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COMING IN NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

Nov. 1: SPSO Meeting (Bldg. 1) 6:00pm – 8:00pm. Parents Welcome.
Nov. 2: Coffee & Conversation with the Principal (Bldg. 1) 8:30am – 9:30am. Parents Welcome.
Nov. 2: Principal Interviews (Rm. 103) 8:00am – 11:30pm. Public Welcome.
Nov. 3: PLAN / Pre-ACT
Nov. 5: Governing Council Meeting (Bldg. 1) 6:00pm – 8:00pm. Public Welcome.
Nov. 7: Gifted Advisory Committee Meeting (Bldg. 1) 6:00pm. Parents Welcome.
Nov. 8 - 9: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT. NO SCHOOL.
Nov. 12: VETERANS' DAY HOLIDAY. NO SCHOOL.
Nov. 15: Progress Reports
Nov. 15: EMHS Foundation Meeting (Bldg. 1) 6:30pm – 8:30pm
Nov. 17 – 25: THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY. NO SCHOOL.
Nov. 27: Golden Apple Nominations Due
Nov. 29 - 30: Junior Inquiry Project Presentations. Parents Welcome.
Dec. 3: Discovery Project Catalogue Published
Dec. 7: Light the Night (EMHS) 5:00pm – 8:00pm. Public Welcome.
Dec. 10: Governing Council Meeting (Bldg. 1) 6:00pm – 8:00pm. Public Welcome.
Dec. 11 – 14: Senior Exhibitions
Dec. 13: EMHS Foundation Meeting (Bldg. 1) 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Dec. 15: Aladdin Musical (Los Vecinos) 6:30pm
Dec. 17 & 18: Fall Final Exams
Dec. 19: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT. NO SCHOOL.
Dec. 20 – Jan. 2: WINTER HOLIDAY. NO SCHOOL.
Jan. 3 & 4: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT. NO SCHOOL.
Jan. 7: First Day of Spring Term

2007 East Mountain Cross-Country Schedule

Nov. 2: District Meet
Nov. 10: State Meet

2007-2008 East Mountain Boys' Basketball Schedule

Nov. 20: Home vs. Santa Fe Prep 7:30pm
Nov. 27: Away vs. Coronado 7:00pm
Dec. 4: Away vs. Monte del Sol 7:00pm
Dec. 6-8: Tohajillee Tournament TBA
Dec. 11: Away vs. Evangel Christian 4:00pm
Dec. 13-15: Socorro Tournament TBA
Jan. 3: Home vs. McCurdy TBA
Jan. 5: Away vs. Pecos 5:00pm
Jan. 8: Away vs. Santa Fe Prep 7:00pm
Jan. 10: Away vs. Jemez 4:30pm
Jan. 15: Away vs. Mountainair 7:00pm
Jan. 24: Home vs. Jemez 7:30pm
Jan. 26: Away vs. Temple Baptist 3:30pm
Jan. 31: Home vs. Tohajillee 7:30pm
Feb. 1: Away vs. Bosque 6:30pm
Feb. 5: Away vs. Valencia 7:00pm
Feb. 8: Home vs. Bosque 7:30pm
Feb. 12: Away vs. Estancia 7:00pm
Feb. 15: Away vs. Menaul 5:00pm
Feb. 19: Home vs. Estancia 8:00pm
Feb. 21: Home vs. Menaul 7:30pm
Feb. 25 – Mar. 1: District Tournament

2007-2008 East Mountain Girls' Basketball Schedule

Nov. 19: Away vs. Santa Fe Prep 5:00pm
Nov. 27: Away vs. Coronado 5:30pm
Nov. 29 – Dec. 1: Evangel Christian Tournament TBA
Dec. 4: Away vs. Monte del Sol 5:00pm
Dec. 6-8: Tohajillee Tournament TBA
Dec. 11: Away vs. Evangel Christian 5:30pm
Dec. 18: Home vs. Monte del Sol 5:30pm
Jan. 3: Home vs. McCurdy TBA
Jan. 5: Away vs. Pecos 1:00pm
Jan. 10: Away vs. Jemez 6:00pm
Jan. 15: Away vs. Mountainair 7:00pm
Jan. 18: Home vs. Santa Fe Prep 6:00pm
Jan. 24: Home vs. Jemez 6:00pm
Jan. 26: Away vs. Temple Baptist 2:00pm
Jan. 29: Home vs. Bosque 6:00pm
Jan. 31: Home vs. Tohajillee 6:00pm
Feb. 5: Away vs. Valencia 5:30pm
Feb. 7: Away vs. Bosque 5:00pm
Feb. 12: Away vs. Estancia 5:30pm
Feb. 15: Away vs. Menaul 6:30pm
Feb. 19: Home vs. Estancia 7:00pm
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Feb. 25-Mar. 1: District Tournament

