

# Parent Connections

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## **PTA News**

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Keep Collecting -- They are a great way to help  
our School!

We are taking Box Tops all year long!  
Be sure to submit your Box Tops with your  
child's name & class.

Dear EWSIS Parents & Guardians,

We want to commend all the parents and students who came out for our Title 1 Health and Fitness Workshop in January. It was exciting to see parent & child working out together. A big thank to Ms. Maggie Torres, who led our Zumba session, and Ms. Ola Widera, who led our Yoga session. We hope that everyone had as much fun and exercise as we did.

We have planned a Title 1 Workshop on Stress-free Meditation for February. We continue to seek your input as to what type of workshops you would be interested in for the rest of the year. Feel free to send in your suggestions to our email address: [pta@ewsis.org](mailto:pta@ewsis.org). We welcome any and all suggestions as we continue to plan more events for our school community.

Our School Leadership Team (SLT) has begun to review and formulate a new Cell Phone Policy for our school. If the city gets approval from the Panel of Educational Policy this month to lift the ban on cell phones, the SLT and the school will distribute our new school policy to all families, detailing how this change would affect our school and student body.

This month, PTA will be holding a Valentine's Day Sale at school, during the lunch periods to raise funds for graduation and our scholarship fund during the week of February 9-13. If any parents would be able to assist with the fundraiser, please contact any of the PTA board members or Ms. Torres, our Community Assistant. We will be selling various gift items and snacks that students can buy for their family members for Valentine's Day. Please support the PTA by giving money to your child to shop at the sale.

We continue to strive to work together to create a more harmonious school community. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

PTA Executive Board

## Yearbook News...

### **2015 Yearbook on Sale!**

Place your orders now

Contact Ms. Park for ordering information  
at [jpark@ewsis.org](mailto:jpark@ewsis.org)

### **School News**

On Monday, February 9, 2015, we will be piloting a new initiative during 6th period. We'd like to create a Quiet Zone where students will have an alternative to the highly socialized, ear-splitting decibel levels of a typical lunch period. In this Quiet Zone, students will be able to quietly eat their lunch, listen to music, play games on their phones and do homework/reflect. Participation is totally voluntary and students can either choose to stay in the regular cafeteria atmosphere or sit in the Quiet Zone.

### **Save the Date**

#### **East-West Talent Show**



**March 19<sup>th</sup>**

More details to come...

## **Calendar of Events**

|          |       |                                      |                      |
|----------|-------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 02/6     | ..... | First Fridays                        | @ 8:00 AM            |
| 02/7     | ..... | PTA General Membership Mtg.          | @ 10 AM              |
| 02/16-20 | ..... | Mid-Winter Recess                    | School Closed        |
| 03/6     | ..... | First Fridays                        | @ 8:00 AM            |
| 03/7     | ..... | PTA General Membership Mtg.          | @ 10 AM              |
| 03/16-20 | ..... | Student Government                   | Spirit Week          |
| 03/26    | ..... | Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences   | @ 5:30-8:00 PM       |
| 03/27    | ..... | Half Day                             | Dismissal @ 11:15 AM |
| 03/27    | ...   | Afternoon Parent-Teacher Conferences | @ 12:15-2:30 PM      |



**Seeking volunteers to help  
with...**

### **PTA Valentine's Day Sale**

February 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>

11:30 am – 2:00 PM

Contact Tijuan Harris or Denise Eng

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Donations are also welcomed.