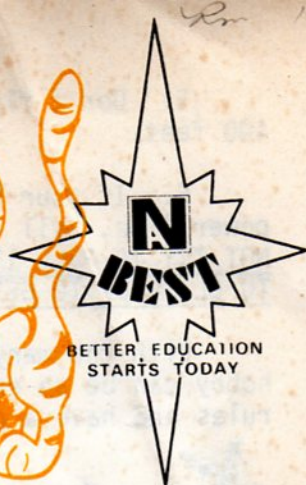


ESPE EVENTS

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PATRIOTISM AT ESPE

Espe Elementary School is proud to present a special two-part Parent Faculty Club program entitled "This Is A Great Nation."

The program for kindergarten, first and second grades will be held on Tuesday, April 15, 1980, at 7:30 P. M. Grades three through five will present their program on Thursday, April 17, 1980, at 7:30 P. M. Parents attending both programs will be treated to Patriotic Songs, Historic Character Skits, A Birthday for George Washington, Poems, A New Flag for a New Country Play, Underground America, Historic American Flags, National Park Special, A Trip Through Pennsylvania, A Visit to Valley Forge and many historic moments and special patriotism activities.

This program is a first-of-its-kind in that we will be showcasing the academic program in Social Studies. Please join us for both programs if possible.

PATROL CORNER

With winter just about behind us now, the patrols would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the students who really helped out by following the rules at the bus stops. All of the seasons are rough, but winter sometimes is especially tough because of snow and ice. Many of us are tempted to throw snowballs or slide,

but fortunately these temptations were avoided while walking to the bus stop or standing at the stop waiting for the bus. So -- thank you, thank you and thank you!

Here are a few reminders for warmer weather rules: If you bring a ball to school, remember that it is to be played with at recess - not on the way to the bus stop or while standing at the bus stop. Also, if you walk to the stop with a friend, please continue; however, remember that you are not allowed to stop off at your friend's house to pick her/him up. Meet your friend at the driveway or at the steps. Look out your window and when you see your friend approaching, get your books, lunch, etc., and go out to greet your friend. By remembering these rules you can help make your patrols' jobs much easier.

Last - since some of you enjoy flying kites during the windy weather, here are a few safety tips to follow:

1. Always fly your kite in an open area away from electric lines or radio or T. V. antennae.
2. Please don't use any metal or wire on your kite.
3. Don't fly your kite in the rain or during a thunderstorm.
4. Wear some gloves to avoid string burn.

5. Don't fly your kite higher than 400 feet.

6. If your kite gets caught on a power line, call the power company. DO NOT TRY TO PULL IT DOWN OR DO NOT ATTEMPT TO CLIMB UP TO GET IT.

With the many varieties of kites, this hobby can be an enjoyable one. Follow the rules and have a great time!

Mr. Sandora,
Patrol Sponsor



PROBLEM SOLVING - EVERYONE'S BUSINESS

Two problems need our special attention. Your help and cooperation will be greatly appreciated in solving these minor areas:

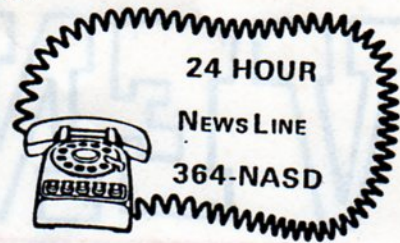
Medication In School: Without going into detail and elaborating on the ramifications of administering medications to students, we need to remind parents that we are not permitted to administer medication to students.

If your child is ill and needs medication, you have a legal reason for keeping your child at home. We will be happy to provide homework and other materials to help during the days of recuperation.

If your child needs to continue medications after returning to school, it is the responsibility of the parent to administer this medication. Medication should not be at school with children.

Telephone: We are asking for parent assistance in helping us reduce the number of message relaying calls incoming to Espe. Many parents have indicated a problem getting an open line to the building. Outgoing calls are also being prioritized to make our line more available. Please evalu-

ate calls designed to convey messages to children. Many of these calls can be avoided by limiting these to only those dealing with emergency situations. Of course, calls dealing with school business are very much encouraged.



A BASKETBALL GAME YOU COULDN'T FORGET

The date: February 27. The time: 3:45 P. M. The weather outside was cold. The skies were dimly dark with a hint of snow; but inside it was HOT! The gym was filled with thousands of screaming fifth-graders rooting for their favorite team. Who played, you ask? Espe's female staff versus Sandora's Super Shooting Roundball All-Star Revue.

