

**From:** Kathie Hogan, EE Editor 2007-08 [khogan99@aol.com]

**Sent:** Friday, February 29, 2008 1:20 PM

**To:** Hogan, Kathleen (Space Technology)

**Subject:** Eagle Ears February-March 2008



# Eagle Ears

*the* Newsletter of El Segundo High School and its PTA



Kathie Hogan, Editor 2007-08  
[khogan99@aol.com](mailto:khogan99@aol.com)

640 Main Street El Segundo CA 90245  
School Phone (310) 615-2662

## In This Issue

[From Ms. Harada's Desk](#)

[Blood Drive Mar 11](#)

[FREE MIT Courses](#)

[Academic Decathlon News](#)

[PTA Volunteer Service Awards](#)

[PTA President's Letter](#)

[Run for Education Mar 29](#)

[Class Fundraisers](#)

[ESEF](#)

[Chipotle Fundraising Events](#)

[Drivers Ed Fundraiser](#)

[Calif State PTA Convention May 1-3](#)

[ESHS Teacher Appreciation Week May 5-9](#)

**Issue: SY 2007-08-3  
Feb-March 2008**

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Students and Parents:

I hope the first semester was an enjoyable and productive experience for all our students. The start of the second semester marks the beginning of our testing season.

We kicked off the semester with the California High School Exit Exam, CAHSEE, on February 5 and 6. Just a reminder: all students are required to pass this very important test in order to receive a high school diploma.

The second semester will be a very busy time for our staff too as they gear up for a three-day WASC Accreditation visit scheduled for Spring 2009. This year our WASC Chairperson is Nancy Cobb; please join me in wishing her continued success in this very important process.

Also, our School Discipline Committee chaired by Jessica Kwek has been busy reviewing our academic honesty and integrity policy. A letter explaining a bit more about the policy change should be arriving home in the next few days.

As always I wish you all the best as we begin the new semester.

Jim Garza, Principal

## Quick Links

[Run for Education March 28](#)  
[MIT online courses for HS students](#)  
[El Segundo Education Foundation](#)  
[Eagle Ears Past Issues 2007-08](#)  
[CyberSafe Summit 2008](#)  
[Buy a Brick!](#)  
[SchoolPop.com](#)  
[Dr. Geoff Yantz' Letter to Community](#)  
[109th Calif State PTA Convention May 1-3, 2008](#)  
[Volunteer for PTA Convention](#)

[ESHS STUDENT HANDBOOK](#)

## REMAINING 2007-08 SCHOOL YEAR MASTER CALENDAR

### February

26 School Board Meeting 7PM  
Boardroom

-

### March

3 Minimum Day  
5 PTA Meeting 7 PM  
HS Library  
6 Leadership Team Meeting  
2:45-4PM - Hall of Fame  
11 School Board Mtg 7 PM in Boardroom  
14 End of 2<sup>nd</sup> 6-wk grading period  
19 2<sup>nd</sup> 6-wk grades in Power  
School - 9AM  
21 Progress Reports

## FROM MS. HARADA'S DESK....

### Past Events

- Jan. 11 **Link Crew Leaders** visited freshmen classes for academic follow-up, "Academic Excellence."
- Jan. 18 **AVID Students'** field trip to UC Irvine to increase college awareness
- Jan. 23 **Leadership & Teamwork Assembly** brought together 300 students and guest speaker Astronaut Mike Mullane. This event was sponsored by Chevron
- Jan. 26, 29 **Community Meeting** hosted by ESHS to discuss facility improvement. Sponsored by ESUSD Board of Education
- Jan. 28 **WASC Focus Groups** comprised of faculty, staff, students and parents revised Eagle Expectations in preparation for our WASC visit set for Spring 2009
- Feb. 5-6 **CAHSEE exam** was administered to all 10th graders. Results will be mailed home in approx 8 weeks. Students need to pass both English and Math sections in order to receive a high school diploma in the State of California.
- Feb. 13 **Link Crew Leaders** celebrated Valentine's Day with their freshmen via a social activity
- **Wellness Committee** hosted Registered Dietician Jeanne Peters for an informational talk on nutrition including quick and healthy snacks and meals for teenagers.
- Feb. 12-15 **ESHS Healthy Kids Survey**

