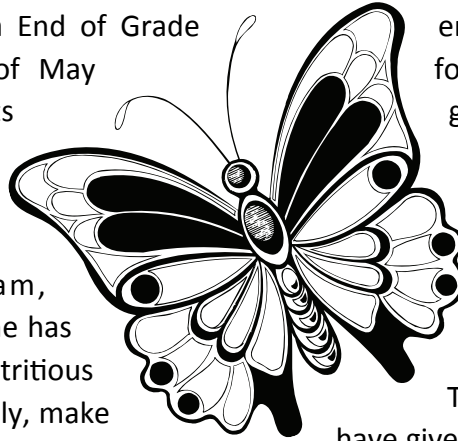




Dear Parents,
 It is that time of year again! The last few weeks of school will fly by, and as many of you know, we have a very important week ahead of us. Our students in grades 3-5 will be taking the North Carolina End of Grade Tests during the week of May 14th. These assessments are very important. To ensure that your child is prepared for the duration of each exam, please make sure he or she has plenty of rest and a nutritious breakfast. Most importantly, make sure your child arrives to school on time. Students arriving after 9:15 will be unable to enter the classroom for testing, and will be required to take a make-up test later in the week. We know students prefer testing with their teachers and peers, so please get your child to school on time.



This is also the time of year parents begin to think of class placement for the 2012-2013 school year. I have prepared a document that you will be able to obtain on-line for class placement next year. This document will be accessible on our school web page next week, or copies may be picked up in the front office. Many of you like to have the opportunity to indicate how your child learns best, and we know you also like to have input related to the

type of teaching and learning atmosphere you most prefer for your child. Since we do not consider specific teacher requests for student placement, we do accept input from parents regarding the type of learning environment you feel is best suited for your child. If you would like to give input to class placement, please make sure you turn in your class placement form before the last day of school. We begin making class placements shortly after the school year is over.

Thanks again for all the support you have given to ETES this year. The staff is very fortunate to have such involved parent volunteers. We look forward to a successful end of this school year and your continued involvement.

Since this is our last newsletter of the year, I would like to wish all families a safe and fun filled summer. Do not forget our summer reading program. Help your child find enjoyable books of interest and encourage summer reading each day.

Respectfully,
 Mrs. Spencer-Smith

• 333 HAWTHORNE LANE UPDATE •

We learned earlier this month from Paul Woollard at The Affordable Housing Group that the proposal for a long-term, supportive housing development at 333 Hawthorne Lane has been suspended indefinitely due to a lack of funding commitments from public and private sources.

Given this change, we have decided not to send out the survey on this topic that we had planned. We will stay in touch with the developers and communicate any changes in their future plans to the ETES community.

A special thanks goes to Todd Rubenson, SLT Co-chair, for keeping us updated on this project.

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- **• DATES TO REMEMBER •** •
- **May** •
- 14-17 EOG TESTING •
- 17 SLT (8-9am / Media Center) •
- 18 EOG Salad Bar Luncheon for Teachers •
- 22-25 Mini Book Fair •
- 28 No School / Memorial Day •
- **June** •
- 4-6 Field Days •
- 7 5th Grade Graduation/Reception •
- 10am - Auditorium / Gym •
- 8 Last Day of School/ Report Cards •
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• PTA PRESIDENT'S UPDATE •

April Showers bring May flowers! WOW! May is here. Next week is EOG's, then BAM the end of school. These last few weeks will probably seem like you are on a roller coaster. Fasten those seat belts and let's enjoy the ride.

EOG's will be held May 14th – 17th. Make sure your children are well rested and have eaten a good breakfast. This will make for a better testing environment for all involved.

Congratulations to Ellen Spence, our 2011/2012 Susan Bitler Phelps volunteer excellence award winner, and the other nominees. Thank you for your passion and years of service to our children and our school. We are fortunate to have so many dedicated volunteers.

Speaking of volunteers now is the time to be thinking about serving on the 2012/13 PTA board and/or one of its many committees. It's a great way to meet other parents, get involved with the school and create change. Do you have bookkeeping experience? We are actively looking for a Treasurer. Please let me know if you are interested.

We'll have a mini book fair May 22nd – 25th. Make plans to stock up on some good summer reading books. Field days will be held in the mornings on June 4th for K-2 grades and June 5th for 3rd – 5th grades. If you can volunteer for either of these events, please let me know.

ETES' class of 2012 will hold their Graduation on June 7th at 10am in the auditorium. We wish them all the best in middle school and beyond. We know they will all do GREAT things.

We had another successful Nothing but Noodles family dinner night making more than \$600 for our PTA. Thank you to everyone for dining with us.

ETES Rocks! Sassy Lojko - Sassy, PTA President, sassydeals@aol.com or 704.807.3356



• 100 YEAR ARTWORK FINALISTS •

ETES has some incredible artists. An art contest was held to see who could best portray ETES' 100 year anniversary. The requirements were to have the school name, the years 1912-2012 and an eagle. The artwork was phenomenal. After much viewing and awarding, the field was narrowed to the following finalists:

- Moa'El Omari – Ms. Riegel - 5th grade
- Blake Parker - Ms. Phillips/Methot - 5th grade
- Lucas Jacksina - Phillips/Methot - 5th grade
- Nora Mehlretter – Ms. Keilen – 5th grade
- Peyton Walker - Cassidy - 4th grade
- Elijah Jones - Phillips/Methot - 5th grade

The winning artwork goes to Elijah Jones. Congratulations to all the entries. You are all winners!



