

Paws for News

Creek Valley Elementary School
6401 Gleason Road, Edina, MN 55439

Creek Valley School News ...

March 24, 2010

NOTES FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE FOR SPRING BREAK March 2010

Spring Break is coming up and many students will be spending time with friends and family members. Slumber parties, sleepovers, traveling, and recreational activities all provide opportunities for children to come in close contact with germs and head lice. For a healthy and enjoyable Spring Break, follow the preventive measures listed below.

PREVENT THE SPREAD OF GERMS

Teach Your Child

- ◆ To wash hands thoroughly and **OFTEN**. Always wash before eating food and after using the restroom.
- ◆ Not to share eating utensils or drink containers with others.
- ◆ To cough and sneeze into the sleeve.
- ◆ To avoid touching the face, especially eyes, nose, and mouth.

Keep Your Child at Home When He or She Is SICK.

- ◆ If your child has a temperature of 100 degrees F and a cough or sore throat, keep your child at home.

PREVENT THE SPREAD OF HEAD LICE

Teach Your Child

- ◆ To never share hair grooming items, hair accessories, wigs, hats, or sports headgear.
- ◆ To avoid head to head (hair to hair) contact with another child or to play with another child's hair.

Check Your Child's Head

- ◆ After a sleepover check your child's head and wash all bedding brought home from the sleepover.
- ◆ **Before returning to school from Spring Break, check your child's head for lice and nits.**
- ◆ If you discover head lice, notify the school health office and the parents of children that have been in close contact with your child.

For photos of lice and nits in hair, follow this link: <http://pediatrics.about.com/od/headlice/ig/Head-Lice-Pictures/Live-Louse-on-Hair.html>

For directions on how to control the spread of lice at home, follow this link: <http://www.cdc.gov/lice/head/treatment.html>

If you have questions, please feel free to call your school health office.

GO MAD Goes Global

If you are traveling over spring break, pack your GO MAD shirt and take a picture wearing it by a landmark or memorial. Make an extra copy and bring it in to the Creek Valley office. Write your name, date, and location on the back, and we will add it to our *GO MAD Goes Global* bulletin board inside door 8.



Attendance 952-848-3202

Office 952-848-3200

<http://www.edina.k12.mn.us/creekvalley/>
PTA Website: www.creekvalleypta.org

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Carnival News ...



DATES TO REMEMBER

Mar 23	Fifth Grade Presents: Amazing Aesop, 7pm
Mar 26	Spring break begins at end of day
April 5	School Resumes
April 8	PTA Executive Board Meeting
April 14	School Store

More *going green* news for Carnival 2010!

To stay consistent with the "going green" concept for Carnival this year, the Carnival Booklets that have traditionally gone home will soon be available online through the Creek Valley PTA Website instead. This online version will be called the *Carnival i-Book*. Once this link is set up it will provide you with all the information you will need to know about Carnival this year, including: Raffle & Basket descriptions, and much much more. Imagine being able to view/print the *Carnival i-Book* directly from your home computer.

This is exciting because not only will this save CV roughly \$1500 in printing costs, but it also puts Creek Valley on the map as a school going forward! You will still get the ticket order form sent home to order all your raffle, basket, game, and food purchases like in years past...but no booklet this year. You can expect the link to be up on the PTA website after Spring Break. Stay tuned for more information!

Thanks for your patience!

Carnival Co-Chairs
Deb Hanson
Christine Paulson
Laura Heuer

Edina School District News ...

Edina Public Schools to discuss 2010-11 budget at community meeting scheduled for April 8 at 7 p.m.

Edina Public Schools (EPS) will host a community meeting on Thursday, April 8, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. in the Edina Community Center auditorium. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss planning efforts and budget challenges facing the 2010-11 school year.

If the District is held harmless by the 2010 Minnesota legislative session, EPS projects that planned expenditures will exceed the planned revenues by approximately \$770,000 -- 1.5% of the general fund (k-12) budget.

The shortfall would increase if the legislative session decreases the amount of available revenue to school districts throughout the state. EPS and its School Board are studying various options that meet educational priorities in a fiscally responsible way. This information will be shared at the meeting. Input from the community will also be sought.

For more information about the District's planning process, please go to the EPS' Web site at www.edina.k12.mn.us.

Edina School District News ...



FREE FORUM: PCN presents: "Strengthening your Parenting Team"
Steven Kahn, PhD

Monday, April 12th 7-9pm, Highlands elementary school

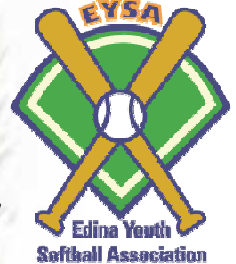
****Make it a date night! All attendees receive a \$5 off certificate for Eden Avenue Grill!****

More information: edinapcn.com

Community News ...

