



The Cougar Courier

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East Amwell
Township School

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The Superintendent's Corner

Greetings,

On behalf of the Board of Education and staff, I would like to welcome everyone back to East Amwell.

In a letter I sent to all families in August, I shared information regarding staff changes and Board initiatives with shared services.

Our custodial staff has worked very hard this summer preparing the school for September. As part of our summer projects, the modular building and many areas around the school were repainted. Our bell tower has been reinforced and repainted and extensive work has been done to our fire alarm and heating systems. We are looking forward to a great school year.

Sincerely,
Edward Stoloski, Superintendent

The Principal's View

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school!! I hope you enjoyed your summer and that you're looking forward to another great year.

We are pleased to welcome the following staff members: **Mrs., Jackie Longo, 7/8 Grade Math (returning from maternity leave); Mrs. Jamie Fallon, Teacher of the Deaf; Mrs. Jennifer Stafford, maternity leave Art Teacher; Mrs. Sheila de Barra, Special Ed Teacher; Mrs. Devon Bowman, First Grade maternity leave replacement.** Please join me in extending them a warm welcome to our school.

We are pleased to announce that this year all of our teachers (PreK-8) will be using Moodle to communicate with parents/guardians. As many of you know from our 6-8 grade pilot last year, Moodle is a tool for creating online dynamic websites. We will be using this to communicate homework, educational links, course descriptions, and various other educational information. Our teachers will be discussing their use of Moodle at our Back to School nights.

In closing, I look forward to working with the entire East Amwell Community during the 2009/10 school year.

Sincerely, **John Capuano** Principal

School Activities

Art Club: Starting In October. Forms From Mr. Shuler

Computer Club: Monday thru Friday @ 7:30 AM

Music Club 4th -5th : Thursdays In October 3:15-4:30

Music Club 6-8 : Tuesdays In October 3:15-4:30

Jazz Band: Tuesdays In October 8:15 AM

Peer Leaders: See Ms. Kulis / Ms. Daniel

Scoop: The School Newspaper: See Miss Anders

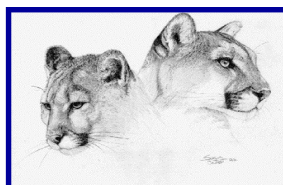
Environmental Club: Wednesday, September 30 3:15

Drama Club: Fall Drama club auditions for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders on September 30 from 3:15pm-4:00pm in the music room

Chess Club: Mrs. Mollis Monday's In October 3:15

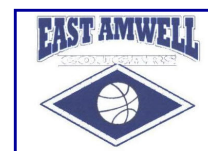
School Vision Statement:

East Amwell Township School District... is a safe, supportive community that recognizes all students as unique individuals and provides opportunities for academic, artistic, cultural, emotional, physical, social and character development in a diverse and ever-changing society.



September 2009 Calendar

First Day of School: Teachers	3
First Day of School: Students	9
Board of Education Meeting 7:30 PM	15
PTO Meeting 7:30 PM	16
Back To School Night Grades 5-8 7 PM	17
Back To School Night Preschool- 4thGrade	24
Early Dismissal 12:40	24
School Spirit Day	25
PTO New Family	25
School Closed:	28
Yom Kippur	



Athletic Schedule

- 9/18: Co-Ed Soccer Game
- 9/18: Cross Country Meet
- 9/21: Co-Ed Soccer Game
- 9/22: Cross Country Meet
- 9/23: Co-Ed Soccer Game
- 9/25: Cross Country Meet
- 9/30: Cross Country Meet
- 9/30: Co-Ed Soccer Game

East Amwell Education Foundation

Who we are...The East Amwell Education Foundation is an organization whose mission is to strengthen, foster and support the expansion of educational opportunities for East Amwell community residents. Founded in 1997, we are an independent, tax-exempt organization - we are not affiliated with the School System or the Township Governing body. We promote education through various programs that include presentations, seminars, trips and grants. Our programs cover Science & Technology, Culture, Fine & Performing Arts, and Language Research. To date, the foundation has awarded more than \$60,000 in grants. We obtain our funding through member contributions and various fund raising events.

What we do...For several years the Foundation sponsored archeological digs where East Amwell students uncovered buried artifacts at some of the township's historic sites. We also sponsored guided bus tours of some of the these sites. In addition, we sponsor the "Read Across America" program at the school, and funding for storytellers for students in pre-K to 3rd grade.

