

East Edition

East Junior High School Wis. Rapids, WI ~ 422-6100

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Restructuring...is on everyone's mind. On Thursday, February 11, the Wisconsin Rapids School Board voted to make East Junior High an eighth and ninth grade center, and West Junior High a sixth and seventh grade center. By changing the grade configuration, and having all WRPS students attend the same school beginning in sixth grade, some of the district's budget shortfall will be addressed. The decision to restructure will allow us to maintain more of our elective offerings and keep class sizes reasonable. The new grade configuration will enable us to provide even more educational opportunities for your son or daughter.

Many decisions need to be made as a result of restructuring. For example, we must decide staff placement, school names, and bus routes. We recognize that change and unanswered questions cause anxiety. Rest assured we will make the transition one that will benefit your child academically, socially, and physically. You will be kept informed of developments as they occur. In the meantime, if you have questions, don't hesitate to contact us.

Thanks to Your Involvement...the East Parent Group has raised the majority of the funds necessary to landscape the front of the building. The project will begin in May with removal of the old plants and root systems, preparation of the planting areas, and ultimately the planting of the new shrubs and trees. Please watch future newsletters, because we will be looking for many parents and students to get involved in the planting process. **THANK YOU** for your continued support of the fundraisers that are enabling us to undertake this wonderful beautification project!



Working together with home and community, we are dedicated to providing the best education for every student, enabling each to be a thoughtful, responsible contributor to a changing world.

STRENGTHENING Families PROGRAM **FOR PARENTS AND YOUTH 10-14**

WHO: Parents or caregivers and their youth ages 10-14

WHAT: FREE sessions

DESIGNED TO:

- * Help parents build on their strengths in showing love and setting limits.
- * Help youth develop skills in handling peer pressure and building a positive future.
- * Help families grow together.

WHAT ARE THE SESSIONS LIKE? During the first hour, parents and youth meet separately with their facilitators. During the second hour, parents and youth meet together as a family.

WHERE: East Jr. High School Library (2nd floor)

WHEN: Mondays, March 8, 15, 22 & April 5, 12, 19
6:00 pm—8:15 pm (Due to Spring Break, there will not be a session March 29)

Family Incentives

Free Child Care Available

Snack

Limited to the first 12 families

To register, contact: WRPS	OR	Wood County UW Extension
Tessa Gruszynski @ 4242-8981		Family Living Programs 421-8440
Barb Bondioli @ 422-6038		P O Box 8095
Nou O. Vang @ 422-6287		Wis. Rapids WI 54495

REGISTER BY WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

REWARDS PROGRAM

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Raise money while you save the environment with *Cartridge World's* Recycle Rewards Program! *Cartridge World* is a local business that supplies ink and toner cartridges for printers, fax and copier machines for both business and home use. East is collecting empty ink and laser cartridges. Drop your used cartridges off at East or you can take your empty cartridges to *Cartridge World* and have them refilled. *Cartridge World* is willing to donate 5% of all sales generated by our school back to us. Just mention you are from East Junior High School to the store associate. *Cartridge World* is located in the Rapids Plaza in front of Wal-Mart on 8th Street. Thanks for your support!

The 9th grade Formal... will be held at the Ridges on Friday, April 30. This dance is for 9th graders who attend East Junior High. Any parents interested in helping with the formal should contact Deb Kulfalk at 422-6113. More information will follow in future newsletters.

Dates To Remember

March 15—East Parent Group 6:15 am *EJH Conference Rm*
March 19—Festival of Nations *Field Trip*
March 19—Solo & Ensemble Festival 4:00 pm *WJH*
March 23—Textbook Review 5:00-7:00 pm *LHS Library*
March 26—Professional Day *No School*
March 39—**April 2**—Spring Break *No School*
April 9—Eastacular Dance & Open Gym *EJH*

Textbook Material Review...The Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools Social Studies Department will be acquiring new materials for grades kindergarten through 12. After three years of curriculum revision and materials review, the department has selected materials that will benefit students and facilitate instruction. These materials will be recommended for purchase to the Board of Education this spring. Before that recommendation is made we would like to give parents the opportunity to review the materials. You are welcome and encouraged to come and review the materials on **Tuesday, March 23, 2010 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Lincoln High School library.** We are excited about your input and suggestions as we complete this process.



The East Parent Group...will have their next meeting on March 15 at 6:15 pm in the East Conference Room. Come and join the conversation about spring landscaping and fall restructuring.

Eastacular...On Friday, April 9, East Junior High School will be sponsoring the third annual *Eastacular* event! This event includes a school dance and open gym for East Junior High students. *Eastacular* begins at 5:00 p.m. and ends at 8:00 p.m. There will be food, door prizes, a DJ, open gym, basketball tournaments, ping pong tournaments, and a dunk tank. Students will need to stay until the end of the event, unless a parent comes in and signs them out. Also, please note that only East students may attend *Eastacular*. THANKS to our very own Student Council for planning *Eastacular*, and to the many East staff and parents that will be present to chaperone the event.

East Student Council...will be sponsoring a blood drive during the month of April. If you give blood during April, credit will be given to your son or daughter's homeroom. The homeroom that collects the most units of blood in their name will win a prize. Instructions on how to give blood during this drive are attached. Please consider donating blood in April.