

Safety Patrols in the SPOTLIGHT!



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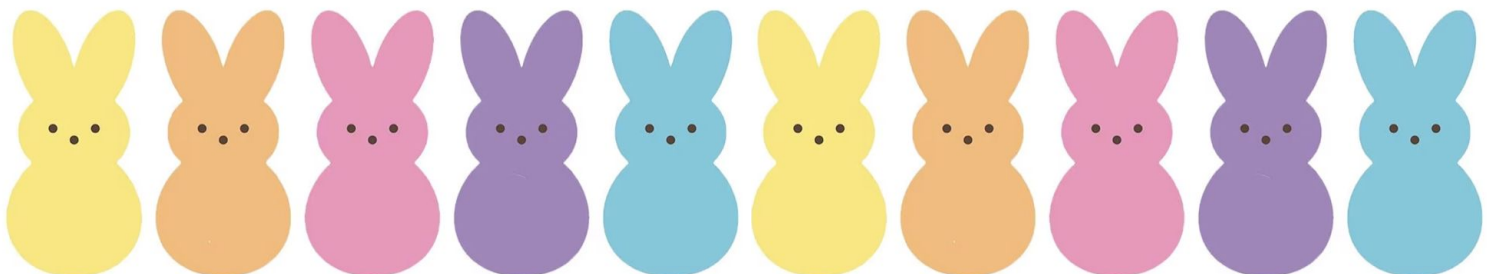


EASTER

By Landon Masters



Did you know that Easter was thought to be started in the 2nd century? Every year, Easter is celebrated by Christians all over the world. According to legend, there is a bunny (the Easter Bunny) that hides eggs for children. In the morning, children usually look for the eggs. When they finish looking for the eggs, they will look inside of the eggs to see what is in it. This is called an Easter Egg Hunt. Also, people think the traditions of Easter started in the 2nd century. It was thought to be brought to America by the German immigrants, whose Easter bunny was named Osterhase, who brought the tradition. Easter is always celebrated on the very first Sunday following the full Moon that appears the day of or after the spring equinox. That might sound very complicated. Basically, it means that the first Sunday that has a full Moon that is after the spring equinox. This year, Easter is celebrated on Sunday, April 9th. Most families that celebrate Easter go to church to celebrate Easter. I bet you didn't know that around 90 million chocolate Easter bunnies are made every Easter. Happy Easter, Panthers!



APRIL NATIONAL DAYS

- April 1st: April Fools' Day
- April 2nd: World Autism Awareness Day
- April 3rd: National Find A Rainbow Day
- April 4th: National School Librarian Day
- April 5th: National Walking Day
- April 6th: National Burrito Day
- April 7th: National No Housework Day
- April 8th: National Zoo Lovers Day
- April 9th: National Unicorn Day
- April 10th: National Siblings Day
- April 11th: National Pet Day
- April 12th: National Only Child Day
- April 13th: National Scrabble Day
- April 14th: National Dolphin Day
- April 15th: National Laundry Day
- April 16th: National Wear Your Pajamas to Work Day
- April 17th: National Haiku Poetry Day
- April 18th: National Animal Crackers Day
- April 19th: National Banana Day
- April 20th: National High Five Day
- April 21st: National Kindergarten Day
- April 22nd: National Earth Day
- April 23rd: National Picnic Day
- April 24th: National Bucket List Day
- April 25th: National Telephone Day
- April 26th: Denim Day!
- April 27th: National Take Your Child to Work Day
- April 28th: National Superhero Day
- April 29th: World Wish Day
- April 30th: National Bugs Bunny Day

World Autism Awareness Month

'World Autism Awareness Day' is celebrated worldwide on April 2nd. Did you know that the entire month of April is Autism Awareness Month? Throughout the month ECE is providing opportunities to increase understanding and acceptance of people with autism, fostering worldwide support.

Here at Eagle Creek Elementary, we are celebrating with several exciting events:



Week 1: Door Decorating Contest
Wear BLUE on Friday!

Week 2: T-Shirt Design Contest.
Designs due by 4/14.
Wear BLUE on Friday!



Week 3: Autism Acceptance Walk at LNMS on 4/21.
Wear BLUE on Friday!

Week 4: Puzzle Piece Contest
Write an encouraging note and leave it on a unit classroom's door; grade level with the most colors gets a prize!
Wear BLUE on Friday!

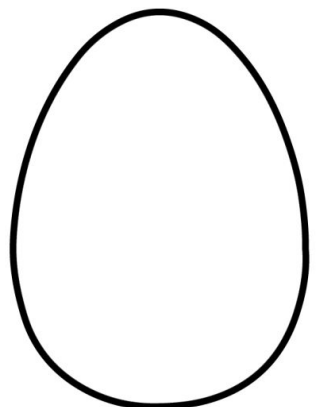
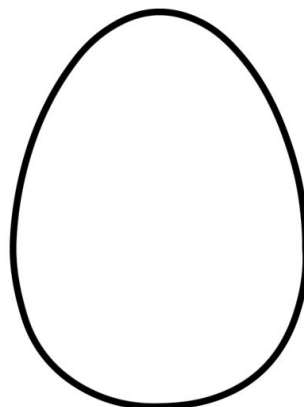
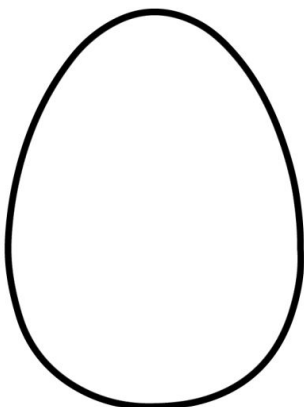
Whether you have autism, love someone who does or are looking to support a diverse, accepting and kind community – let's stand together and pledge our support to make a world of difference by helping all people reach their full potential! Read more about Autism Acceptance Month on the next page!



