



EAST LAKE NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY, 2021

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LITERACY ASSESSMENTS - FEB. 10 & 11

On February 10 and 11, **all K-5 students in-person and Digital Academy** will meet with their teacher individually for assessments which will be used to plan for instruction for the remainder of the school year. There will be no regular school on February 10-12 due to these assessments. In order to support the health and safety of our students, staff and community we will implement the following guidelines for our assessment process. **Only staff and students will be entering the building. Please follow the directions below for students entering the building.**

*** K-2 Families:** Park in the lower lot. Help your child cross the parking lot and have your child enter Door 8 (playground vestibule door). The door will be open. Students should go directly to their classroom once they enter the school. *Once your child has entered the building, you may move your car along curbside for pick up after the assessments are completed.* Curbside will be for pick up only.

*** 3-5 Families:** Park in the upper lot. Help your child cross the parking lot and have your child enter the front entrance to the building. The door will be open. Students should go directly to their classroom once they enter the school. *Once your child has entered the building, you may move your car along curbside for pickup after the assessments are completed.* Curbside will be for pick up only.

Families with multiple children: Have your children go with the younger sibling(s).

- Personal face coverings must be worn by all staff, students, and parents.
- The child will wash/sanitize hands upon entry in the school.
- Social distancing procedures will be practiced during all assessments.
- Teachers will disinfect high touch surfaces between each child's assessments.

The child will be directed to wash their hands at completion of assessment.

To sign up for an assessment time, please use these instructions:

Go to our school website at www.district196.org/el and click on the link for "Winter Assessment."

Please make every effort to schedule and attend these assessment appointments. This is an important opportunity for your child to have this individual time with the teacher to gather information for instruction.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 1

* East Lake Night at Chipotle Restaurant
~ 4:00-8:00 p.m.

February 4 Full Day In-Person Learning

* PreK/K & Gr. 1-5

February 10 Literacy Assessments (8:00-8:00 p.m.)
(NO SCHOOL)

February 11 Literacy Assessments (12:00-8:00 p.m.)
(NO SCHOOL)

February 12 (NO SCHOOL)

February 15 (President's Day)

* NO SCHOOL

February 16

* Site Council Meeting - 6:00-7:00 p.m.

February 16

* East Lake Night at Raising Canes Restaurant
~ 4:00-9:00 p.m.

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### March 9

\* PTO Information Night (6:30-8:00 p.m.)

### March 12

\* END OF TRIMESTER II

### March 19

\* REPORT CARDS GO HOME

### March 22-26

\* NO SCHOOL - SPRING BREAK

## NO SCHOOL

**FEBRUARY 10-11:**  
LITERACY ASSESSMENTS

**FEBRUARY 12:**  
NO SCHOOL

**FEBRUARY 15:**  
PRESIDENT'S DAY

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 2021-22 STARTS FEBRUARY 8-11

It is time to begin registration for our 2021-2022 Kindergarten families! Due to the pandemic, this year's Kindergarten enrollment will be held **ONLINE ONLY February 8-11.**

**Complete the registration enrollment steps online.**

Go to [www.district196.org/enroll](http://www.district196.org/enroll) and follow the four registration steps.

To complete the enrollment process, please drop the following items off at East Lake Elementary or you may email, [el.registration@district196.org](mailto:el.registration@district196.org), fax, 952-423-7895, or submit them via U.S. mail.

1. A birth certificate, passport or other evidence of your child's age.
2. A copy of your child's current immunization record, medical exemption or conscientious objection.
3. The completed Minnesota Language Survey (provided at end of online enrollment or at your school)
4. Proof of preschool screening, if your child was not screened in District 196. If your child has not been through the screening process, please call 651-423-7899 to set up an appointment.
5. If applicable, please fill out the enclosed school year childcare information, including name, address and phone number of your childcare provider for transportation purposes.

If a parent or guardian lives at a different address than the primary household, complete and return 501.1.2P, Additional Family Household Census Information.

If you are unable to complete registration, need assistance or you do not plan on enrolling your child for kindergarten, please call the school office at 952-423-7896.

