

East End Community School

An End of the Year Tribute to our Volunteers WE THANK YOU!



Dear EECS Families,

In education, we often refer to the “gift of time” as integral to advancing student learning. However, in thinking about the enormous contributions that our volunteers have made during this school year, “the gift of time” takes on a whole new meaning. Our ever-growing cadre of volunteers including parents, community partners, Americorps members, and student volunteers has strengthened our school community through the generosity of the “gift of time.” Whether it is facilitating an activity in Rise and Shine, walking students to school, helping to maintain our green spaces, shelving books in the library, assisting a young learner in reading and math, mentoring a student, securing food for the Snack Pantry, or organizing the Portland Children’s Film Festival, the spirit of volunteerism is thriving at our school!

It is with sincere appreciation and gratitude that we honor your commitment to our school!

All the best,

Marcia Gendron

Mark Your Calendar June

June 10th- Voting in the Gym

June 11th- Elementary School Track Meet, Cheverus

June 12th- Grade 5 Field Day

June 13th- Grade 5 Field Trip to Fort Williams

June 16th- 20th Rise and Shine Open House Week, 8:15 – 8:50 AM

June 17th- Celebration of Learning Night, 5:30 – 7:00 PM

June 18th- Grade 5 Farewell, 1:30 PM

June 18th- Grade 2 Field Trip to Bradbury Mountain

June 20th- Last Day of School
Bag lunches
12:00 Dismissal

Rise and Shine

Our thriving Rise and Shine program can be contributed to the amazing volunteer force we have in our parents and community members. Thank you to the chess gentlemen: **Jon Malev, Frank Smith and Fred Fowler**. **Nancy and Duncan Perry** for their valuable time with chess and ukulele. **Meg Christie** for her on going time and dedication to everything Rise and Shine! **Marianne O'Malley** for assisting Mrs. Fream. **Jeremy Fink** for getting 3rd graders excited about engineering. **Hallie Fairchild and Allie** for their amazing hand sewing with 2nd graders. **Ethan Boxer-Macomber and Bogart Salzberg** for Rocket Club. **Kate Connolly** for the adventures in ecology. **Ben Monaghan** for Friday morning chess with 2nd graders. **Dyan Albano** for cooking. **Alex Endy** for puppetry. **Sonia Cook-Broen** for her scratch computer programming class. **Sarah Braunstein**, a published writer and teacher of Power Pens with our students. **Guy and Stella Hernandez** for teaching 4th and 5th grade students about creating and running a business. **Heather Nichols** for her class, Rocks, Minerals and Crystals. **Pamela Bosco** for Yoga class. **Mark Shaughnessy** for his Rise and Shine class that prepared a newscast for the Portland Children's Film Festival.



Snack Pantry and PTO

Spearheaded by Katie Wallace and Alison Grey-Murray in collaboration with the Good Shepard Food Bank. Thank you for your dedication to providing snacks to EECS.

The PTO is comprised of 4 members: Dyan Albano, President, Hallie Fairchild, Vice President, Rachel Stellmach, Treasurer and Alison Grey-Murray, Secretary. Thank you for the many events you have planned throughout the year, including: the Close Buy fund raiser, the Family Feast, Family Fun Night and Teacher Appreciation Day.

Bird and Butterfly/School Garden

Cultivating Communities continues to do amazing work in our school garden, applying science curriculum to the outside classroom. 2nd and 4th graders have studied with Laura Mailander all year long learning about the garden.

Leah Cross has also been instrumental in the beautification of our garden. The goal is to hang the Tile Mosaic project she is doing with the 1st graders in the Bird and Butterfly garden sometime before the end of the year. Thank you Leah for your time, dedication and creativity.





Americorps

Americorps is a network of local, state and national service programs that connects volunteers to intensive service to meet community needs in education and other areas. We have had the privilege to partner with Americorps this year with over 20 volunteers in our school, working with both EECS and Learning Works.