### Upcoming Events

- **AVID** is recruiting college students to serve as tutors. Hours are 7:45 - 9:45 a.m., Tues., Thurs., and Fridays
- *[include info from Dr. Yantz' letter re state budget situation and its effects on education and ESUSD]*
- Feb. 19 2:45, Room B104 **Discipline Committee meeting.** Parents welcome. Topic = cyber bullying.
- Mar. 3, 24 and 31 are **MINIMUM DAYS.** *[March 3 is a correction to the Student Handbook.]*
- Mar. 5-6 **Cyber Safe Summit 2008** for parents and educators at Burbank Airport Marriott Hotel. For more information call (916) 278-5983 or check the Cyber Safe Summit link in the Quick Links box.
- Mar. 11 **ESHS Annual Blood Drive.** *[See article in this issue.]*
- Mar. 12 1-3 p.m. **GirlWise: 10 Things Every Teen Girl Should Know.** A life skills workshop for teen girls. Contact Mrs. Millan-Segovia for further details. Sponsored by a generous donation from ROAD.
- Mar. 14 **Pupil Free Day**
- Mar. 20 Part 1 of the **Early Assessment Program (EAP) for Juniors.** This is a writing exam in English classes to determine college readiness. (Part 2 is taken as part of the English/Language Arts section of STAR.)
- Mar. 20, 26, Apr. 1, 3, 25 **Sophomore Counseling**
- Mar. 25 **Extreme Sports Presentation** -- extended lunch
- Mar. 26 **Double Assembly** -- East West Players drama presentation regarding Japanese internment camps
- Mar. 28 **2nd Annual ESHS Student Health Fair.** Double assembly and extended lunch. Wellness Committee seeking more student, parent, community involvement in planning this event. Contact Rainy Smith, Wellness Committee Chair at (310) 6215-2662 x345 for additional information.
- Apr. 21 **Minimum Day** WASC focus group
- Apr. 24 5:30 p.m. **8th Grade Parent Night @ ESHS**

Mailed

home

21 Double Assembly  
Health

Fair:

1<sup>st</sup> Juniors/Seniors

2<sup>nd</sup> Freshmen/Sophomores

21 Health Fair - Extended  
Lunch

24 Minimum Day  
Professional

Development - Site Based

25 School Board  
Meeting 7PM

in the Boardroom

31 Minimum Day

April

2 PTA Meeting 7  
PM

HS Library

Speaker Tim Harrison

2 Prom Assembly  
Set-up

3 Prom Assembly -

Juniors & Seniors ONLY

3 Senior Citizen  
Spring Tea

3-5PM HS Cafeteria

7-11 *Spring Break*

21 Minimum Day

26 Junior/Senior  
Prom

Location TBA

28-30 International  
Week

May

1 Testing Double

- May 19 **Minimum Day** WASC focus group

**ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE - TUES MAR 11**

**GIVE THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING...**

The annual ESHS Blood Drive is set for Tuesday, March 11 from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the girls' gym. Last year was a huge success and we're hoping to break new records this year. Remember: ***1 pint saves 3 lives!!*** Anyone interested in donating blood, contact Maxine in the Main Office, (310) 615-2662 x300, to sign up for a time. Students 17 and over may give blood; no parental consent form required. This drive is not just for students -- parents and family members may donate too.

**FREE MIT COURSES FOR HS STUDENTS**

[MIT Courses for HS Students](#)

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) has created a **new website with free online resources** for science, technology, engineering and math at the high school level. The "Highlights for High School" program features over 2600 video and audio clips, animations, lecture notes and assignments from actual MIT classes. Students can also access introductory courses in chemistry, math, computers, engineering and electronics. The program can be accessed online through MIT's Open Course Wave, or by following the above link. Also, currentl students in AP Biology, Chemistry or Physics will find valuable tools to help them prepare for Spring exams. *Submitted by J. Hickey, ESUSD Director, Educational Services*

**ACADEMIC DECATHALON REPORT**

Assembly  
 1<sup>st</sup> Freshman/Soph.  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Juniors/Seniors  
     1-2 International  
     Week  
     2 End 2<sup>nd</sup> 12-wk  
     grading  
 period  
     5 Minimum Day  
 Department Articulation  
     5 AP Exam - French  
 Afternoon  
     6 CAHSEE - English  
     6 AP Exam -  
     Spanish  
     Language - Morning  
 6 AP Exam - Statistics  
     Afternoon  
 7 AP Exam AP Calculus  
     Morning  
 7 2<sup>nd</sup> 12-wk grades due in  
     Power School - 9AM  
 7 PTA Meeting 7 PM  
     HS Library  
 8 AP Exam - English Lit  
     Morning  
 9 Progress Reports mailed  
     home  
 9 AP Exam US History  
     Morning  
 12 AP Exam- Biology  
     Morning  
 12 AP Exam - Physics  
     Afternoon  
 13 School Board Meeting  
     7 PM Boardroom  
 14 AP Exam - English Lit  
     Morning  
 19 Minimum Day  
 19-27 STAR Testing &  
     Make-Up Testing  
     26 School Holiday  
     Memorial Day

*[Decathlon was held January 26 and February 2]*

**Congratulations** to the ESHS Academic Decathlon team as they placed 14 out of 52 schools in the L.A. County Academic Decathlon, held over two Saturdays: January 26 at Montebello HS and February 2 at USC. With ten disciplines to study under this year's umbrella topic "The Civil War," the 9 students on each team (El Segundo fielded two teams) took tests in Math, Economics, Music, Language and Literature, Science, Art, and Superquiz (the Civil War) and wrote an essay, delivered a speech and participated in an interview by a panel of judges.