We look forward to welcoming your child in the fall at East Lake Elementary!

## STUDENT PLACEMENT FOR 2021-2022

During the months of April and May, staff will be developing class lists for the 2021-22 school year. In order to ensure the best learning environment for all students, it is important that classes be balanced with an equal number of boys and girls, a blend of various ability levels, and separation of students who do not perform well together. Staff spend an incredible amount of time making sure that classrooms are balanced and that individual student needs are met. Each staff member works extremely hard in providing an excellent education for our children at East Lake Elementary. We believe all teachers employed at East Lake are excellent teachers who can provide excellent instruction.

However, sometimes there are unique circumstances when it is necessary for parents to provide additional input about their child's placement for the next school year that we do not already know. If you feel you have information that will assist us in the placement of your child, you may obtain a "Student Placement Form" from the office. Please understand that adjustments may need to be made over the summer months and that we can not always guarantee that the placement will be honored.

**If you choose to complete a student placement form, we ask that it be completed and returned to the East Lake office by Friday, April 16, 2021.**



## RAISING CANE'S RESTAURANT NIGHT

We will be holding our next community night at the Raising Cane's Restaurant on February, February 16 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Raising Cane's is located at 7501 150th St W. in Apple Valley. East Lake will receive a portion of the sales. Hope to see you all there!

## WE'RE HAVING A BOOK FAIR!

We are working hard to keep kids reading and raise critical funds for our school with our Scholastic Online Book Fair from February 1-14! The Fair will connect your kids to notable books and inspiring characters—helping them become lifelong readers. And you'll love the new option to experience the magic of the shopping experience through a Virtual Book Fair! Thank you for continuing to support our school.

- Plus, enjoy these special online shopping features:
- Access to over 6,000 products
- All orders ship direct to home
- FREE shipping on book-only orders over \$25\*
- All purchases support our school and earn 25% in rewards

Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and get started with online shopping:

**Online Store:** <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/eastlake196196>

You can also find the information on the East Lake website:

<https://el.district196.org/activities/east-lake-online-book-fair>

Happy reading,

East Lake Book Fair Committee

## MUSICAL MOMENTS AT EAST LAKE

We are so excited to have students back in the building and making fun and engaging music together at East Lake! This month we continue to teach our concepts through the many classroom instruments at East Lake. We encourage you to keep singing at home or in areas where you are able to safely do so.

This month we welcome Salem Weitzenhoffer to the music room. She attends St. Olaf College in Northfield and will spend 12 weeks at East Lake as she completes her student teaching experience. We are thrilled to have Ms. W. joining us at East Lake and look forward to the new experiences and relationships she will bring to our classroom.



We are excited to begin preparing and video recording the many instrument, movement, and music making songs we learn during music class. We are planning to put together a fun, virtual showcase to share with parents and friends. Stay tuned for more information about the virtual showcase in the next few months.

### District 196 School Board Members

Jackie Magnuson, Chairperson  
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## EAST LAKE PRESCHOOL NEWS

As February begins, Preschool is wrapping up our health unit. We have learned about our bodies and what they need: sleep, nutrition, water, and exercise. We have also learned about keeping safe through mask wearing, hand washing, and giving our friends space. It has been so fun meeting friends in person we had only met on Zoom as Cohorts A and B combined. We have taken wonderful care of our baby dolls in our medical clinic and Workout World has been a very popular place for exercising our bodies. The children have learned about the importance of mask wearing and they are doing a great job wearing their masks. We look forward to the start of our creativity unit mid-February. Our empty containers and duct tape are ready for whatever the imaginations of our class have in store!



East Lake specifically, you may contact Kathy Adams, Connections Preschool teacher at [kathy.adams@district196.org](mailto:kathy.adams@district196.org).



## FEBRUARY IS "I LOVE TO READ" MONTH

It's a time when we try to add some extra fun and challenge to the reading being done in East Lake homes and classrooms. While school staff are always working to engage our students with enjoyable reading, we give an extra push in February. Why? To continue to build reading stamina, to increase motivation for reading different kinds of materials, and to build community within classrooms and the school building, to name a few reasons. This year, we have planned some fun things for school days, as well as a calendar of activity choices for you to try with your family at home. The Scholastic Book Fair will be in the Media Center during conferences. Please stop in with your child before or after you meet with teachers to see if there are any "must haves" for your home library shelves.