We have also presented seminars in computer training, the arts, and other subjects. In partnership with other organizations, such as the Hunterdon Cultural and Heritage Commission, the Foundation has provided lectures on various historic and cultural topics. We have also sponsored tours to various historic and cultural destinations including Gettysburg, Annapolis, Philadelphia, West Point, and Broadway shows.

Come Join Us...The East Amwell Education Foundation membership is open to anyone interested in advancing our cause - residents and non-residents alike. Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings - see the list of events on our Home page for meeting info. We are always looking for members to help on our board or committees. If you'd like to join us, gives us a call (908 555-1212)

Play Ball: From The Desk of The A.D.



Cross Country, under the direction of Miss Venettone and Co-Ed Soccer, coached by Mr. Shuler are getting ready to go for another great season.

The schedules for both Fall Sports are posted on the school website under the Athletic Department home page. The first meet for Cross Country is away on Friday, September 18th vs. South Hunterdon. The soccer team also plays South away on the 18th.

Come out and support our Cougars!!



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The Scoop: The MS Newspaper

Read Across America Rewind

Weepy, Whiney....Elephant?

By: Taylor Glinane



Horton the elephant heard a small noise. It was all of East Amwell reading with poise! We all sat down for D.E.A.R. time, and Horton heard us from far, far away! He was jealous of us. He wanted to read too,

but instead he sat down and cried boo-hoo...

Every year we dedicate one week to Dr. Seuss, who happens to be one of the most well known writers of children books. East Amwell has exciting activities to do every day of the week. On Monday, March 2, we were lucky enough to have guest readers visit and read to the elementary classes. The pre-school, first grade, and second grade teachers created rotations all revolving around Dr. Seuss which the students enjoyed on the 3rd. Throughout Wednesday, Darol Cob presented to grades pre-k through fifth. Thursday, every student and teacher in East Amwell Township School was involved in the D.E.A.R (drop everything and read) program. We kicked off the end of our special week with a day where everyone was able to dress up as their favorite character (from their favorite books)! The second grade also made a bulletin board about everyone's favorite Dr. Seuss book. Ms. Kulis had the pleasure of reading them Green Eggs and Ham in Spanish. As you can see, not only do children get excited about Read Across America week, but the teachers get very animated too. Some teachers were so dedicated that they dressed up on Friday along with the kids. The week is fun filled and is looked forward to all year round. Dr. Seuss would definitely be grateful for everyone's hard work in putting it together...Fox and his Sox saw Horton all sad. So he came over and tried to make him glad. He told him, "Don't you boo-hoo. You can come, and read too!" So he came and he read, heard a story or two, he even heard one about Cindy LouHoo. So if you came and you read, then you heard what they said. They said, "Read, it is fun, it is fun, fun, fun, fun!" You'll be glad, no not sad, just go ask your dad. Miss Della Penna can help choose a book if you wish, like Cat in the Hat or a book about fish.

Please note attached menu reflects the corrected lunch price.



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The Autumn by Elizabeth Barrett Browning

Go, sit upon the lofty hill,
And turn your eyes around,
Where waving woods and waters
wild
Do hymn an autumn sound.
The summer sun is faint on them -
The summer flowers depart -
Sit still - as all transform'd to stone,
Except your musing heart.

How there you sat in summer-time,
May yet be in your mind;
And how you heard the green
woods sing
Beneath the freshening wind.
Though the same wind now blows
around,
You would its blast recall;
For every breath that stirs the
trees,
Doth cause a leaf to fall.

Oh! like that wind, is all the mirth
That flesh and dust impart:
We cannot bear its visitings,
When change is on the heart.
Gay words and jests may make us
smile,
When Sorrow is asleep;
But other things must make us
smile,

When Sorrow bids us weep!

The dearest hands that clasp our
hands, -
Their presence may be o'er;
The dearest voice that meets our ear,
That tone may come no more!
Youth fades; and then, the joys of
youth,
Which once refresh'd our mind,
Shall come - as, on those sighing
woods,
The chilling autumn wind.

Hear not the wind - view not the
woods;
Look out o'er vale and hill -
In spring, the sky encircled them -
The sky is round them still.
Come autumn's scathe - come winter's
cold -
Come change - and human fate!
Whatever prospect Heaven doth
bound,
Can ne'er be desolate.