Awards were distributed at a luncheon on Thursday, February 7 at the Quiet Cannon Restaurant in Montebello. Eagles honored for their excellent achievement in these categories were Varun Roperia (Team High Score, Math), Jimmy Vlahos (Science), Cara de Frietas Bart (Math) and Natasha Amlani (Interview). In addition, this was the first year the National Academic Decathlon awarded three scholarships to deserving seniors in L. A. County who participated in Academic Decathlon. Priya Kaur was honored with this distinction, winning a \$2,100 scholarship.

Students are encouraged to consider participating in the Academic Decathlon next year. Each team must be comprised of three "A" students, three "B" students and three "C" students, so all students are eligible. Next year's topic will be announced in April 2008.

## NOMINATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR PTA 2007-08 VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARDS

**Nomination Submission Deadline = February 29**

El Segundo High School PTA Service Award nominations are being accepted during February. Do you know someone who has done an outstanding job, working quietly and efficiently for the benefit of the ESHS student body, above and beyond routine responsibilities? The annual Volunteer Service Awards are the PTA's way of saying THANK YOU to individuals and organizations for outstanding service during the school year. Nominations are available in the HS library throughout February. For further information, **contact Gail Davis at (310) 640-1639.**

The joint El Segundo **PTA FOUNDERS' DAY** Event in which the award recipients will be honored is set for **Tuesday evening April 29 at 6:30 in** the Middle School's Bulldog Hall. Reminders, updates, or more details will be provided as we get closer to the event.

## PTA President's Letter

27 School Board Meeting  
7 PM Board Room

-  
**June**

4 PTA Meeting - 7 PM  
HS Library

5 Leadership Meeting  
2:45-4PM - Hall of Fame

6 Top Ten Brunch - Cafeteria  
7/8 Relay for Life  
9 Senior Awards Ceremony  
6:30 PM HS auditorium

13 Senior BBQ - Lunch  
13 Distribution of Cap/Gown  
& Tickets Auditorium 3PM

13 Luau Dance  
15 Baccalaureate  
16 Calamigos - Seniors ONLY  
16 Finals Schedule for Period 7 and 0  
17 Finals Schedule for Period 1 and 2  
18 Finals Schedule for Period 3 and 4  
19 Finals Schedule for Period 5 and 6  
19 End of School Semester  
Grading Period  
19 Graduation - 6PM  
Hazeltine Field  
24 School Board Meeting  
7 PM Boardroom

Dear Students, Parents and Teachers,

As you've heard by now, Governor Schwarzenegger's proposed solutions to California's monumental budget deficit are going to have devastating effects on education. As discussed in Superintendent Dr. Geoff Yantz's letter to all parents [*see [Quick Links](#)*], the impact on our small district would be around \$1.4 million in reduced revenues. After reviewing district finances, the administration estimates \$840,000 will need to be cut from the district budget. The board and administrators are determined to keep the cuts out of the classrooms. Although that's good news for our children, the cuts will be felt throughout the district.

As concerned parents we can do our part to help our children by

1. Writing your legislators to voice your outrage at our children's futures being jeopardized by Sacramento's poor choices (see list of addresses and link to sample letter below)
2. Staying updated on this budget situation by attending monthly PTA meetings and attending or watching School Board meetings. Board meetings are the second and fourth Tuesdays and televised on local cable channel 3.
3. Supporting organizations that benefit our children such as PTA and the El Segundo Educational Foundation. (See ESEF article in this issue for ways they are helping our students.)

Now is a good time to get involved for your child's sake.

Sincerely,

Jayne Pimlott  
President

#### **Legislators' addresses**

Senator	Jenny Oropeza	State Capitol, Room 4074 Sacramento , CA 95814	28
Assemblyman	Ted Lieu	State Capitol, Room 4016 Sacramento , CA 95814	53

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger  
State Capitol Building  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
Phone: 916-445-2841  
Fax: 916-558-3160 ( new number )

#### **DON'T FORGET THESE EVENTS:**

- Check out the **Reflections Exhibit** Monday evening, 6-8 at the El Segundo United Methodist Church Johnson Hall
- 33rd District PTA is offering training in Culver City on Wed., May 14. Please consider going if you're taking on a new PTA post with us for SY 2008-09.
- Looking for PTA members to attend the 33rd District Annual Meeting on April 17 at the Doubletree in Carson. We need to register by the end of March.