2007-2008 East Mountain Boys' JV Basketball Schedule

Nov. 20: Home vs. Santa Fe Prep 6:00pm
Nov. 27: Away vs. Coronado 4:00pm
Nov. 29-Dec. 1: Evangel Christian Tournament TBA
Dec. 4: Away vs. Monte del Sol 3:30pm
Dec. 14: Away vs. Tohajillee 4:00pm
Jan. 3: Home vs. McCurdy TBA
Jan. 5: Away vs. Pecos 3:00pm
Jan. 8: Away vs. Santa Fe Prep 5:30pm
Jan. 15: Away vs. Mountainair 4:00pm

Jan. 26: Away vs. Temple Baptist

1:00pm

Feb. 1: Away vs. Bosque 5:00pm

Feb. 5: Away vs. Valencia 4:00pm

Feb. 8: Home vs. Bosque 6:00pm

Feb. 12: Away vs. Estancia 4:00pm

Feb. 19: Home vs. Estancia 6:00pm

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear EMHS Community:

The days are passing quickly and the school year is now in full swing. Students are settled into classes and the first progress reports of the year have been mailed home. The November and December holidays are on the horizon and the end of the first term seems to be too close for comfort right now.

Junior Inquiry Projects will be presented in November and thus begins the annual tradition of projects for Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors. Graduation Exhibition presentations, the EMHS "Rite of Passage" to graduation for all students enrolled in Senior Seminar this term, are also just in front of us. This is a busy and exciting time for all of us.

The passionate, committed EMHS teaching staff is the bottom line of what makes EMHS great and each time we face a change in staff we are bit saddened by our loss but so happy for staff members who are growing professionally and personally. When we come back to school in January, Laurie Edeal, a valuable member of the Math Department, will not return with us. She has accepted an exciting position with APS that allows her to mentor middle school math teachers across the APS District. APS is fortunate to have Laurie. In addition, Amanda Parker, a valued member of the Humanities Department who gave birth to a beautiful baby girl this summer has decided she must stay at home with Juliet. Amanda's plan was

to return in January, but now she is staying home. How fortunate for Juliet that her mom can stay home with her. The Math and Humanities Departments are interviewing candidates to fill these positions as I write this letter, so there will be more information available quickly.

Our annual December evening when we "Light the Night" is in the planning stages and you will be hearing lots about this celebration between now and December 7, the evening of the event. Be sure and keep your eyes and ears out!

Snow days are, hopefully, on the way, as we need the moisture. Our system of notification remains the same. Look to the three local TV stations for information beginning at 6:00am on mornings when a delay or closure are possible. I get up early on days when the weather is poor and make many phone calls beginning at 5:00am to determine a plan. If you don't have access to a television, call me at school and we'll make an alternative plan for your family.

This is the United States' season of Thanksgiving, and I am and will always remain so thankful for my professional association with EMHS and all of its community.

Danielle Johnston

LIGHT THE NIGHT COMING UP SOON!

Light the Night is here again! Last year was the second annual EMHS Light the Night, which raised over \$5,000 for EMHS. We plan to do it again this year and hopefully raise even more money. But, we will need a lot of help to pull this off.

This year Light the Night is planned for **Friday, December 7th from 5:00pm to 8:00pm.**

Your student will be bringing home an envelope with instructions on how to participate in Light the Night by Tuesday, October 30th. We are asking students and families to solicit donations for Light the Night from the community. For every dollar that is donated to the school, we will put out one luminaria at Light the Night. Our goal is to line La Madera Road on both sides from North 14 to the high school, to light the school grounds with luminaria, and to create a design on the soccer field with luminaria. It's going to be spectacular!

Everyone is invited to join us at Light the Night for a fun community event. We have planned live music, a concessions stand and an arts and crafts holiday fair and silent auction. Santa will even be there for pictures! We hope everyone will plan on joining us for this beautiful evening.

And it gets better! This event is also a fundraiser for Discovery Projects! That's right: for every \$1.00 in luminaria donations your child collects, 50% of that amount goes directly to his or her individual Discovery Project or Graduation (if your child is a senior and will not be participating in Discovery). Please encourage your child to participate in raising money through Light the Night by asking friends, relatives, neighbors and local businesses for donations.

