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Eagle Ears

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

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Students and Parents:

On October 2, 2007, I had the good fortune to participate in E.S.U.S.D'S 21st Century Education Summit. The day was dedicated to developing a greater understanding of how the Millennial generation lives and learns. At the conclusion of the Summit it became clear to me that the challenge for our schools will be to develop a unified, collective vision for 21st Century learning while at the same time incorporating them into the core subjects. The 21st Century content consists of emerging content areas which are critical to success in community and work life. These content areas typically are not emphasized in schools today:

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| Global awareness | Health and wellness awareness |
| Civic literacy | Financial, economic, business and entrepreneurial literacy |

Good teachers have always incorporated these skills into their lessons. The challenge today is to incorporate these essential skills into our school deliberately and strategically. I believe by designing a strategic plan for 21st Century learners we will be better able to meet the diverse needs of all of our students. I wish all of you all the best during the holiday season.

Sincerely,
Jim Garza, Principal

NOTES FROM MS. HARADA'S DESK

Astronaut Mike Mullane is scheduled to speak at ESHS on Jan. 23 at 10 AM. Students attend by invitation. Sponsored by Chevron.

ESHS purchased State-adopted **CAHSEE** intervention curriculum to provide support to all students who have not yet passed the CAHSEE. A 5-day "boot camp" was held for all such juniors and seniors to prepare for make-up exams held Nov. 6-7.

Boys' Water Polo lay for the CIF championship on Nov. 17 in Irvine.

Senior Citizens' Tea set for Fri., Dec. 21 at 2 PM in the cafeteria.

Mrs. Harrison held her annual Economic Summit on Nov. 15 at the Masonic Lodge for all seniors enrolled in Economics this semester.

The Discipline Committee is looking for more parents and students to join the committee. It meets monthly and addresses school wide policies and the consistent enforcement of school rules. For more information, contact Jessica Kwek at jkwek@esud.k12.ca.us.

WASC FOCUS GROUPS Thanks to parents who signed up to participate in the ongoing WASC focus groups which help to direct our school in educational and social content. If you would like to participate please contact chrspim@aol.com.

SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL Composed of parents, teachers, administrators and students, School Site Council meets each month and considers the needs of ESHS in all areas — educational materials, facilities and classroom equipment. Additionally, SSC monitors the English Learner Program for ESHS. Parents of English learners are encouraged to join SSC to find out more about this important program. SSC minutes are available at the ESHS administrative office or on the ESHS website.

PTA NEWS

PTA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Do you know.... How many students we've enrolled this year at ESHS? How much it costs the school in lost ADA if your child misses school? What the plan is for more lockers? Who are new School Board members are? How much PTA raised from the Barnes & Noble Book Fair? How GPAs are computer? How about the results of the mock SAT, or our current administrative issues at school?

You *know* the answers to these questions and many more if you were at our recent PTA meetings! Plan to attend our next regular meeting on **February 6, 2008** at 7 PM in the ESHS library.

ESHS PTA Membership Drive 2007-2008

ESHS is happy to report that our organization has achieved

- 100% teacher participation
- 100% administration participation and
- have a total of 774 members at last count

THANK YOU to all families who joined this year, and an extra **THANK YOU** to the families who donated extra funds. Those funds stay entirely within the HS PTA to help achieve its goals set for this year.

Kathie Stabile, Membership Chairman
2007-2008

ESHS PTA meetings are usu. held the first Wed. of each month at 7 PM in the ESHS Library.

Jayne Pimlott, President
Windri Barriga, 1st VP/Leadership
Alison Denman, 2nd VP/Programs
Kelly Burner, 3rd VP/Hospitality
Eng Szetho, 4th VP/Volunteers
Tina Cooley, 5th VP/Fundraising

For information about us, contact Jayne Pimlott at chrspim@aol.com

NEXT MEETING FEB 6, 2008

Class of 2010 Eagle Sweatshirts are a great way to show your Eagle Pride! And Eagle Blankets are great for those *cold* evening soccer and baseball games. Each is \$30. Contact Pam Gardener at (310) 322-1912 or Gina Bell at (310) 322-1693.



Eagle Pullovers and Tank Tops

On sale by the
Class of 2011

V-neck pullovers
Adult S - XL... \$35
2XL—6XL..... \$37
Tank tops.....\$15

Contact Jennifer Turnbull at
(310) 640-9606 for more
information.

El Segundo Educational Foundation Mega-Mixer on February 25:

An evening of fabulous food, friends and fundraising to earn money toward the \$460,000 grant to our schools. The event, featuring a silent auction, will be held at McCormick & Schmick's in Manhattan Beach.