A special thanks to Charmaine and Tyler from Mrs. Romer for their assistance with helping first graders learn letters and sounds as well as helping 2nd graders learn to read non-fiction.

Mrs. Maher, the art teacher also sent out a special thank you to Maddie Ray for her help with all the students in many of the art classes learn and be creative.

Thanks to those Americorps Volunteers 2013-14:

Abdifatah Abdi, Aweys Abdi, Muna Ali, Monique Cook. Charmaine Daniels. Marjorie DeRoche, Ah "Susan" Jiao, tom Kelley, Alexis Kroot, Tyler Lienhardt, Kyle McCarthy, Perolyne Moutinou, Mukhtar Mukhtar, Lily O'Leary, Melina Plummer, Mary Ellen Randall. Maddy Ray, Rose-Marie Buckmore, Trinh Le, Sirus Ahmad, Abdimajd Mohamed and Molly Olsen.



Portland Children's Film Festival

The film festival is a 4 day event that takes a lot of planning and coordinating. The steering committee consists of a group of dedicated parents and community volunteers. Thank you to: Christine Braceras, Lynn Rowe, Leah Coplon, Lauri Boxer-Macomber, Lynne Kuzma, Donna Gartland, Sarah Auld, Gloria Aponte-Clarke, Mark Shaughnessy

The Walking School Bus

A Walking School Bus (WSB) is a group of students, supervised by a trained adult volunteer, enjoying a walk along a designated route to and/or from school on a daily basis. Children can join the WSB at stops along the route near their homes. Families can also drop off their children at a collection point, such as a nearby park, to join the WSB to school. It's safe, it's fun, it's simple! Thank you to our Wallking School Bus volunteers: Elise Boyson, Deb Parish, Nina Schmir, Anna Sommo, Lucy Sommo, Joanna Blanck, Tori Legere, Sarah St. Denis, Emily Eschner, Liz Hall, Rob Levin, Katie Brown, Francis James, Allison paine, Amy McPheeters, Sarah Robbins, Sarah Cushman, Maddy Ray, Kyle Robinson, Leah Dell and Emilia Panish-Hoffman.



In the classroom:

Mrs. Squire thanks: Lesli Chambers and Renee Bair for supporting and encouraging readers!

Mrs. Floridino thanks: Maria Peverada for her help with supporting writing, reading and word work!

Mrs. Hewey thanks Sarah St. Denis for helping students learn to read and practice their sight words!

Ms. Andersen thanks Agnes Niyonizigiye who taught at the University of Burundi. For the past two years, she has volunteered every Tuesday reading with students during Rise and Shine Books and Breakfast. Then she stays and reads with 5th graders.

Portland Education Foundation

Grants from the PEF made the travel to Wolfe's Neck Farm for the 4th grade possible. The 4th grade spent a week long intensive at the farm as part of their unit on Maine. In conjunction with Portland Trails, the Portland



Education Foundation funded the Bird and Butterfly Tile Mosaic project (see photo on front cover) that 1st graders have created as an extension to their unit on Birds. Lastly, a PEF grant funded the publishing of the 5th grade book, *Our Many Stories* that reflects the amazing cultural diversity of the 5th grade.

Student Volunteers

We are proud of our students for their commitment to volunteering!

This year for Rise and Shine, we created volunteer opportunities that we called “Citizenship” for students within the school. We have many students who demonstrated a strong sense of good citizenship and care for their school community.