25 Final Grades due  
in  
Power School - 9AM  
27 Final Report  
Cards  
mailed home

## RUN FOR EDUCATION - MARCH 29

Online registration is now available for the upcoming Run For Education race for March 29, 2008. Don't delay sign up today. Link to the Registration Website is on the front page, **Quick Links**.

## FUNDRAISERS....

### Don't forget to support our Class Fundraisers!

**Suncatcher Ornaments** (Class of 2008) are etched with the picture of our ESHS belltower. \$20 each. Contact Sarah Combs 310-414-3554. (Don't forget to buy one for your graduating senior!)

**Eagle Sweatshirts** for sale by Class of 2010.

**Eagle Blanket \$30** too! Contact Pam Gardener (310) 322-1912 or Gina Bell (310) 322-1693.

**Eagle Pullovers and Tank Tops** (Class of 2011). V-neck pullovers \$35-\$37; Tank tops \$15. Contact Jennifer Turnbull (310) 640-9606.

**BUY A BRICK!** Personalized commemorative bricks lining the front walk are a great way to leave your "mark" on our school. Each brick is \$50. Order form is available on our ESHS website and in **QUICK LINKS** box in this newsletter.

## FUNDRAISING WITH SchoolPop

### New On-Line Fundraiser: SchoolPop.com

ESHS PTA is signed up for on-line fundraising with SchoolPop. We earn money 2 ways:

(1) when you shop on-line through [www.SchoolPop.com](http://www.SchoolPop.com) OR (2) when you register your credit cards with [www.SchoolPop.com](http://www.SchoolPop.com) and shop at participating merchants in their stores, by catalog or on-line using a registered credit card. [See *Quick Links for SchoolPop website*]

## EL SEGUNDO EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

## **Donors *THANK YOU!***

The El Segundo Educational Foundation is extremely grateful for the generosity from 215 ESHS families, teachers and administrators who enabled the ESHS to have the largest number of donors for this year's Boost Your School campaign. The \$500 ESEF grant will be used to support the Link Crew Leadership Program.

Your contributions have given a BOOST to the Foundation's goal to grant \$450,000 this year to *Foster Excellence in Education* throughout the El Segundo Unified School District.

## **ESEF CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER RESULTS**

THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the Chipotle Grand Opening fundraiser in January to benefit the El Segundo Educational Foundation. Over \$3,600 was raised and will go toward the Foundation's goal to grant \$450,000 this year to *Foster Excellence in Education* throughout the El Segundo Unified School District.

## **DRIVERS ED FUNDRAISER COMING....**

### **Welcome Driver.com**

ESHS PTA approved a fundraiser through WelcomeDriver.com. Students enrolling in an online driving school, using a code provided by PTA, will receive a discount on the course and PTA will receive \$25 for each student taking the course. Read future Eagle Ears for the details.

## **CALIFORNIA STATE PTA 109th CONVENTION**

### **May 1 - 3, 2008 in Long Beach**

Would you like to volunteer to help at the Thurs. through Sat. (May 1-3) State PTA Convention in Long Beach this year? Our local 33rd District joins with the 1st, 10th, 23rd and 31st District to sponsor this year's event. Space permitting, volunteers may attend general meetings, exhibits and workshops on days they work. Please look over the volunteer sign-up form and choose days, times, and events with which you'd like to help. You may email your completed form to your District Volunteer Coordinator Caren Dutton or simply complete the form online via the State website (see **Quick Links**).

## **ESHS TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK MAY 5-9**

The TAW Committee is busy planning an exciting week to show our teachers how much we appreciate all that they do for our young people.

We are requesting food related gift cards this year (please verify the amount, we had some problems last year). Please put the gift cards in an envelope labeled "**TAW-Kathy Gardner**" and put in the **PTA Box** in the principal's office with Maxine.

Some ideas: Harry and David, Godiva or See's Chocolates, Ralphs, Bristol Farms, Whole Foods, Cooke's, Sur La Table, Cook'N Stuff, or any or your favorite restaurants. Also - food gift baskets and \$ donations are gladly accepted. More details will come, but if you would to donate food items or help with the set-up or clean-up, please e-mail me at [kbgardner@socal.rr.com](mailto:kbgardner@socal.rr.com). Thanks for your support,

Kathy Gardner, TAW Chairwoman

✉ **SafeUnsubscribe®**

This email was sent to kathleen.hogan@ngc.com, by [khogan99@aol.com](mailto:khogan99@aol.com)  
[Update Profile/Email Address](#) | Instant removal with [SafeUnsubscribe™](#) | [Privacy Policy](#).

Email Marketing by



El Segundo High School | 640 Main St. | El Segundo | CA | 90245