FUNDRAISING

Class of 2008 Commemorative Sun Catcher Ornaments are etched with the picturesque ESHS bell tower. Cost is \$20. Contact Sarah Combs at (310) 414-3554.

Barnes & Noble Book Fair Sunday Dec. 2, 9 AM—11 PM

ESHS' Community Service Club will be hosting a book fair on behalf of the Imperial School to benefit its severely handicapped students. The book fair is part of a larger project to record books onto tape to enhance the children's learning. Please purchase items at the B&N on Rosecrans Ave. in Manhattan Beach for one day only. In order to make your purchase count, you must present a book fair voucher at time of purchase. A percentage of the proceeds from purchases made with a voucher will go directly to Imperial School. Our service club members will be on hand at the book store on **Dec. 2**, and will have vouchers available then. **PLEASE** help us make this project a success!

ESHS Band Selling eScrip — Our band is still selling eScrip. We added Ralphs Market for our program. Contact Robin Bobco with any eScrip questions or check the website at www.escrip.com and go to "sign up."

Leave your mark at ESHS — Buy a Brick! Personalized commemorative bricks lining the front walk are a great way to leave your "mark" on our school. Cost of each brick is \$50; order forms are available on the ESHS website or in the school office. Email Cindee Topar at cltopar@aol.com for more information.

SCRIP FROM OUR NEIGHBORS... To make your holiday shopping and giving even easier, Center Street School PTA sells the regular Scrip throughout the year. Purchasing Scrip is purchasing gift cards/ certificates from national and local retailers that are the same ones available in the stores. Participants include **Barnes & Noble, Borders, Cooke's Family Market, Good Stuff, Home Depot, Islands, Murad, Pacific Theaters, Starbucks, Whole Foods**. Call Kathy Covington 310-414-8401 (kathcov@aol.com) or Anne Marie Piibe, 310-640-1392 (ampiibe@hotmail.com) to place an order, or stop by the Center Street School front office.

School Announcements



Young Americans in Town Jan. 10-13

The Young Americans are returning for a 4-day workshop with the students in the El Segundo district. Students have the opportunity to sign up for \$60 which covers the workshop and a T-shirt that becomes the uniform for the show. 40+ Young Americans from ages 18-25ish will descend on the High School for a rockin' and rollin' workshop including instrumentation, singing, dancing, improvisation, and production. The students are separated into school-site-aged groups and have a blast. They work on a one-hour production following a fantastic new show put on by the YAs. Acceptance in the workshop is on a limited first-come-first serve basis. It is extremely popular, so the committee is encouraging students to get their applications in early. Applications will be available beginning November 26 and can be returned as early as November 27.

The show is set for Saturday (Jan. 12) at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday (Jan. 13) at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$9. to see the best entertainment in town. For further information please contact **Brittney Pottenger at 540-0040** or **Courtney Olson at 322-3522**.

The El Segundo Rotary and El Segundo Unified School District will be collecting **gently used books** for students at an elementary school in Lennox. Many of these families cannot afford to buy books for their children. The books will be sent home with the children so they can practice reading at home. If you have gently used books that are appropriate for elementary-aged children please have your student put them in the box outside the Activities Office during the month of December.



Thank you for your support.

SAVE THE DATE: RUN FOR EDUCATION ON MARCH 29

Our 16th Annual Run for Education 5K Run/Walk and Kids' Fun Run is set for Sat., March 29, 2008. This year runners can enjoy the convenience of online registration at www.active.com.

Start early: shoes in closet, call your friends and colleagues and *start training*. Help us reach our PTA goal of raising \$30,000 for our schools. Business sponsors are needed for financial and/or in-kind contributions for this fun-filled community event. Contract Race Director Barbara Briney 310-322-2618 or email bbriney@worldnet.att.net for more information.



A new school club, **FILMRAGEOUS**, meets weekly. The purpose is to create movies to be shown during school assemblies, presentations, etc. Recently, the group premiered a movie at the end of Mr. Garza and Ms. Harada's State of the School presentation at the Nov. 13 Board meeting.



Gefin2 College.com is a terrific resource for students and their parents who are looking for student calendars, college checklists, application how-to's, and useful information on colleges. The website is a subscription only gift from the PTA to you. Look for the link to this site on our El Segundo High School webpage.

CALIFORNIA PTA SCHOLARSHIP Each year State PTA offers \$500 scholarships to graduating high school seniors for volunteer service in the school and community. **Applications are due by February 1, 2008** to the California State PTA. Please note: this application does not go through the usual school process and counselors. You must apply through our PTA. Visit www.capta.org, or contact Jayne Pimlott, PTA President, at chrispim@aol.com for an application or further information.



ESHS Chorus Department will host a concert and silent auction on **Fri., December 14** from 6-8 PM at Chevron Park Clubhouse on El Segundo Blvd. The cost is \$10 donation which includes dessert. For more information call Aleta Pottenger at 310-524-0040.