You can access our digital "[I Love to Read Month Activity Calendar](#)" here. A paper copy will come home with your K-2 students on Friday, January 29, and 3-5 students on Thursday, February 4. Please look through it as a family and decide how you would like to promote reading in your home.

## CELEBRATING OUR DIVERSITY AT EAST LAKE ELEMENTARY

Our East Lake classrooms are a diverse place where students of different cultures come together to learn. By promote diversity in our classrooms students can learn the values of respect, acceptance and community. We recognize and celebrate many cultures each month through our literacy curriculum. We have embedded excellent literature, activities and academic material recognizing the many cultures that we see throughout East Lake and District 196.

**In February we recognize Black History Month.** Grade level teachers celebrate Black History Month in a variety of ways. In February and throughout the year, teachers are continuing to keep diversity at the forefront of their planning. Teachers make sure that students of color see themselves in the school community. We want students of color to see representations of authors, historians, scientists, etc. There are so many amazing people of color and we continue to use these stories in our curriculum. Teachers focus on representing students of color when books are chosen for book clubs and read alouds.

Here are some examples on how we celebrate diversity in our classrooms throughout the year...

~ **Strive Publishing** - Working with Strive Publishing to learn from prominent Minnesota African American Authors about becoming authors.

~ **Author/Illustrator Units of Study:** Reading books written and illustrated by black writers and artists; Keturah A. Bobo and Donald Crews. Mae Jemison, the first black woman to go to space.

~ **Community Units of Study at each Grade level** - The message is "Everyone is welcome". We acknowledge and celebrate differences that make us unique. We recognize that our unique traits can be strengths within our community. We brainstorm ways to make friends and include others. We recognize and respect others' perspectives, thinking, and opinions.

~ **Bullying Curriculum** - We discuss stereotypes (not all bullies are large, male, etc.) and how we cannot make assumptions about people/groups of people.

~ **Reading biographies** - Biographies highlighting prominent black leaders as well as leaders from various cultures (Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, Abraham Lincoln, Harriet Tubman, etc.). Specifically focusing on leaders during slavery as well as the Civil Rights Movement leading to conversations around inequities during these time periods.

~ **Classroom Libraries** - Books in each classroom library that represent different cultures and backgrounds.

~ **Geography Units** - Reading about black Americans who have made a difference to people in the US or even in MN.

~ **District 196 curriculum committee** adding representation of people of color in the district curriculum.

# CULTURAL DIVERSITY



*Celebrating Our Cultures...we all smile in the same language.*

## EAST LAKE PHYSICAL EDUCATION

### East Lake is Great!

Ms. Salter's classes are having fun with the Outdoor Scavenger Hunt for Grades K, 1, and 2 while the students in 3, 4, and 5 were working on an Outdoor Winter Wonderland Challenge. So far, the record is 10 different outdoor activities. Have fun outdoors in the snow!

Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade in person students are back jumping with both short jump ropes and long jump ropes. Also, ask about the Mouse Trap bowling activity we did in class. It is great to see you all again!

Grades 3, 4, and 5 coming back in person on Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> will be doing ball handling skills with the basketballs, jumping with both short and long ropes, and getting ready for the Kids Heart Challenge.

Digital Academy students can look forward to also doing some ball handling challenges along with jumping activities.

In February, we look forward to **Kids Heart Challenge** beginning in class on Tuesday, February 16 with Jumping activities. The *American Heart Association* has made a version of the event virtual so Mr. Foster and I will be pushing out this to the Digital Academy students in seesaw and schoology. Check out our East Lake web page:

Friendly URL - <http://www2.heart.org/goto/eastlakehasheart> Gear up for jumping!!

Stay active and keep finding fun ways to move!

Ms. Salter

[Susan.salter@district196.org](mailto:Susan.salter@district196.org)



## CAHOOTS 2021 SUMMER PROGRAM

**CAHOOTS math and language arts in one book ... a great value!**

Parents, Community Education is pleased to again be offering CAHOOTS, a K-5 summer math and language arts correspondence workbook program.