• REFLECTIONS FINALISTS •

Participants in the 2011/2012 Reflections art program at the district/county level:

Visual Art

Mary Docusen - 1st gr, Ms. Sheaffer
Jasmine Bell - 2nd gr, Mrs. Krug
Carissa Davis - 2nd gr, Mrs. Fullerton
Lia Soles - 3rd gr, Ms. Keenan
Joel George - 5th gr, Ms. Riegel
Wyndham Merrill, - 5th gr, Ms. Riegel

Photography

Jacob Stein - 5th gr, Ms. Cheatam
Elizabeth Rainey - 4th gr, Ms. Massey

Literature

Sophie Rubenson - 4th gr, Ms. Lockhart



• SUSAN BITLER PHELPS AWARD •

This year we had the pleasure of thanking 12 volunteers for their extraordinary service. It is always a difficult decision to choose one to be recognized as the Susan B Phelps Volunteer excellence award recipient as there are a group of people who go above and beyond the call of duty to serve our school family and inspire many of us to give more of our time. We are honored to congratulate this year's winner, Ellen Spence.

Ellen is the mother of Jacob and Ethan. Ethan is now in the 5th grade. Ellen came to the school ready to work and took charge of a PTA fundraiser, the Extravaganza Raffle. She did not stop there she has been leading committees like fundraising, marketing, yearbook, school tours, and summer reading for quiet some time. Where there was a need Ellen was happy to fill in. Ellen was instrumental in bringing the Fun Run to ETES. She shared her photography talent with us by providing the character signs with smiling children faces that are a wonderful highlight in our main hallway. Her photography gifts will live with many of us for years to come. This year she planned the 5th grade field trip without a hitch. She initiated and helped coordinate the first ever ETES Mother Son bowling event lovingly called Bowl – A – RAMA with you MAMA. The name was the first success. Though Ellen is often busy working and never says no to helping, she became very vocal when Elizabeth Traditional was being threatened with a school closing. She quickly organized the PTA to get a suggested “script” out to the student body. She worked closely with the SLT to make sure we were all on the same page as we dealt with this potential heart breaking issue. We are thankful for the successful result of all the efforts that has allowed our school to remain open. Another contribution made by Ellen is to our continuity in volunteer service. She has sought out other volunteers willing to serve the school so good things continue to happen even when she and her family have left ETES. Ellen was the “go to lady” for so long it was in her heart to help others begin to assume new roles. We are grateful for her service and her contagious enthusiasm.

Congratulations to the 2011 Nominees:

Ellen Spence, Jenna Kirwan, Michelle Jandebour, Mendy Godman, Joyce Love, Janna Stein, Sassy Lojko, Mandy Gold, Tonya Lawrence, Todd & Lisa Rubenson, and Nancy Smith.

It was great to give them their flowers now to let them know just how much we appreciate them. If you see them at school, it's never to late for a congratulatory hug. Happy volunteering!!



• SCHOOL SUPPLIES 2012-13 •

The ETES PTA is once again offering students and parents the opportunity to pre-order school supplies requested by grade level for next year. The pre-ordered supplies will be shipped directly to the school in time for Open House held in August 2012, prior to the first day of school. Look for an order form that will be sent home via your child's back pack soon. Parents, you can pre-order before school is out so you can sit back, relax and avoid the crowded stores and long lines before school starts next fall! The order deadline through the school is Friday, June 1st. Online orders may be placed through June 30th. Questions? Contact Jennifer Holladay at jenniferholladay@yahoo.com or 704.717.3299.



• CHESS CLUB •

Congratulations to the following students who played in both March and April CMSCA Quad Team Tournaments this year: **Aaron Love, Jacob Blackert, Carsyn Alexander, Peyton Onyeberechi, Nia Dancy, Portia Jones, Gavin Trent, Aidan Wiley, Myles Sadler, Nigel Sadler, Alex Parrish, Donovan Chicot, Madison Lojko, Samantha Cannon, Taylor Cannon, Ian Kirwan, Tyller Mensa and Jackson Dancy.** ETES brought home trophies in both tournaments. Woohoo! Great job guys! A huge thank you goes out to Mr. Dancy for volunteering his time and talent for the chess club. We appreciate you. The chess club meets every Friday with beginners and advanced alternating weeks.



• EXTRAVAGANZA •

Our annual ETES Extravaganza was loads of fun! We had beautiful weather, Mr. Slattery in a dunk booth and smiling kids. It doesn't get much better than that. The kids had a blast jumping, crawling and bouncing on the inflatables, testing their skills in the interactive sports games, and making a splash on the biggest water slip-n-slide. Thank you to Tammy Caplan and the many volunteers that made this event happen.



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Thank you for all the articles everyone supplied this year and over the past 9 years. Sadly, this will be my final newsletter for the Traditional Times.