Volunteering for this exciting event can start today. EMHS needs donations of paper bags and votive candles, as well as volunteers willing to fold paper bags for luminaria. For more information, please call Carla or Dave Roberts @ 281-5783 or Lori Webster at 281-7400 x. 166 or lwebster@eastmountainhigh.net.



EMHS MESA OFF TO A GREAT START!

On Thursday, Oct. 25, our MESA students competed at the MESA Fall Design Event in Albuquerque. They competed against schools from the Central Inner Region (APS schools, Belen, Los Lunas and Bernalillo) in the areas of math, engineering, science, robotics, and a “surprise” category. Teams were comprised of 3- 4 students. The results of individual competitions are as follows:

On-Site Engineering—1st Place (with a perfect score of 200/200):

Allie Lovato (12th), Danae Kornegay (11th), Riley Proffit (10th). Students were given materials, specifications and a time limit in which to build a self-propelled car.

Robotics—3rd Place: Michael Kalan (9th), Emily McKinney (12th), Storm Williams (12th), Zach Hale (12th). This team had to build and program a LEGO Mind Storm robot to navigate a pre-determined course.

On-Site Science—3rd Place: Taylor Hale (9th), Gabby Pascal (9th), Erin Bush (9th), Rebekah Manning (11th). This group had to answer questions having to do with blood hematology and feline/canine parasites.

On-Site Math: Tyler Culver (12th), Andrew Krause (12th), Matthew Wroblewski (11th), Matt Broomfield (10th). This team had to complete a series of math problems and puzzles.

On-Site Surprise: Casandra Garcia (12th), Poiette Hilbun (9th), Jessica Self (9th). Students were given materials and a time limit to construct an electronic communication device that would transmit a code from one person to another.

As the “newest kids on the block”, these students did very well,

considering that they won **3rd place in the overall competition!** Great Job, MESA students! You are definitely a force to be reckoned with!



Riley Proffit, Danae Kornegay & Allie Lovato at the MESA competition.

GOLDEN APPLE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

The Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching will be awarded to seven high school teachers in New Mexico this year -- this award is one of the highest honors a teacher in New Mexico can receive.

Anyone can nominate a teacher -- the nomination form is attached to this email. Nominations are due by November 27th. The qualifications a teacher must have to be eligible for this award are listed below:

Nominees must be . . .

- Licensed and currently teaching fulltime in an accredited public or non-public high school
 - Have taught a minimum of six years in New Mexico
 - Committed to continue teaching PK-12 in New Mexico for a minimum of two years after receiving the award
- EMHS teachers who would be eligible for this award due to their years of teaching experience include Michelle Binder, Patrick Burke, Shawn Childers, Therese Dorwart, Sandra Fry, Tamara Henderson, Michael Jamison, Elizabeth Kuehne, Wilson Plowman, Bradd Schulke, Jim Smith, Brenda Wilvert & John Vierra.

Please feel free to nominate a teacher that has made a difference in the life of your child!

PRINCIPAL SEARCH

East Mountain High School is in the process of searching for a replacement for our Principal Danielle Johnston, who is retiring in July of 2008. The Principal Search Committee invites the community to participate in the selection process. The next opportunity for public involvement will be during candidate interviews held at the school in Sandia Park on Friday, November 2nd. Starting at 8:00 AM and running through 11:30, community members will be interviewing in Room 103 three candidates: Dr. Ray Griffin, Chief Academic Officer at the Denver Arts and Technology Academy; Bruce Smith, a teacher at John Adams Middle School in Albuquerque; and Pete Vallejo, the Assistant Principal at Rio Rancho High.

Our Search Committee was formed with representatives from our major stakeholder groups--students, faculty, staff, Governing Council, parents, and community. We have advertised the position both nationally and locally and we are receiving several interesting applications from high quality candidates. We plan to interview candidates through December, with a selection of our future Principal by the Governing Council planned in January. The Search Committee's goals are to be very open about the process and to invite as much input as possible. In that spirit, we are inviting the public to attend this next round of interviews on November 2nd.

After all the interview rounds are completed in December, the community will be invited to rank order the interviewed candidates and provide selection recommendations to the Governing Council, which is the legal hiring authority. It's an exciting time for our school and we hope you can participate and lend your voice to the selection process.

Dave Roberts & Jim Healy
Co-Chairs, Principal Search
Committee
East Mountain High School

RAFFLE FOR A CORD OF FIREWOOD

A raffle is being held for a cord of pinon-juniper firewood for charity purposes. Proceeds will benefit both East Mountain High School and the Albuquerque Homeless Advocacy Coalition. Tickets will cost \$5.00 each or 5 tickets for \$20.00, and can be purchased at the EMHS Front Office, from Noah Duran, or David Bennecke. Checks should be made out to Jennifer Bennecke. The raffle will take place on Tuesday, November 5, 2007. The winner will be informed immediately, and the wood will be delivered at the winner's discretion.