The program is portable, flexible and designed to closely match our district curriculum through an engaging and reflective approach to learning. After completing each lesson and checking answers online, students complete an assignment reflection and send to a CAHOOTS Buddy who will send a written response back.

You will receive a letter which includes enrollment instructions the week of March 1. Cost is \$43. Final registration is due April 2.

It is recommended students work on the grade level they will be entering in the fall (i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> grade is a review of kindergarten), to review and reinforce skills learned during the school year. Please discuss with your child's teacher, if you feel another level may be more suitable.

CAHOOTS should not be considered a replacement for participating in summer school, if your child qualifies. CAHOOTS is not intended to replace regular reading for enjoyment or math activities that strengthen your child's fluency and love for math.



# East Lake PE

February 2021



Hello East Lake Families!

I hope you are all well and staying safe. It has been so great to see the K-2 students in person and I can't wait until grades 3-5 join.

We took advantage of the snow and went sledding with the K-2 classes. We will continue wrapping up our Soccer Unit, as all grades transition back to in-person learning.

Looking ahead, we will begin Kickball/Baseball, Basketball, Floor Hockey and Bowling. That will take us right up to about spring break.

Just a reminder, In February we will be rolling out **Kids Heart Challenge**. You can get more information from our website.

<http://www2.heart.org/goto/eastlakehasheart>

I hope you continue to stay safe and healthy as we progress into 2021.

As always please reach out with any questions or concerns!



Take care, East Lake families!

-Mr. Foster

Kyle.Foster@district196.org



## EAST LAKE BAND INFORMATION

### Return to In-Person - update -

Band families received a letter from District 196 about our return to in-person school and what band will look like. Specific details can now be added for Highland and East Lake:

- We will continue to offer Zoom classes for **all** band students through February 3.
- Students will be able to play at school during in-person learning.
- Homerooms will not be mixed for band class playing groups.
- Tenor Saxophone and Tuba players will be assigned TWO instruments. The one they already have will stay at their home. Their other individually assigned instrument will stay at school.
- Percussion students will bring their own sticks and mallets to school on their band day.
- Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Bass Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Trumpet, French horn, Trombone, and Baritone students will bring their instrument from home to school on their band day.
- All students will bring their iPad and band folder/books/music to school on their band day.
- Band PPE has been ordered for students and instruments and HEPA filters have been / will be installed in playing spaces as prescribed by the District.
- Band teachers will continue to produce play-along videos. It is strongly recommended that students continue to use these for guided home practice.
- In-person band will likely begin after President's Day to give band teachers time to prepare equipment and spaces, while allowing students to re-adjust to their classrooms.
- There **may** be “**Zoom Band Party!**” for **ALL** band students on Wednesday mornings before school due to the late start. In other words, “Wednesday Band Party” may continue, but in the morning! :)

#### **Schedule For In Person Students: *What day/time does my student attend band?***

Students will have one day per week for their band class at school. The schedule will be posted in Schoology and in classrooms.

**Knutson Monday am Glogoza Monday pm**  
**Fogolin Tuesday am Radtke Tuesday pm**  
**Wednesday Mrs. Firchow travels to Oak Ridge**  
**Clendening Thursday am Bogda Thursday pm**  
**Hart Friday am New Teacher Friday pm**

To provide optimal safety and space, Highland In-Person Band will be in the SHMS band room and East Lake In-Person Band will be in the East Lake Cafe.

The Digital Academy **schedule will be posted weekly in Schoology**. There will be many choices, through the week, for band classes. These will be taught by Mrs. Wyatt. The students already know Mrs. Wyatt as we have been working together all year. Also, Mrs. Firchow will have zoom drop in times. Mrs. Wyatt and Mrs. Firchow plan closely together. Digital Academy students will perceive very little change from the earlier portion of the year.

