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EDU-PRIZE PARENT NEWSLETTER

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Dr. McCamman's Corner



Parents, as you know we have been working for the last year, to try to stop SRP from building an electrical substation next to Edu-Prize School. This sub-station is being proposed to begin operation by 2012. According to the sign posted in the lot, SRP is requesting public involvement in their decision to build this substation. Here is your opportunity to express your concerns. **Please call SRP at (602) 236-2872 or e-mail to talonon@SRPnet.com** with your thoughts on this issue. We will keep you posted about future opportunities to become involved.



IMPORTANT DATES

- August 20
 - ~ PTN Open House
 - 6:00 - 8:00 pm Media Ctr.**
- August 27
 - ~ Blood Drive In The Gym
- August 31 - September 3
 - ~ Conference Week
- September 3
 - ~ Traditional Schedule Only
 - Early Release**
- September 4 & 7
 - ~ School Holidays!
- September 16
 - ~ Project Exploration Info. Mtg.
 - 6:30 - 7:30 pm Media Ctr.**

THE INTERMEDIATE ONE TEAM IS GOING GREEN!

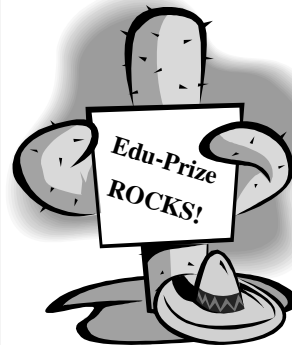


Worms, compost, and gardening, oh my! This year the Intermediate 1 team is honored and excited to be involved in so many great activities on campus.

First, the students in the Conservation Plantation cottage will be building and maintaining a worm habitat. The worm bin will foster the learning of conservation and the importance of worms in our own lives. The students will be feeding the "red-wigglers" food scraps from home such as banana peels, apple cores, and more. At the same time they will get to observe what a healthy worm habitat consists of! They will begin to realize how their own recycled trash can give life to other living beings on Earth.

Next, our clever conservationists will also be composting. There is a large compost bin located by the garden of building one where the students will be nurturing "green" soil. The "Green" Materials used in the compost will be organic materials with a low carbon-to-nitrogen ratio such as green grass clippings, vegetable trimmings, and fruit peels. This soil will then be used as soil for the garden. The benefits are endless!

Lastly, the garden is a beautiful hands-on learning place for many grade levels on campus to connect their cottage and science. Living green is a commitment. From composting to gardening, the Intermediate One team is going GREEN! If you would like to be involved, please contact one of the Intermediate One team members, we would love to help you help our Earth!



TEACHERS DOING THE MATH...

This school year, our curriculum focus will be in the area of mathematics. In March, our administration and Board of Directors made it possible to have nationally renowned math instructor, Kim Sutton, come to our school and give our teachers new tools for their math instruction. Throughout the year, they will be implementing ideas learned at her in-service. To begin, each teacher has received a number line to use in the classroom showing the numbers 0-144. The numbers are coded with colored dots to show the factors 2-12 on the number line. This single tool is the most important visual aid for all elementary classrooms. The colored dots are consistent from grade level to grade level so students see the same visual patterns each year. Students will be exposed to skip counting, multiplication, factoring and reducing fractions, pre-algebra concepts and much more. The more practice students have with these concepts, the stronger the foundation for all number theory. We are excited to begin our yearlong focus on math and look forward to seeing the positive impact it has on our young mathematicians.

Save a Life – Donate Blood

Edu-Prize United Services Annual Blood Drive

Put one more thing on your summer to-do list...DONATE BLOOD!

The Edu-Prize Blood Drive is scheduled for **Thursday, August 27th** from 8am to 6pm in the school gym.

Registration is easy. You can register on-line at www.bloodhero.com.

In step one, enter the sponsor code “prize” to connect directly to the Edu-Prize drive and register for a time slot, or you can call your blood drive coordinator, Veronica Pinski @ 480-215-2953 and she can get you registered.

More info will be coming home with your child next week. Our goal this year is 100 donations.

If we reach this goal we can save 300 lives.

This year UBS has taken 15 questions off of the initial interview, which should help speed things along. Also, we will be handing out the children’s prizes the day of the drive so that no one misses out!

We are also looking for volunteers to help with registration and child care during the blood drive.

If you are available on August 27th between the hours of 7am and 6pm (for any amount of time) please contact Veronica Pinski @ 480-215-2953 or v.pinski@cox.net.

Be a hero!

PTN Open House & Vendor Night

Mark your calendars!

August 20th, 2009

6:30 p.m.

Gym

This is your opportunity to see all of the various committees that Edu-Prize has throughout the year. It’s a great way to get plugged in and to see where you might like to volunteer.

We will also have several local vendors onsite that evening .

If you are interested in showcasing your business, please contact

Mari Jo Enfield at adpaper@cox.net

There’s still room left!

Grocery Program

Did you know that Edu-Prize participates in the Fry’s Cool Cash Program? Every quarter we have an opportunity to earn \$500 for our school. Last year we earned **\$2000** for the entire school year just by shopping at Fry’s and linking our VIP cards to our school number. Below is the barcode that you will need to have the cashier “link” to your VIP card. It’s as easy as that! Once linked, all of your purchases will be logged under our Edu-Prize School account. If we reach \$50,000 in one quarter, **they send us a check for \$500!**

Make sure to link yours today!



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Original Works Fundraiser

It’s time for the Original Works Fundraising Program.

Through this program, you will have the opportunity to purchase a variety of products featuring

YOUR CHILD’S VERY OWN ARTWORK!

These high quality products offer a tremendous way to capture your child’s artwork and share it with family and friends.

Types of products include but aren't limited to:

Potholders

Mugs

Trivets

Journals

Magnets

Note cards

See the PTN bulletin boards for samples of some of these.

The order forms were delivered to each class on Monday, August 10th, so if you haven’t seen one, please ask your child’s teacher.

Order forms are due no later that **September 9th**, so start thinking about all of those wonderful holiday gifts!

Checks should be made payable to Edu-Prize PTN.