It was, indeed, an electrifying game. From the onset the Fifth Grade All-Stars took a lead, a lead which held through the long grueling game to the final whistle. Even though the "kids" were up against the likes of Johnnie "The Dunk" Petrick, Speedy Susany, Toooo Tallll Callahan, Too Mean Erdner, Foul-out Chapas and Joyce "Jump up and get the rebound" Abram, the kids' speed and determination prevailed.

This reporter asked Coach Sandora what the game plan would be. His response, "Our game plan is to run the teachers out of breath." And what a game plan it was from a truly remarkable coach - the game plan worked! Yes, it proved to be successful - as at the end of each period there were always three or four teachers at the oxygen tanks getting their second wind!

We have a quote from Dave Groetsch, the high scorer for the All-Stars, when asked about the game. He said, "I feel so good about the game, we've been working hard all year to play the teachers. Now that we won, we won't turn our backs on the teachers. Yes, our fourth quarter team will go over to the hospital to visit the teachers admitted for exhaustion." When asked about the crowd, the team said that the crowd was a very instrumental factor in our win in this big game. It's good to know that the

work you do is appreciated by the home-town fans.

We were also extremely fortunate to have Dr. "True-Call" Lindquist to referee the game. He was brought in especially from the Big Ten just for this game. When asked if he would return next year for the All-Star game, he said, "The game was a bit slow, but the calls were great. I would be happy to return to call next year's game as I see it." A special thanks to this great guy!

The retelling of this account has been an unbiased interpretation of events by this reporter...

John Sandora

ALL STARS

FEMALE STAFFERS

Kara Gould
Cindy Payne
Steve Donnell
Dean Marko
Chris Groetsch
Diane Berie
Laurie Payne
Jeff Eckert
Tim Knapp
Norbie Bogacz
Lori Weber
Dave Groetsch
Ganesh Natarajan

Mrs. Linda Callahan
Ms. Johnnie Petrick
Ms. Carol Susany
Mrs. Shirley Pieta
Ms. Joan Rensi
Mrs. Doris Marko
Ms. Judy Hays
Ms. Patty Rovnak
Mrs. Nancy Conley
Mrs. Sherri Maudie
Mrs. Joyce Erdner
Mrs. Jeannie Chapas

Coaches:

Coach:
Mr. John Sandora

Kevin Loftis
Matt Harvey

BASKETBALL CLUB ROUND-UP

Round-ball action for over 130 fourth and fifth graders at Espe had another competitive and fun-filled 79-80 season. For the third year in a row, Basketball Club met during recess with referees (Dr. Lindquist, Mr. Sandora and Miss Susany) keeping order on the court for the action-packed games.

The girls' league, consisting of six teams, and the eight-team boys' league played five games - which gave each team a tournament standing:

Girls' League

| | Won | Loss | Tie |
|-----------------|-----|------|-----|
| 1 in a Million | 4 | 0 | 1 |
| Whip Creamers | 4 | 1 | 0 |
| Super Dribblers | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| Shooting Stars | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| Super Shooters | 1 | 4 | 0 |
| Jaguars | 0 | 5 | 0 |

Boys' League

| | Won | Loss | Tie |
|----------------------|-----|------|-----|
| Wild Cats | 4 | 1 | 0 |
| Harlem Globetrotters | 4 | 1 | 0 |
| 76er's | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| Lakers | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| Dunkers | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| Celtics | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| Black Panthers | 1 | 4 | 0 |
| Bullets | 0 | 4 | 1 |


The second place Whip Creamers continued their winning streak to defeat the Jaguars in the championship game, 14-5.

The Number 1 Wild Cats of the boys' league just couldn't be beat. The championship game went to the Wild Cats in their 21-15 win over the 76er's.

All basketball teams are to be congratulated for a remarkable display of determination, teamwork and sportsmanship shown throughout the season.

