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February 2019 Newsletter

EWA PAL Meeting and Elections



EWA PAL meets quarterly. The next PAL meeting is on **Thursday, February 28th** at 7 PM in the HS Eagle Hall. This is a great opportunity to find out where you can help with our school! All EWA families are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Also EWA PAL will be voting on new PAL board members at the **April 25th meeting**. If you are interested in making a difference in your child's school, please consider running for a board position. The President is the only position that requires previous experience on the board. Contact a current board member if you are interested!

Dress Down Day – February 21st

The next EWA PAL dress down day is scheduled for **Thursday, February 21st**. This is a dress down day that is included in the yearly pass. If you did not purchase a yearly pass at the beginning of the year, your student can pay \$3 on Tuesday, February 19th or Wednesday, February 20th during homeroom by 8:15 AM or Ms. Boykin at the K-4 Building front desk. Money cannot be collected the day of dress down. **REMEMBER** that the EWA PAL Dress Down Day proceeds go to support our teachers and students! Funds from two dress down days per year are allocated to provide **TEACHER GRANTS!** Look for more information on February's teacher grants in next month's newsletter!

EWA Board Meeting

The next board meeting is on **Tuesday, March 5th** at 7:30 PM in the HS Baker Center. The Digital Learning Grant Team will be giving a presentation to the Board at this meeting. All EWA families are welcome and encouraged to attend! This is a great opportunity to learn more about our school, how it operates, and upcoming projects and improvements.



At the February meeting, the Board discussed the new carpool barriers at the Elementary/Middle carpool area. The art classes in all houses are going to be painting the concrete barriers! Also look for new speed bumps coming to the carpool drive. The campus expansion plans were discussed. There was also talk about the new radio ad for EWA, a new Wellness Committee, and the new dance room flooring put in at a reduced rate by Home Depot. The issue of lice was discussed as well and it was stated that EWA has stricter standards than most schools and requires that the nurse double checks known cases before the student returns to class. The official meeting minutes with more details will be available on [their website](#) once approved by the Board. The agenda for the January meeting is on [their website](#). The best way to stay up to date is to attend!

Harris Teeter – VIC Card Linking



Did you know that Harris Teeter donates a portion of their grocery profits to

the school of your choice? The catch? You have to designate the school **EVERY SINGLE YEAR**. Currently East Wake Academy only has 17 linked VIC cards and not enough earnings to meet the minimum for Harris Teeter to cut a check. We can do better, EWA!! Please go online and update your VIC account to donate to Account Number 3953, East Wake Academy. Alternatively, you can go to the customer service desk on your next shopping trip and update the information in person. This is a free and easy way to support your school!

Jump Rope for Heart

East Wake Academy will be participating in Jump Rope for Heart from **February 11 – 22** to support the American Heart Association! This is a fun way for your kids to get active and earn money for a worthy cause. [Help your child join his/her school team online](#) and your family will be one step closer to being Heart Heroes helping to save lives! Search for "East Wake" when registering.



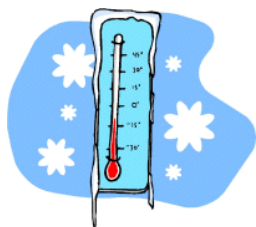
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EWA K-4 Family STEAM Night

Please bring the whole family to participate in EWA's first K-4 Family STEAM Night on Monday, February 25th from 6 to 7:30 pm! Activities will take place in the teachers' classrooms. Come out and learn more about Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM)!

EWA PAL Square Store



Does your student need a school approved sweatshirt that they can wear to school? The EWA PAL Square Store has you covered! We have a large selection of sweatshirts – crew neck and zip up hoodies can be worn by all grades

including elementary. Pullover hoodies can be worn by grades 5-12. Please order from the [Spirit Store on our website](#) and your order will be delivered to your student at school the following week.

Lost and Found

With the forever changing temperatures, students are wearing layers and misplacing them when taking them off throughout the day. Please check the [Lost and Found website](#) for any items misplaced at school. Also, please remember that items with a name on the tag or elsewhere will be returned to the student and not placed in Lost and Found.

Teacher Wish Lists and Classroom Donations

Did you know that many teachers have Amazon Wish Lists on the [EWA PAL website](#)? Would you rather donate money to your child's classroom? It is as easy as sending in a check to EWA PAL for your desired amount with your teacher's name in the "For" space or donating on [the PAL website](#) and designating the allocation for those funds on the [donation form](#).

Box Tops for Education



Please don't forget to collect Box Tops and turn them into your child's teacher! For every Box Top that EWA collects, the Box Top program donates \$0.10 to our school! This small contribution adds up.

We received \$1,464.40 last year! Please turn in UNEXPIRED neatly trimmed box tops on the [Box Top collection sheet](#) or in an envelope or bag labeled with your child's teacher or homeroom teacher's name to your child's teacher or Amanda Boykin at the front desk in the K-4 Academy building. **The next collection period ends March 1st.** Please email alisadejoseph@gmail.com if you have any questions!

February Staff Birthdays



EWA PAL does a little something special for each of these staff members on their birthday! We hope you and your student(s) will do something to make this day special for our treasured staff members as well!

Sharonda Perry	2/2
Michael Durdin	2/4
Clyde Shafer	2/7
Elizabeth Barnhill	2/9
Jessica (Potter) Parker	2/11
Diann Gunderson	2/13
Sierra Davis	2/16
Philip Wiggins	2/16
Shelley Shoemaker	2/17
Shannon Ferrell	2/20
Chris Eason	2/23
Pam Oliver	2/23
Kenly Simmons	2/23
Stephanie Mondragon	2/28