

Lower School Grade Reps Meeting: April 10, 2015

In attendance: Ayoob, Balog, Hare, Kelly, McCann, McHenry, Ryms (Robert)

Please join ECS community at upper school to meet school board candidates on Monday evening, April 13.

We still need parents to help with Outdoor Education Day for grades 1-3, Tuesday - Thursday, June 2-4, 2015.

Grade level updates:

Kindergarten – Communication is good; they are working on the garden beds and looking forward to the field trip on Monday, April 27th.

1st grade – Parents had questions about school's racial diversity. Mr. Laufman will send most recent admission information that shows increases.

Parents still need clarification regarding math expectations. They went from home/work suggestions to *nothing*. Need for consistency.

Questions about the selection of soloists (tryouts?), musicians (boys only?) and songs (lyrics?) performed in music concerts. Lyrics are sent home with students, but parents may like to see them on the website, too. There's a concern about the amount of paper sent home with lyrics. 2nd graders have received 20 single-sided, double-spaced pieces of paper that could easily be condensed or emailed/added to website.

2nd grade – Will Ms. Lassiter be back? She will be back in June to close the year with the students. A 2nd grade parent had a concern about the CPR videos shown to 2nd grade gym classes, which were more traumatizing than helpful. She suggested more age appropriate information without details about breaking ribs and possibly failing at CPR.

3rd grade – PSSA begin next week (Monday - Thursday mornings) and Monday - Wednesday the following week. Some students are nervous.

Talk to the students, as needed.

Parents want to know about Move Up Day plans and the transition from lower to upper school.

All - Jon wants to keep the LS playground momentum going. If there are fundraising ideas, please share them.

Have we looked at corporate grants? (re: Carolyn Hare - Community block development grants through Councilman Burgess?)

Ms. Cook will meet with Beth Lott on Monday afternoon to discuss fundraising opportunities for families.

Next meeting is Friday, May 1, at 9:00 *at Biddle's Escape*.