



THE EAGLE EXTRA

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Every Student Prepared for Success

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DATES TO REMEMBER

September 24
No Kindergarten

September 25
Jog-a-Thon

September 26
NO SCHOOL
Teacher Inservice

September 27
Teddy Bear Parade

September 30
4th Grade Field Trip

October 1
Kindergarten Attends

October 9
NO SCHOOL
Teacher Inservice

October 10
NO SCHOOL
State Teacher
Inservice

Dear East Orient Parents and Guardians,

Each week seems to fly by at this time of the year. It's hard to believe that we are already into our third week of school! Students have been busy getting to know their teachers and each other, and already we can see them engaged in learning!

As always, we encourage all of our families to check our [web page](#) on a regular basis for information about academics, district news, upcoming activities and teacher contact information. All of our newsletters will also be online for your convenience and reference.

Getting teacher together to talk about student learning and effective teaching strategies is always a great way to improve student achievement. Data team meetings are times when grade level teachers get together and examine individual student work, trends, and patterns from a common assessment given in class. Teachers analyze the outcomes of the pre-assessment and then plan together to maximize student learning. I'll be updating the school community regularly on the important work happening during late start Wednesdays.

Last week's Parent Teacher Club meeting was an impressive expression of support and parent engagement. It was reportedly the largest Parent teacher Club attendance that parents can remember. With that said, we want to continue to encourage parent engagement at this level. I believe the more parents engaged and informed regarding their neighborhood school, the healthier the school, and the more engaged students will be. I wanted to personally extend an invitation to ALL parents to join us at East Orient Library on October 21 at 6:30. We'll make sure we have a few munches for those that might be coming from work.

East Orient's Jog-a-thon is this Thursday the 25th of September. This is primarily the only full sized fundraiser we have during the year, and a great opportunity for families and friends to support the great teaching and learning at East Orient. The monies raised this year will go toward supporting out literacy room with reading resources, as well as a new microphone system for the gym. Parents, if you haven't stayed on a Wednesday morning for one of our assemblies, I would like to encourage you to do so. As you all know I'm new to East Orient and I have to say I am very impressed by our assemblies. Never am I so proud to be an East Orient Eagle as I am during our assemblies. It's full of school spirit!

Sharing good news is always something I enjoy, and is often best saved for last. I am excited to welcome another new staff member to East Orient. Please join me in welcoming Ms. Shelley Dietz, who will be teaching the additional third grade classroom. Ms. Dietz is no stranger to East Orient, as she was a student teacher with us two years ago, and has been able to hit the ground running. See you at the Teddy Bear Parade!

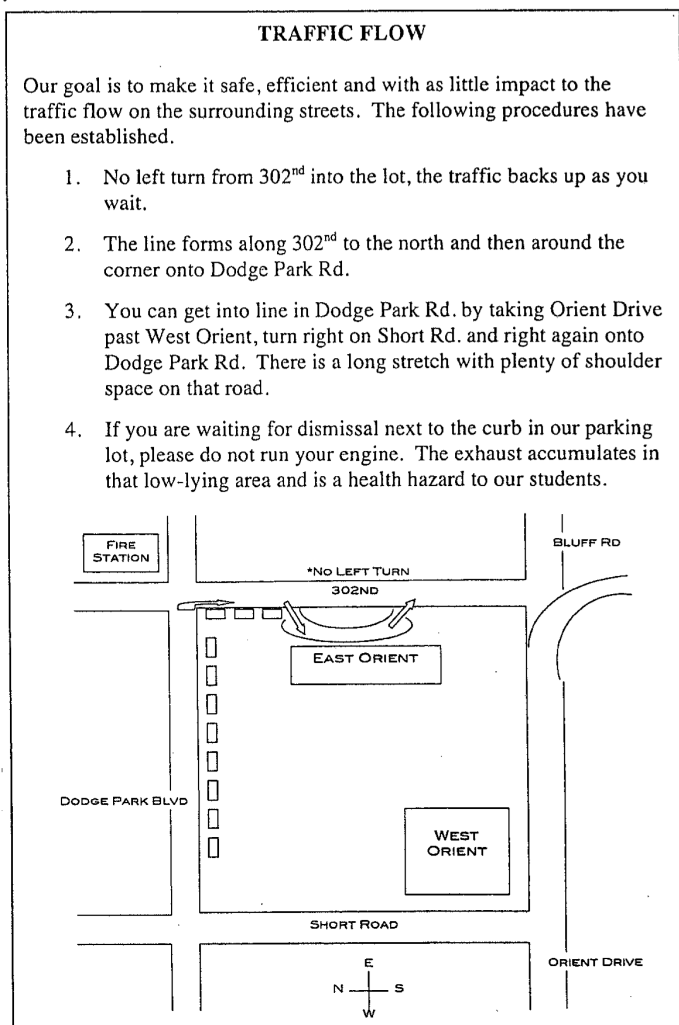
A.M. Drop Off:

Please remember ALL students that are dropped off in the morning are to be dropped off at the entrance of the school on SE 302nd Av. and not the school parking lot. Students must stay in the car until a school staff member comes out and are not to wait on the sidewalk unattended.

P.M. Pick UP:

Pick up begins at 3:05pm. If families plan to pick up their child/children it is very important that all cars have the students pick up numbers. This is the way we monitor authorized adults for student pick up.

Please use the following map showing the traffic flow when dropping off or picking up your student.



We will be on PE rotation for the next 3 weeks. Please make sure your student is wearing the appropriate attire and tennis shoes. Please no flip flops or sandals.

Lunch Accounts

It is important to have all lunch account deposits labeled with your student's name to ensure the proper account is credited.

LOST A BOOK?

While there is no fine for overdue books, if a book is lost or damaged it must be paid for. Please pay with a check made payable to East Orient Elementary, or *exact* cash. Send the payment to school marked "Attention Library". Payment is refundable if a lost book is found and returned during the current school year.

Come Join In the Fun!!

East Orient School will be participating in this year's
Teddy Bear Parade!
Saturday, September 27

Show your East Orient School pride by wearing the school's colors (Blue & Green) and bring along your favorite stuffed teddy bear or stuffed eagle! Students and families will meet at 9:00am at East Hill Church, 5th & Main in downtown Gresham.

GO EAGLES!!