This is a great way to show support for EMHS and help the homeless!! Stay warm this winter! This is an opportunity to take home a load of firewood for as little as \$5.00!

Any questions can be answered in the EMHS Front Office, by telephone at 281-7400, or e-mail at emhs@eastmountainhigh.net; or by contacting Noah Duran (850-7503), or David Bennecke (286-0169).

Thank you. All ticket purchases are greatly appreciated. -- Noah Duran and David Bennecke

INQUIRY PROJECTS ARE COMING SOON!

EMHS juniors are currently involved in the Inquiry Project, and will present for classmates and staff on November 29th and 30th. The goal of the Inquiry Project is as follows: to create a thought provoking question which will serve as a frame for interesting research, in-depth analysis, reflection,

and result in meaningful personal conclusions.

The expectations for junior Inquiry Projects include: 100 note cards, an oral presentation with visuals (25 minutes for the Humanities 11 class, and 35 minutes for the Honors Humanities 11 class), and a final research paper. Students with special needs receive appropriate accommodations and modifications, as outlined in their Individualized Education Plans.

Plan on observing and supporting your juniors in their inquiry endeavors this fall!

EMHS PLANS DISCOVERY PROJECT TO NEW YORK & BOSTON

NYC/Boston Discovery Project Signups have begun! Remember, the enrollment number is limited. Please contact Mr. Jamison, Ms. Binder, or Mr. Langan for more information.

SCUBA DIVING DISCOVERY PROJECT PLANNED

Mr. Schulke would like all EMHS families to know that his discovery project this year will be SCUBA DIVING. At the end of the project, students can get an SSI Open Water Scuba Diving Certification. The total cost will be \$650.00. Also, there is an interest meeting for students and parents on Thursday, November 1st at 6:00pm in the Community Room at EMHS.

GRADUATION COMMITTEE

The 2007 Graduation Committee plans a meeting on Thursday, November 15th at 4:00pm here at the Lazy Lizard (near the Shell Station on North 14). All senior parents are invited to attend.



EMHS DEBUTS ALADDIN

East Mountain High School's Production of Disney's Aladdin Jr. is coming soon! Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 15, 2007 when you will be transported to the city of Agrabah to see the trials and tribulations of Aladdin, Jasmine, and, of course, the Genie. The performance will take place at Los Vecinos Community Center at 6:30PM. Tickets will be available in December for \$6.00 per adult and \$4.00 per student. Bring your friends, families, and neighbors to this wonderful event!

EMHS WILL STAY AT LEVEL 2A FOR ATHLETICS

I am pleased to announce that East Mountain High School will remain at the 2A level (where applicable) for athletics for two more years after this year. It took many meetings and a lot of paperwork and presentations, but the group of schools that were going to be moved did an excellent job stating their case, and as a result will stay where they are for another two year block. This is a huge victory for us. It allows our programs to compete at the level they are currently at instead of the next one up. Thank you goes out to all who made this possible.

Sincerely,
David Naylor, EMHS AD

STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPORTS!

Student government is making tremendous advancements. The first annual Homecoming Carnival was extremely successful, considering the excessive rain storm that unfortunately occurred. There was a cake walk, dunk tank (which was a huge hit) and many other fun-filled activities. Reporters from both The Independent

and the Mountain View Telegraph attended and reported on the event. The attendance and support from the East Mountain community was greatly appreciated.

The Fall Blood Drive also proved a success as everything ran smoothly. There were over 31 units of blood donated the year which was more than the Spring Blood Drive.

SENIOR EXHIBITION UPDATE

Senior Parents -- Seniors in the first semester Senior Seminar course are diligently working on the final project, the Senior Exhibition, which all must complete in order to graduate. They will spend the next several weeks working on this, reflecting upon individual growth throughout the four years at EMHS, as well as other major events in their lives. Your support will be greatly appreciated. They do need a scrapbook of some sort, and they should be speaking to you about various portions of the project, including a family tree, possibly a personal interview, etc. If you would like to view the project, each student has a hard copy, but I have also placed the entire project on the school network, which you can access through the Public drive. If you are on campus, you are welcome to take a look.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please direct them to Elizabeth Kuehne at ekuehne@eastmountainhigh.net, or at ext. 402. Any scrapbooking material donations are welcome, as are Sunday comics. Thank you and congratulations on your child's progress!