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September Marks

Pediatric Cancer Month

From Norma Zimmerman: Caring For our Kids with Cancer

This September 19th will be our third annual event to raise money for pediatric cancer research and to help families affected by it. Two years ago the event was small and we began really working hard to get the word out and advertise what our event is all about. Last year the weather was bad but we still went forward with our day of food, fun and entertainment. We figure that these children in our area suffer at the hands of cancer and there is no day off for bad weather or any other excuse for that matter. Our committee has been working very hard to bring this year's event together with even more activities and meaningful moments.

We have decided to make the admission fee very fair this year. We really want everyone to come out and see what we are all about and to meet our young survivors that are able to attend. Last year we had about 15 of our little heroes attend. This year it will be only \$10.00 to get in and that includes food and entertainment for the afternoon. We will be having a balloon launch at to remember all the innocent children that we have lost much too early and to also honor all our little heroes. You would also be able to purchase a balloon that day and put a short message on the balloon.

Please mark the date on your calendar and come and support these kids that can't fight cancer alone. The date is September 19th at 12 noon until 5pm. Location is Valley Road Park just outside of Lambertville and next to Bell Mt. (just off Rt. 29).

Any questions please call Norma at 609-397-8892 If any one can't come but would like to make a donation, all checks should be made out to Ride4Erik and mailed to 1217 Rt. 179, Lambertville, NJ 08530 All money raised this year goes too Cure Search and to families in need with a newly diagnosed child.

www.curesearch.com
www.ride4erik.com
www.caringbridge.org/nj/erikz

Student Internet User Contracts 2009-2010 School Year

East Amwell is pleased to offer our students access to the School's internet network and Moodle network resources. The school offers this program so students & parents/guardians are able to access classroom resources in and outside of the classroom through the internet. To use these resources, students and their parents/guardians must sign and return the User form. Please read this document carefully, review its contents with your student, sign where appropriate and return it to your child's HOME-ROOM TEACHER. Any questions or concerns about this permission form or any aspect of the computer network, please give Mr. Colt a call at extension 346.

Quote of the Month

**Give me a fish, I'll eat
for a day. Teach me to
fish, I'll eat for a
lifetime!"**



From The PTO President

The PTO has started planning events for the upcoming school year.

The first two events we sponsor are the 'New Student Ice Cream Social' and the 'Halloween Hoot/Trunk or Treat'.

Volunteers are needed to coordinate these events.

We are looking for a few parents of first grade students to run the 'Ice Cream Social'. It is our tradition to ask first grade parents to run this event as they were the one's who were the recipients of the gesture last year.

The Halloween Hoot/Trunk or Treat is open to students in Kindergarten to 4th grade.

If you are interested in getting involved and volunteering some time, please let me know. We have a lot of information from past years' events so you will not have to start from scratch.

Thank you.
Lisa Saponara
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Lunch Ticket Update

New Lunch Ticket/Card Program

Lunch tickets will be handled differently this year in the lunchroom due to new state mandates in NJ. Students will not bring lunch tickets home as in previous years. All prepaid lunches will be recorded in my office and teachers will be given a lunch card which will be punched daily or whenever your child buys lunch.



We are in the process of creating this new procedure and will send an update home to you when it is fully developed. I appreciate your patience and understanding. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. Joy Popov, Cafeteria Manager X217.

If purchasing tickets for more than one student, please note each child's name and homeroom on the envelope.

Please note attached menu reflects the corrected lunch price.



Board Notes

Summary of the August 18, 2009

BOE Meeting:

Board Actions:

- Approved Joint Transportation Agreements between Hunterdon Central Regional High School and East Amwell Township School District for the 2009-2010 SY.
- Approved authorization to submit NCLB Consolidated 2009-10 grant application in the amount of \$22,935. and acceptance of the grant award upon the subsequent approval of the State DOE.
- Approved authorization to submit IDEA Basic and Preschool 2009-10 grant application in the amount of \$104,664 and acceptance of the grant award upon the subsequent approval of the State DOE.
- Approved Judy Holladay as Public Agency Compliance Officer for the 2009-10 SY.
- Approved recommendation of the sale of choral risers purchased in 1999.
- Approved Sheila de Barra as special education teacher for the 2009-2010 SY.
- Approved change of placement on salary guide for Julie Tanner from MA+15 to MA+30 effective September 1, 2009.

Approved contract for Judy Holladay, Business Administrator for the 2009-2010SY.



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