDLER STORYTIME

Tuesdays 9:30 and 10:15. Ages 1-3. Siblings welcome. Hear stories, sing songs and rhymes, and interact with other toddlers during free play. Held in Library Auditorium (downstairs).

#### CRAFTERNOON

Wednesdays 3-5 p.m. Ages 3 and up. Drop in to the Youth Room after school for a fun and easy craft project.

#### BIG KID STORYTIME

Fridays from 10-11 a.m. Listen to stories, participate in songs and rhymes and make a fun and easy craft project each week. Siblings welcome. Held in Library Auditorium (downstairs).

BABY STORYTIME returns on Fridays from 11:15 -11:45 starting 3/5. Infants and babies 0-18 months and their parent or caregiver are welcome to a "lapsit" storytime. Songs, rhymes and brief stories will be introduced in this early literacy activity.

TEEN ADVISORY GROUP (TAG) Grade 6 and up. Downstairs Auditorium. Thursdays from 3-5 p.m. March 4, April 8.

Additional programs will be announced!  
Stay tuned for April Vacation programs!  
The library is handicap accessible.