Members of the champion teams are shown here:

Girl Champions
Whip Creamers

were 

Cindy Payne, Captain
Wendy Watkins, Captain
Brenda Guckert
Jennifer Skupnik
Tracey Baumbach
Michelle Showalter
Deanna Emark
Annette Grinager
Kelli Bauer
Kiersten Kelly

Boy Champions
Wild Cats

Dave Groetsch, Captain
Matt Harvey, Captain
Todd Weaver
C. N. Ganesh
Mike Briskey
Mark Dosch
Kevin Knapp
Jim Ayres
Eric Bish

A special "word of thanks" to Elaine Oliver and Peggy Grinager and the members of our Ways and Means Committee and all others who worked so hard on our "Spring Fling Card Party." We are also most appreciative to all those who attended the card party.

Plans will soon be laid for our annual Spring Carnival. As many of you know, this is indeed a gigantic undertaking; and our success with it always depends upon your help, assistance and cooperation. So I do hope that you will be able to give a "helping hand" with some facet of our Carnival this year.

Pastor Kirk Bish



WAYS AND MEANS

It took a lot of work to put together a successful card party, and I wish I could thank each of you personally who helped the Ways and Means Committee. There are two people who really put a great deal of effort into this project. I would like to say a very special thank you to Mary Ann Payne and her committee. To Elaine Oliver goes a special bouquet for all of her help!

We need all of the parents of Espe to work together in the next couple of months to make our Carnival the best ever. It will be held on Friday, May 2nd, from 4:00 P. M. to 8:00 P. M. at the school. Each of you will be asked to help in some way. The theme this year will be based on "Sports in Pittsburgh." We soon will be asking the children for specific ideas. More information will be coming your way soon in the next few weeks. Anyone interested in helping should contact Elaine Oliver at 367-1344 or Peggy Grinager at 364-5397.

Happy Spring!

Peggy Grinager,
Co-Chairman,
Ways and Means



THIRD GRADE BASKETBALL FINAL REPORT

The final results of the third-grade basketball league are in with the Tigers at the top of the eight teams in the league. This was one of the most exciting years for third-grade basketball in that the Tigers did not win the regular league; in fact, they finished in sixth place. Throughout the championship tournament, the Tigers clawed (excuse pun) their way to first place with a final overtime win in the championship game. Members of the winning Tigers are:

Greg Hammerton
Gary Egarter
David Kiehl
Tucker Korth
Kelly Kleinberg
Sheri Kristoff
Amelia Cabrera
Jenny Hyde

Congratulations are extended to all members of the eight teams in the league. A special thank you is extended to Jeff Eckert, David Groetsch and Chris Groetsch. These fifth grade boys were responsible for refereeing all games.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Our March general meeting was held on Thursday, March 20th, at 7:30 P. M. We were privileged to have Mr. Gary Means' "Chalk Art Program." As usual, Mr. Means was most entertaining.

At this meeting our Nominating Committee presented the nominees for the P. F. C. elected offices for the 1980-81 school year. The officers will be elected at our regular April meetings on April 15th and April 17th at 7:30 P. M. Please plan to attend these programs.



Room 10 lost a friend last month. It was our guinea pig, Pinto. The children voted on the poems that they liked best to tell about our pet:

Pinto, Pinto,
I love you.
Pinto, Pinto,
Where are you?
Pinto, Pinto,
You are sweet.
Pinto, Pinto,
You're so neat.

- Cindy Rogers

Born June 13, 1979. Died Feb. 13, 1980.
Pinto was born with three other guineas.
Guinea pigs eat anything green.
Do not feed them cabbage - they cannot digest it.
Pinto was like a friend to Room 10.

- John Gable

It all started Feb. 5 when Pinto did not squeak.

When he came back on Monday, his eyes looked like he was going blind.

When we came in on Wednesday, the cage was gone.

Pinto had died.

The guinea pigs Pinto was born with died three days ago.

- John Gable

Pinto is a Pinto.

Guinea pigs are guinea pigs.

I like guinea pigs because they are pretty, beautiful and famous.

- Carrie Salak

Pinto was very fast,

but he would always come in last.

Pinto was brown and white,

He will lick you but he will not bite.

Pinto was our classroom's pet,

He was always dry because he never got wet.

Pinto lived in a cage,
but Pinto never went into a rage.
Pinto would always squeak,
then the whole class would take a peek.
Pinto was very small,
but he was round and tall.

Then Pinto died, and the whole class cried.
The janitor carried him,
then the janitor buried him.
It was so bad because everyone felt so sad.
I had a bad day because it happened that way.
It was the worst day of the year,
because Pinto wasn't here.
I wanted to cry because Pinto had to die.
Pinto's brothers and sisters died too,
so Pinto's Mother was sad - just like you.
I loved him and he loved me,
but that's the way it had to be.