**\*\*\* Digital Academy and Homeschool students are also invited to attend in-person playing at their school. Please email me if you are interested in that option. \*\*\***

**Video Play-Alongs** (There are videos for all instruments)

**All students**, digital and in-person, are strongly encouraged to utilize play along videos for their home practice. Click on the link below to play alongs for the weeks ahead.

**[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1IWw1wMX9kDQUBUylvamj\\_gwx18JHXUXOJ-EQvw8UStA/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1IWw1wMX9kDQUBUylvamj_gwx18JHXUXOJ-EQvw8UStA/edit)**



## EAST LAKE BAND INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

### *How often are band classes and how long?*

Once per week / 30 minutes

### *Will there be "Big Band" before school?*

No. Many logistical problems will prevent us from having full-group rehearsal. However, our small group in-person playing will be a lot **like** "big band". So we could call it "**mini** band". :)

### *Will there be a concert this spring?*

At this time, we don't have plans for a concert. I am brainstorming alternative solutions for students to experience a performance. This may not be possible due to space/time constraints, but this is in the forefront of my mind. I know how important and fun it is to perform! Stay tuned...

### **A fun video to get you all excited about band!**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=co7ViX-QfT8&feature=youtu.be>

I am looking forward to our next steps!

Anja Firchow

Elementary Instrumental Music

Highland & East Lake

website: <https://sites.google.com/apps.district196.org/bandisbrainfood/home>

follow on Twitter @BandIsBrainFood

follow on Instagram: BandIsBrainFood



## FREE DENTAL CARE FOR CHILDREN IN NEED

**Friday, Feb. 5 & Saturday, Feb. 6, 2021**

**Do you know a child who could benefit from free dental care?**

**WHAT IS IT?:** [Give Kids a Smile](#) is a free charitable dental event, brought to you by Minnesota Dental Association and the Minnesota Dental Foundation, for kids (typically ages 3-18) who face barriers to accessing dental care.

**WHEN IS IT?:** February 5 and 6, 2021 (Note: Some clinics may have alternative dates.)

**LOCATION?:** Volunteer dental clinics statewide.

**WHEN ARE PARTICIPATING CLINICS BE AVAILABLE?:** January 1, 2020.

**HOW ARE APPOINTMENTS MADE?:** Families can locate a participating clinic by visiting [www.mndental.org/gkas](http://www.mndental.org/gkas) or by calling United Way 2-1-1 (simply dial 2-1-1). They can then contact the clinic directly to schedule an appointment.

Amy Toonen, MSW, LICSW

East Lake Elementary School Social Worker

Schedule: M/T/Th/F 8am-1pm

Click for more information:

<https://el.district196.org/families/social-workers>

## NEWS FROM THE MEDIA CENTER

By Lauri Nelson, Library Media Specialist

There are several things Americans can celebrate during the month of February. It is Black History Month, American Heart Month, and I Love to Read Month, among other things. The library is a great place to learn more about all of these important subjects. Your children will have the opportunity to explore these topics, and many others of their choosing, when they visit our Media Center every week. Did I mention this will be every week?! Yippee! We are so grateful to be back learning in person together, on a more normal schedule. Face to face or mask to mask, we can see the smiles in each other's eyes.

You can access our digital "[I Love to Read Month Activity Calendar](#)" here. A paper copy will come home with your K-2 students on Friday, January 29, and 3-5 students on Thursday, February 4. Please look through it as a family and decide how you would like to promote reading in your home.

Our online Scholastic book fair will be open from Feb. 1-14. It feels a little weird to not have the books in our hands as we make buying decisions, but there are benefits to a virtual sale as well: access to over 6,000 products, all orders ship right to your home, free shipping on book-only orders over \$25, and all purchases support East Lake.

Please visit our book fair homepage to learn more and start your shopping experience:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/eastlake196196>

**NEW, IMPROVED, BEAUTIFUL!** Over winter break, two talented East Lake moms did some painting in our Media Center. Our area was decorated to like a cabin in the up-north woods of Minnesota. Students and staff are really enjoying the change. It feels more like a fun, welcoming space for children. Thank you to [Abby Anderson](#) and [Shelby Grinwis](#) for volunteering their time, talent, paint and cheerful hearts with the East Lake community!