R.O.A.D (Reach Out Against Drugs) received over 500 Safe Space forms from El Segundo High families! These participants pledged to not serve, nor allow youth under the age of 21 to consume alcohol or drugs in their homes or on their property. Also, they would like to be informed if anyone observes their child(ren) using or under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Safe Space participants can be found on the front page of the El Segundo Unified School District Website: www.elsegundousd.com. Don't see your name? No problem: you can still submit a form to have your name added to the list. Any questions? Please don't hesitate to contact ROAD at www.reachoutagainstdrugs@yahoo.com.

Question of the Month: What book answers these mysteries? What time do students leave school on Minimum Days? Where can you find the school's attendance policies and procedures? Where can I find a description of graduation requirements? [Clue: it's yellow, 8x11, initials S.H., probably under papers in your child's bedroom, but can be found at www.elsegundousd.com/eshs/index2.htm]





El Segundo Council PTA is requesting your help in donating school supplies to students in the juvenile justice system youth camps. These students are working hard to gain an education. By donating, you are helping to enrich the educational experience for these at-risk youth. We are asking for photography supplies; these supplies may be *new or gently used*. Here are some suggested items:

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| Crayons | Pastels | Charcoals |
| Colored Pencils | | Drawing Pencils |
| Paint Brushes | | Construction Paper |
| Canvas or Canvas Board | | Art or "How to Draw" Books |
| Drawing Paper or Sketch Pad | | Markers (no sharpies or permanent ones) |
| Inexpensive Photo or Brochure Paper | | |
| Digital Cameras with needed Cords and/or Memory Cards | | |
| Any other Miscellaneous Art Medium | | |

We are also collecting new or gently used backpacks (non-gang colors of black, grey or green, **only** please) and school supplies. You may bring these items to the High School office or e-mail chrispim@aol.com for additional information. Donations accepted through **January 15, 2008**.

ESEF Boost Your School

The El Segundo Educational Foundation's "Boost Your School" campaign is currently running through Jan. 31. It's your opportunity, as a parent and an ESHS supporter, to provide an extra gift to your child's school to purchase items on the school's wish list. A **\$1,000 grant** will be given to each school with at least 25% of its families contributing \$30 or more to the ESEF by January 31, 2008. Schools reaching 50% family participation by the end of the challenge will receive a **\$2,500 grant!** *100% participation will earn a \$500 bonus!* All contributions of at least \$30 given between July 1, 2007 and January 31, 2008 will receive "BOOST" credit for each ESUSD student in the family. Pledge to *Foster Excellence in Education* by making your tax deductible contribution today! Contributions may be made online at www.elsegundoedfoundation.org, by returning the donation form received in the mail, or by picking up a donation form in the school office. Thank you for helping to *Boost Your School!*

AVID Class of 2010

phone collected (newer phones are or chargers are needed) in the high reuses as many phones as possible recycles through an



is collecting old cell phones. They will receive between 50¢ and \$30 per worth more). Please drop off old phones with batteries in place (no accessories school Activities Office. Phones are collected by Recycling Alliance which for charitable purposes such as women's shelters. Remaining phones are environmentally responsible program.

ON TARGET: Our school is earning money! It comes to us thanks to all of you currently participating in the Target Take Charge of Education® program. By simply shopping with your Target® Visa® or Target® Card, a percentage of the amount of each purchase you make is donated back to our school. If you're not already taking part, please consider doing so--grandparents, alumni, friends and neighbors can help, too. To participate or to see how much has been contributed towards our next check, please visit target.com/tcoe or call 1-800-316-6142.



CALENDAR— November, December 2007, January 2008

NOVEMBER		
26	School reopens	
	MINIMUM DAY	
DECEMBER		
4	Faculty Meeting - school library	7:15-7:40 a.m.
7	1st 12-wk grading period ends	
11	School Board Meeting - Boardroom	7:00 p.m.
	1st 12-wk grades due in Power School by 9 AM	
14	Progress reports mailed home	
	MINIMUM DAY - professional learning (site based)	
17		
21	Senior Citizen Tea - HS Cafeteria	
24-31	Winter Break	

JANUARY 2008		
1-4	Winter Break	
8	Faculty Meeting - school library	7:15-7:40 a.m.
8	School Board Meeting - Boardroom	7:00 p.m.
21	SCHOOL HOLIDAY - Martin Luther King	
	MINIMUM DAY - professional learning - writing/AVID (PLC)	
28		
29	1st Semester Finals - Periods 7 & 0	
30	1st Semester Finals - Periods 1 & 2	
31	1st Semester Finals - Periods 3 & 4	