



EEC News

Elementary Enrichment Committee

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The EEC

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Our History and Our Mission

The EEC (Elementary Equity Committee) was created in 2004, as a subcommittee of the PT Council, by a group of parents, representing each of the four Harrison Elementary Schools, to address the inequities that existed educational enrichment experience of these students.

Renamed The Elementary Enrichment Committee in 2007, the EEC remains a subcommittee of the Harrison Parent Teacher Council, and is comprised of parent representatives from each of the four Harrison Elementary Schools.

The EEC is committed to ensuring that every child within our district is given the same opportunity to attain the same cultural and educational experi-

ences offered by our constituency. We recognize that every child deserves excellence in education. We agree to work together to offer programs and activities across the district that serve to enhance the experiences for all our children.

As a committee that advocates for our children, the EEC commits to supporting the districts goal to maintain consistency and offer a unified academic program within all of the elementary schools. The representatives of each school will work to foster cooperation amongst individual PTA's in the area of fundraising, programming and communication.

We agree to share plans for programs proposed by our constituencies to ensure fairness and make certain that said pro-

grams fall within the confines of our mission. We also recognize that it is our responsibility to bring back to our communities and the PT Council our recommendations and decisions to further promote programs for all children. We also act as a forum to share information about our individual practices and programs offered within the confines of our buildings.

Finally, we are aware of the importance of maintaining each schools' own individuality and uniqueness and we strive to balance opportunities with the individual personality of our buildings.



Author Darice Bailer working with Parsons student Avi Coredero.

Visiting Author Program

Everyone was a writer and illustrator in November when Darice Bailer, author of over 30 books (fiction and nonfiction) for children of all ages, and recipient of the Parent's Gold Choice Award, visited our 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students.

Telling the students about being an author was only the beginning of, Mrs. Bailer's day with the students. Her favorite part was when she helped them write

their own books! According to the award winning author, the best experience is when it's a group effort with the students picking the subject and title of their book.

Last month, Kalli Dakos, poet and best selling author of over 2,000 poems about elementary school life will visited with each of our K—2 students.

As a former teacher and reading

specialist, Kalli uses her educational background to design school visits that provide sound reinforcement for standards of learning disguised as high energy fun filled with audience participation.

Her huge selection of props and enjoys pulls in even the most reluctant readers and writers and keeps the audience on the edge of their seats! Ask your kids about Hamlet the Pig!

Theatre Arts



During the months of February through April, everyone was flying as Harrison became the magical Neverland.

Once again we are proud to report

that KJK Productions visited each of our elementary schools to transform our students into thespians for 2 weeks.

In this very popular child centered program, the main character parts are split several times to ensure more children are able to participate in larger roles.

Bravo to all casts! Each school produced several excellent performances! We cannot wait until

next year!

Special thanks to all the parent and teacher volunteers as well as the principals and custodial staff at each building. This rewarding and worthwhile program requires support from the entire building to be successful.

**Congratulations
to all involved
on a job well done!**



Peter Pan 2011

Cultural Arts

Each school has a committee of parent volunteers that work with their principal and teachers to select culturally educational presentations and performances that compliment the curriculum and coordinate with said schools schedules. Some presentations our children have enjoyed include: Journeys into American Indian Territory, Hip Pickles, House for Hermit Crabs, Puppet People and Lou Del Bianco's "Make a Good Choice".

Get Involved

Plan ahead for next year. Becoming a volunteer for the EEC fundraising committee is a great way to support and sustain these wonderful enrichment programs. We cannot do it without you! Please contact your PTA Co-President or EEC Representative to learn how you can help!

We Need Your Support!

To keep these valuable enrichment programs alive, we rely on the generous support of our, families, teachers and the Harrison business community. This year we need your support even more than ever to meet our goals to sustain this programming for next year. With this in mind, we urge you to participate in our Stay at Home Fundraiser by making a donation at any level.

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