Easter Egg & Peep Decoration



Color in and decorate the Easter eggs and Peeps below!



World Autism Awareness Month, ctd.

By: Piper Simpson

Autism is a spectrum disorder that affects around 1 out of every 100 people. People with autism can sometimes have problems with social communication and interaction, and restricted or repetitive behaviors or interests. People with autism can also be funny, smart, nice and kind - just like you!

Eagle Creek is hosting an Autism Awareness Walk to spread awareness and inclusivity about autism throughout our community. Be sure to sign up for the Autism Awareness Walk to help support a great cause and have a fun time with friends; there will even be a dunk tank and a bubble bus! They will be raising money during the walk. Half of the money raise will go to our ASD classes at Eagle Creek and the other half will go to swim lessons for our students with Autism. Hopefully you will be there at Lake Nona Middle School on April 21st at 5:30!



Feature Teacher: Ms. Ferraro

By: Saarth Bhardwaj



Ms. Ferraro is a great teacher here at Eagle Creek! She teaches first grade this year, but you might have had her in kindergarten, too! Check out her interview below.

What field trips does 1st grade go on? First grade has been to the zoo.

Do you think you would teach another grade level? I'm not sure, yet.

Do you like teaching 1st grade? I adore it!

Have you taught other grade levels before? I used to teach kindergarten.

Do you think you will go to a new school? No way! Not at all.

What is your favorite subject? My favorite subject is math.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION WEEK

By: Kate Behrens



Have you ever heard of room parents also known as volunteers? Well you're probably know after this, room parents are the ones that help out around the school and decorate your doors and sometimes your classroom. Room parents are also the ones that help your teachers make coming to school exiting. They help to make sure that when kids come to their classroom and school, that they always have a smile on their face. National Volunteer Recognition Week will start on Monday, April 17th so make sure you thank one of the many parents you see working hard on projects around our school. At Eagle Creek Elementary, we will be celebrating them for all of their hard work on Wednesday, April 19th!

What's Your Favorite Candy?

Cut this out, answer the questions, and turn it into the Newspaper Bin outside Ms. Johnson's door by room 211. Be sure to check next month's paper to see all of the results!

☐ Twix

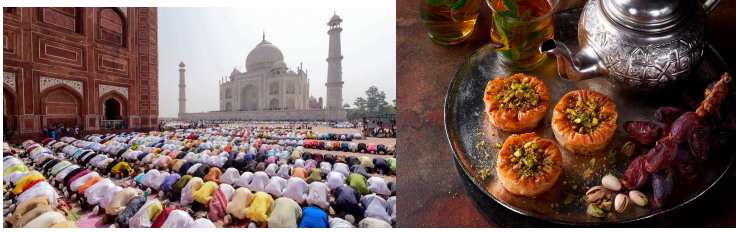
☐ 3 Musketeers

☐ M&M's

☐ Other (write in answer)

Eid!

By Sarah Samie



Ramadan is done and the wonderful celebration Eid has arrived. Eid is celebrated on April 21, 2023 and April 22, 2023. Eid is the festival after Ramadan (the month of fasting) and yes, you can eat on Eid day! On Eid day we celebrate the ending of Ramadan! The first thing muslims around the world do is pray eid prayers. After eid prayers, muslims go and celebrate eid with family and friends. Most of the time they go for meals and then later the kids go and play while the adults talk.

HOW TO DESTRESS BEFORE THE F.A.S.T. TEST

By Sarah Samie



F.A.S.T tests at the end of the year can be stressing. However, there are many ways to destress before the big test! De-stressing before a test is important because it helps you stay calm and confident before you take the test. If you get stressed while taking a test you're less likely to do your best work and should keep reading for some helpful ideas!

Here is a list of some things you can do to get distressed:

- Study and prepare for F.A.S.T tests well in advance. Our teachers help us with this part!
- Get a good sleep before the big test.
- Eat a good breakfast.
- Make sure to know what to expect like the location and the time.
- Take deep breaths.

Percy Jackson and the Titan's Curse

By Jacob Echeverry

- Step 1 : Find half-bloods and meet an evil teacher
Step 2 : Lose a friend
Step 3 : Play myth of magic
Step 4: Go on quest to find a friend
Step 5 : Go on a quest to save a god



BOOK REVIEW JR.

Don't Let The Pigeon Drive the Bus

By Jacob Echeverry

Would you ever let a pigeon drive a bus? In this book a bus driver needs to leave for a little while so he asks you if you would help him watch over the bus while he is gone. He asks you to please not let the pigeon drive the bus! Will you let the pigeon drive the bus?