Girls K - 12th Grade Slow Pitch Softball

Registration open until April 8th at www.edinasoftball.com



Edina Youth Softball Association (EYSA) is open to all girls currently in Kindergarten through 12th grade. There are several exciting changes coming this year that you won't want to miss!! Three of the most important changes are: EYSA age groups adjusted and now include Kindergarten (hitting will be off a tee)! New jerseys with official Edina script logos for all teams - gives kids (another) Edina-wear clothing item to support our community and schools! A new partnership with Richfield that will result in the opportunity to play games not only against fellow Hornets, but also against girls from Richfield for the 4-5, 6-8 and 9-12 teams! This will also allow girls to get free use of batting cages in Richfield on a weekly basis.

The EYSA season includes a basic skills clinic to kick the season off, weekly games and an exciting and fun season-end event appropriate for the age group - Picnic for K-1 & 2-3; Tournament for 4-5, 6-8 & 9-12! More details are available on the website.

When you register your daughter can pick one of her friends to be a teammate. (Note: requests must be mutual - i.e., your daughter & the other girl must each pick each other during registration). If you have questions you can contact the appropriate grade representative(s):

K-1: Steve Burch stephen.burch@optumhealth.com

2-3: Rich Wipperfurth wipperfurth@yahoo.com & Theresa Williams dtaccwilliams@comcast.net

4-5: Mike Weibel - mweibel1@fairview.org

6-8: Kevin McCoy - kcmccoy@att.com

9-12: Tom Halloran - halloranfam@comcast.net

Check out the website and register today!

Bike Edina Task Force Bike Rodeo

The Bike Edina Task Force rodeo will be held on Saturday, April 17, 2010 at Highlands Elementary School parking lot. Bicyclists from all Edina Elementary schools are encouraged to attend. This event is made up of a series of stations, each dealing with an important aspect of safe cycling. Participants will have their bicycles inspected and will then learn about and practice bicycle-handling skills that will increase their enjoyment of bicycling and could some day save their lives.

What: Bile Edina Task Force Bike Rodeo

Where: Highlands Elementary School, 5505 Doncaster Way, Edina

When: Saturday, April 17, 2010 - Rain or shine

Time: 10:00am - 12:00 noon

Cost: Free of Charge

Who: All Edina Elementary Students - Primarily geared for elementary aged student but parents, other family members and friends are invited to participate, too.

What to bring: bicycle and helmet

For more information, please contact Rob Erickson at 952-454-8523 or Peter Hodne at 952-848-4500.



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HANDS-ON LEARNING FAIR

Saturday, April 17

In celebration of *The Week of the Young Child*, School Readiness and the Edina Early Childhood Community are sponsoring the 12th annual Hands-On Learning Fair for children 18 months through kindergarten on Saturday, April 17 from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

This free event will be held at Countryside Elementary School (5701 Benton Avenue.) Many of the Edina area pre-schools and child care centers, including the Edina Family Center and Edina kindergartens, will provide fun learning activities for children and parents.

New this year is our Literacy Lounge where guest readers will read favorite books to our youngest learners!

Children will also have the opportunity to participate in activities related to creative arts, science, sensory exploration, music and games. The Hands-On Learning Fair is funded by a grant from the Edina Education Fund with additional support from EPEE, Edina Partners in Early Education.

Edina Parks and Recreation Programs-Spring 2010

Keep it Movin' – Family Style

Reinvent Friday Nights this Spring, join us as we introduce fun ways to stay healthy and fit in this activity filled class. Through basic exercise, simple dance steps, and fun games, you will keep it movin.' Wear loose clothes and athletic shoes, no black soles please. Grandparents welcome too!

Ages: 3-6 ages with adult

Date/Time: Fridays, April 9-30 6:30-7:15 p.m.

Location: Edina Senior Center – 5280 Grandview Square

Cost: \$33/adult child pair

Register by: March 26; minimum 8, maximum 10

Ages: ages 7 and up with adult

Date/Time: Fridays, April 9-30 7:15 – 8:00 p.m.

Location: Edina Senior Center – 5280 Grandview Square

Cost: \$33/adult child pair

Register by: March 26; minimum 8, maximum 10



Register in person at Edina City Hall, or online at www.EdinaParks.com at the Edina Store
Questions, call 952-826-0368

EDINA BIKE FESTIVAL TO FIGHT HUNGER TO BENEFIT SECOND HARVEST, FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN AND VEAP

Edina Morningside Rotary Club will host the **second annual community bike ride**, the Edina Bike Festival to Fight Hunger, on Saturday, May 15 at 9:00am at Rosland Park in Edina. Participants will ride a circle route through Rosland Park, returning to the start for fun, food and games.



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BIKE FESTIVAL
TO FIGHT HUNGER

Legendary Edina High School Swim & Diving Coach Art Downey will lead the community bike ride as its grand marshal. All forms of non-motorized transportation are welcome! Bring your bikes, trikes, wagons, unicycles. Decorate your vehicle and wear a costume. **Prizes** will be awarded for largest team, best costume, best decorated bike and more.

Special events of the day include a Kids Bike Ride, a Bike Workshop, Scavenger Hunt with a special prize, food, music and more games. **Mark your calendars** to join in the community bike ride on the morning of May 15!

Bring your loose change! Add it to the pile of loose change on May 15 and we'll add it, every penny of it, to the proceeds of the event to help fight hunger. For more information, visit the event website at www.edinabikefest.com or call Mary Brindle at 952-941-7746.

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