

Dear Community Members:

Well, it is game time tomorrow! We are really looking forward to the 2015-16 school year!

Before we get into back-to-school information, we wanted to send out our condolences to the family of Chris Duquette who passed away last week. Chris was an Eastwood grad and his daughter is one of our students. His sudden passing saddens all who knew and loved him, and we send our sympathies to Kellie, Morgan and Connor along with his parents and extended family.

DAVE MICHEL TO RETIRE

Eastwood Treasurer Dave Michel will be retiring at the end of the calendar year. Dave has dedicated much of his personal and professional life to serving the Eastwood community as a member of the Board of Education and Treasurer. Dave and I have enjoyed a tremendous working relationship over the last decade as we have worked through both exciting and challenging times. I will personally miss working with him on a daily basis. We wish him all the best!

TRANSPORTATION

Our Transportation Department along with our drivers work extremely hard to make the start of the school year as smooth as possible. However, up to the point where drivers leave tomorrow morning, there are additions and subtractions to their routes. In addition, this year we have a number of new drivers and others who are taking over new routes due to retirements etc. PATIENCE is the key term when it comes to the first couple of days. If we make an error, we will do everything in our power to rectify the issue. In addition, we always tell students to be ready early as there are always variations in kid's schedules during the first couple of days.

Again, we ask for your patience as there are so many moving parts to transportation that need to be ironed out.

OPEN HOUSES AND 8TH GRADE LAPTOP MEETING

Luckey and Pemberville – Tonight – 6:00-7:00 PM

Middle School Grades 6-8 – Wednesday – 6:00 PM

High School – Wednesday – 7:00 PM

8th Grade Laptop Meeting – Wednesday – 5:00 PM – Middle School Cafeteria

FOLLOW US ON TWITTER

Eastwood Local Schools is now on Twitter. Our handle is @els_eagles

We will use this to share some of the great things that go on in the district every day. We also shares thoughts and ideas on education in general for you to consider. In addition to using Instant Alert, we will let people know about delays and closings. One thing we will use Twitter for is to let you know if we have made a decision to go after a delay. I am sure in most houses kids are holding a vigil by the TV looking to see whether or not we will close after a delay, so this will help J

2 HOUR DELAYS FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

On the district webpage, there is a revised school calendar for 2015-16 with three dates where the district will be on a designated 2 hour delay for Professional Development. They are September 22, October 22, and December 3. Please add those to your calendar.

LORIN GRIMES GOLF OUTING

The benefit to help Lorin Grimes raise money for her double lung transplant will be held this Saturday at Tanglewood. Registration is from 7:30-8:30 with a shotgun start to follow. Please call Jeremy Grimes at [419-704-5798](tel:419-704-5798) for more information.

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

I received the following information the other day, and I wanted to pass it along in case anyone was interested in helping.

Many of you are aware that Karen Williams (Eastwood class of '78) was diagnosed with Systemic Scleroderma in 2006. Since that time she has battled this crippling disease with incredible strength and determination. These past 9 years have been tough for the Williams family, but through it all, they have continued to work together to fight the issues brought on by this disease. Karen is now at home on disability and receives only a portion of what she earned while at BGSU. She continues to receive care from The Cleveland Clinic and Toledo area hospitals – they have made several trips to Cleveland for stomach/esophageal procedures this summer and more are planned for this fall. Karen's husband, Chas, had knee surgery in January and was also off work for several months. It has been

almost 2 ½ years since we held a benefit for the family at the Pemberville Legion, and although they have been incredibly good stewards of the benefit monies they have received, those dollars are quickly dwindling. If you can find it in your heart to make a donation to Karen and her family it would be most appreciated. Please make checks payable to the “Karen Williams Benefit” account and stop by any Huntington Bank or mail it to my attention (Tina Thomas, Department of History, BGSU, 128 Williams Hall, Bowling Green, OH 43403). Thank you very, very much in advance for your kindness and generosity.

*Most sincerely,
Tina Thomas
Phone 419-308-0593*

PS I would really appreciate it if you would consider sharing this request with your friends, family and colleagues and please consider posting this request on Facebook, etc.

That is it for this week! Have a great start to the school year!!