- Rich Catalano

Room 10 has also been talking about diamond poems:

Child
Playful, happy
Running, jumping, playing
Youngster, son - elder, man
Driving, working, resting
Serious, kind
Adult

- Eric Tachau

Ducklings
Soft, sweet
Learning, sleeping, trying
Baby, duckling - adult, duck
Nursing, teaching, growing
Large, feathery
Duck

- Stacy G.

Caterpillar,
Crawly, slimey
Crawling, tickling, pinching
Worm, centerpeed, wings, antenna
Flying, flapping, eating
Beautiful, harmless
Butterfly

- Cathy

Child
Cute, small
Crying, crawling, sleeping
Baby, rattle - car, job
Drive, work, run
Tall, strong
Adult

- Darla Garver

Poems from Room 12:

Hillside covered with trees,
Snow, bushes and berries.
Sometimes they're just bare
And not even a sign of a crocus.

- Lisa Stadler

I went out sledding one winter day -
and
down
the
hill I went.
I fell off my sled - and got all wet -
And turned over and looked up.
But what did I see? Not rain or snow -
but clouds! Clouds that were big
and fluffy,
Clouds that look like pictures in the sky.

- Sam Meckey

I love the clouds as
They chug on by -
They're so interesting
While they float in the sky.
I will sit there all day -
Then they leave me,
And fade away.

- Mark Dosch

A sample of Swifties from Room 16:

"Run a mile in two seconds," he said instantly.

- Darren Lasko

"I'll take some candy," she said sweetly.

- Vicki Folmer

"I've dropped the drum," he said booming.

- Kim Moore

"I ate the cookie," Steve said crunchingly.

- Steve Dengler

"We are going to school," Tony said smartly.

- Tony Lanza

"I didn't get as much as you," he said greedily.

- Suzie McClelland

"Drink your hot chocolate," she said warmly.

- Rachelle Stauffer

"Look out for that lion," he roared.

- Gary Dille

"These glasses are dark," she said blindly.

- Genifer Grubb

"Do you like sausage?" he asked piggedly.

- Tony Manasseri

"That's a nice tune," she said singingly.

- Rachelle Stauffer

"I woke up at dawn," he said crowingly.

- Jeff Rizzo

"There's something in my apple," she said wormily.

- Catey Chenzoff

"Jaws got me!" he cried armlessly.

- Chris Groetsch

"This is soft," he said creamily.

- John Marshall

"I just got a haircut," he said baldly.

- Jeff Kunovic

"Let me go!" he said captively.

- Heather Paraskos

"It's so warm out," Jan said hotly.

- Donna Schweiger

"That dog is mean," he said madly.

- Tracey Baumbach

"I'm not lying!" he said finger-crossingly.

- Jim Evanoff

"Susan's not here," he said absently.

- Kristin Dollhopf

"I'm going to drown!" he said sinkingly.

- Paul Edinger

"You are all wet!" she said drenchingly.

- Jeff Norris

Limericks from Room 13:

In the rainy middle of March,
The little town of Starch
Had so many plants,
They began to prance.
In that rainy middle of March.

- Krista Kastrounis

There was a lady of Nire,
Who wanted to cause a fire.
She burned up a lock,
And a broken-down clock,
And burned down a telephone wire.

- David H.

In the school cafeteria one day,
Bobby fell back in dismay.

He was in trouble,
And he blew a bubble.

So he didn't go out to play.

- Paul Swanhart

In the school cafeteria one day,
We weren't going outside to play.

The teacher was mean,
And out came the steam.

In the cafeteria that one day.

- Stephanie Kraus

"Our Country Moved West" from Room 13:

Long ago in California,
When instead of saying you they said ya.
When people came from miles around,
To look for gold in the ground.
With a pan in one hand,
And a shovel in the other.

- Elynn

Moving westward for the gold rush game,
Hunting and searching for a very cheap claim.
The cowboy walks aside the wagon,
Breathing heavily like a fierce dragon.

- George Newell

Some went North.
Some went South.
We went West,
for the very best.
Some went fast.
Some went slow,
but we went
with the rest.
We found gold,
the rest didn't.
We became rich,
while the rest
fell in a ditch.

- Melissa Vodney

