

# Parent Connections

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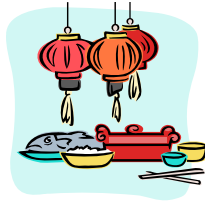
## PTA News

Ben Sherman, *Principal*  
Seung Oh, *Assistant Principal*  
Mala Panday, *Assistant Principal I.A.*  
Gjemile Pervizaj, *Dean of Student Affairs*  
Jeannie Park, *Guidance Counselor*  
Carlos Diaz, *Guidance Counselor*  
Janine Esposito, *Community Associate*  
Julia Cheng, *Community Associate*

### PTA Executive Board

Darcy Hector, *Co-President*  
Rosalba Arroyo, *Co-President*  
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We welcome any feedback for future issues of our parent newsletter. Please send any suggestions to the PTA at [pta@ewsis.org](mailto:pta@ewsis.org).

Introducing a new way for you to learn about daily life at East-West...

Check out the school's new blog at  
<http://ewsis.wordpress.com/>

Dear East-West Families,

Happy Lunar New Year and Welcome to the Year of the Rabbit! The Lunar New Year is the most important holiday in the Chinese calendar and the Korean calendar, where it is named Seollal. Looking at the traits of the Rabbit as described in these cultures, 2011 should be a very good year for everyone. The Rabbit is a lucky sign, and the Rabbit Year is a time when you can catch your breath and calm your nerves. The Rabbit is known to focus on home, family, security and strengthening peaceful friendships. That sounds like a good approach for all of us!

The school year is racing by, and these last many weeks have had their special challenges. The weather this winter has made travel much more difficult than usual. Even so, our students and teachers have attended faithfully. Thank you to all the parents who struggled but made sure their children got to school during this spate of harsh weather. Like the Rabbit, we all understand that we must attend to business, and as parents, we know that education must be a top priority. After a season when we've been hit in turn by tornados, blizzards and ice storms, the Year of the Rabbit - with its promise of peace and the warmth of family - may be just what we need.

Sincerely,

PTA Executive Board



# Teachers' Corner



## Auditions

Second Round of Auditions for the School play on Wednesday, **Feb 9<sup>th</sup>** from 3-5pm in the Auditorium. All students are welcome. If you came to the first audition, you do not need to come again.

The play is open to **ALL** East-West students, Grades 6-12, no experience necessary. Students must be prepared to stay for the whole audition. Students who are interested in assisting backstage **MUST** also come to the auditions.

Performances are May 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

### What to bring:

- A snack
- Something to write with
- Comfortable clothes
- A prepared song (even Happy Birthday is fine!)

Any questions! Email Ms. Hartong at [mhartong@ewsis.org](mailto:mhartong@ewsis.org)

## Upcoming Trips:



**Overnight College Trip has been cancelled and turned into a Day Trip to SUNY Albany.**

Transportation and lunch will be included in the cost.

March 24<sup>th</sup>

Cost: \$45 due on February 14<sup>th</sup>

See Mrs. Park for more details

## Calendar of Events



- 02/05 ..... PTA General Membership Mtg.  
@ 10 AM
- 02/15 ..... SLT Meeting  
@ 6:30 PM
- 02/19 .....PTA Executive Board Meeting  
@ 10 AM
- 02/21 – 02/25 ..... Midwinter Recess  
School Closed
  
- 03/05 ..... PTA General Membership Mtg.  
@ 10 AM
- 03/15 ..... SLT Meeting  
@ 6:30 PM
- 03/17 .....Evening Parent-Teacher  
Conferences @ 5:30 – 8:00 PM
- 03/18 ..... Afternoon Parent-Teacher  
Conferences @ 12:30 – 2:30 PM  
Half Day – Students dismissed at 11 AM
- 03/19 .....PTA Executive Board Meeting  
@ 10 AM



## Help Wanted...



Any parent or guardian who is available during the school day 9 AM-3 PM

And is willing to accompany classes on field trips.

Dates will vary.

Please contact the PTA at [pta@ewsis.org](mailto:pta@ewsis.org) or Ms. Hartong at [mhartong@ewsis.org](mailto:mhartong@ewsis.org)