K-1 Helpers: Volunteers were assigned a classroom and 1x/week would work with the younger students

4th Grade Helpers: Maureen Fitzgerald, Said Muhamud, Grace Murphy, Devyn Shaughnessy, Jayvon Khamis, Sonia Mugiraneza, Elizabeth Yugu, Stella Gartland, Shukri Abdirahman, Samaya Sahar, Margaret Ojut, Jaxen Remme, Lina Wakati, Fartun Abdalla, Shawn Desjardins, Tyler Hethcoat, Salma Mohamed, Jaheim Franklin, Aja White, Alexis Forrester, Rocio Corona-Guerra, Gianni Aviles, Birghid Deveau, Ava Peloquin, Tessa Boxer Macomber, Josephine Opi, Kyesha Day

5th Grade Helpers:
Kenia Rwigema, Amber Harvey, Umulker Ugas, Aniso Ali, Ikran Abdullahi, Jasmine Ferrante, Kaltun Mahamed, Lexi Ferrar, Dale Hubbard, Sebastian Palmerin, Hanad Mohamoud, Cullen Hoyt, Wilhelmina Scherer, Ali Mohamed

Officiating: 5th graders were trained how to coach, officiate, keep time and score for intramurals

Aiden Darling, Victor Mapunga, Ikran Abdullahi, Jack Harrison, Van Chabert, Hamsa Omar, Samira Abukar, Youness Zakaria, Charles Augustino, Shaun Alvarez, Justin Vo, Hanad Mahamoud, Jayden Murphy, Mick Fennessey, Aalliyah Ferreira, Max Cheever, Kaltun Mahamed, Dale Hubbard, Hugo Ntanda

Milo Bloom, Jamal Abubakr, IO Moore, Ahmed

Tavfik, Ali Mohamed, Muntasir Ahmed, Will Lobor, Tyler Hethcoat and Samuel John

Zumba Jr. Instructors: With the oversight of an adult, the 5th grade students facilitated dance classes with 2nd grade students

Julia Phan, Coral Smith, Aalliyah Ferriera, Maggie Hamilton-Farley and Thao Le

Super Heroes and Tech. Team Instructors: The instructors, under the guidance of Mrs. Fream took the initiative to lead a class and share their expertise:

Muntasir Ahmed, Ali Mohamed, Jack Harrison and Geoff Waycotte

EECS Ambassadors: In this class, 5th grade students helped to build school community through service learning projects

Samira Abukar, Emma Brackett, Alexis Ferrar, Maggie Hamilton-Farley, Aniso Ali, Wren Auld-Brokish, Ingrid Rosales, Wilhelmina Scherer, Hamdi Abdirahman, Sierra Aponte-Clarke, Zara Boss, Zoe Cheever, Sidonia Summers and Coral Smith

THANKS TO ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION TO OUR SCHOOL!

Partnerships

We have many community partnerships that contribute to classroom learning and Rise and Shine.

Cultivating Communities—In collaboration with our STEM Coordinator, Laura Mailander has brought science curriculum into the 2nd and 4th grade classrooms.

Audubon—Continues to work with our students in grades K-2 and volunteered their time for our Rise and Shine program in the mornings. Thank you Katrina, Eric and the Audubon staff!

Community Policing—Building a presence here at our school through Rise and Shine, Janine Kaserman brings her enthusiasm for teamwork and physical activity offering a fun game of kickball for the students.

St. Lawrence Arts Center—Thank you to Deirdre Nice for coming and sharing her love of books and community building

SNAP--offers nutrition assistance to millions of eligible, low-income individuals and families and thanks to Garrick Brown, students are learning how to prepare healthy snacks and make better food choices.

America Reads—a federally funded work study program that aims to enhance literacy development in elementary age students. Thanks to our 2 USM students who worked 7 hours/week reading 1:1 with Kindergarten and 1st graders.

Opportunity Alliance Senior Volunteers—Our foster grandparents are an important part of our school and spend a great deal of time in classrooms supporting students in their learning.

Wolfe's Neck Farm—Providing our 4th graders with an incredible week long first hand learning experience.

You are invited to attend Rise and Shine Open House, 8:15 – 8:50 AM. Join your child for Extended Learning Activities.

Zumba

Kickball

Super Heroes

iPad Math

Clay Creations

Hooping

Kites, Planes, UFOs Print Making Garden Club Friendship Bracelets and more....