SENIOR RESEARCH PAPERS

Senior students in Ms. Childers English class are working hard to complete their unique research

papers. Each student has developed a thesis, approach and defense on a chosen topic through critically analyzing novels, plays, poetry, short stories, or another body of work. Each student's topic is different from any other student. They will present and defend their papers in class the week of December 10th. Please note the following due dates: **Rough draft due – November 13th and Final draft due – December 10th**

GUIDANCE OFFICE CORNER

VISITS TO OUR CAMPUS

The Air Force will be on East Mountain's campus on November 5th during Lunch and Advocacy. A representative will discuss education and employment opportunities with the Air Force after graduation.

New Mexico State University will be on our campus on November 16th at 12:00. There will be an Admissions Advisor on hand to walk you through the admissions process and answer any question you may have about college or NMSU. Don't miss this opportunity!

UNM came by our campus at the end of October. If you didn't get a chance to visit with the UNM Recruiter, make sure you set up an appointment with Trey Smith in the Guidance Office to get any information you missed.

SENIORS - Below are a few definitions regarding the college application process:

Regular Decision is the application process in which a student submits an application to an institution by a specified date and receives a decision within a reasonable and clearly stated period of time. A student may apply to other institutions without restriction.

Rolling Admission is the application process in which an institution reviews

applications as they are completed and renders admission decisions to students throughout the admission cycle. A student may apply to other institutions without restriction.

Early Action (EA) is the application process in which students apply to an institution of preference and receive a decision well in advance of the institution's regular response date. Students who are admitted under Early Action are not obligated to accept the institution's offer of admission or to submit a deposit prior to May 1. Under non-restrictive Early Action, a student may apply to other colleges.

Early Decision (ED) is the application process in which students make a commitment to a first-choice institution where, if admitted, they definitely will enroll. While pursuing admission under an Early Decision plan, students may apply to other institutions, but may have only one Early Decision application pending at any time. Should a student who applies for financial aid not be offered an award that makes attendance possible, the student may decline the offer of admission and be released from the Early Decision commitment. The institution must notify the applicant of the decision within a reasonable and clearly stated period of time after the Early Decision deadline. Usually, a nonrefundable deposit must be made well in advance of May 1. The institution will respond to an application for financial aid at or near the time of an offer of admission. Institutions with Early Decision plans may restrict students from applying to other early plans. Institutions will clearly articulate their specific policies in their Early Decision agreement.

Restrictive Early Action (REA) is the application process in which students make application to an institution of preference and receive a decision well

in advance of the institution's regular response date. Institutions with Restrictive Early Action plans place restrictions on student applications to other early plans. Institutions will clearly articulate these restrictions in their Early Action policies and agreements with students. Students who are admitted under Restrictive Early Action are not obligated to accept the institution's offer of admission or to submit a deposit prior to May 1.

SENIORS-

November is the month to take care of your college planning, if you have not done so already. The deadline for many scholarships is at the beginning of December. Stop by the Guidance Office if you need more information on the college application process, scholarship info, or housing information. You can even apply to UNM for free!

SENIORS -

New Mexico State University in Las Cruces is hosting an Aggie Experience on Saturday, November 3rd from 9am - 4pm. There will be departmental showcases, on-site admissions, lunch, question and answer time, parents' forum, campus tours, and a football game. NMSU would like to know in advance that your family is interested in coming. Please call 1-800-662-NMSU or email the office of admissions at admissions@nmsu.edu.

New Mexico Tech in Socorro is hosting a Student Exploration Day on Saturday, November 3rd from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. The Exploration Day is an opportunity for prospective students and their families to explore New Mexico Tech's campus in Socorro. Families will be able to see where students live, what they eat, and what they do with their free time. Families will also tour the campus and explore the academic departments. Financial Aid staff will be available to offer

financial aid and scholarship information. If you're in Albuquerque, you may call locally at 366-2560 to sign up.

Eastern New Mexico University in Portales is hosting a Green and Silver Preview event on Saturday, November 10th. The Green and Silver View, Eastern's preview day for high school juniors and seniors, will be informational and fun for prospective students and their parents to visit campus, learn about academic programs and student services. Students can walk around, ask specific questions, and receive additional information. You can call 505-562-2178 for more information.

JUNIORS and SENIORS - The registration deadline for the December 8th ACT is November 2nd and the cost is \$30 without the writing test and \$44.50 with the writing test. Families must register directly through ACT, not EMHS. Registration is available on-line at www.actstudent.org <<http://www.actstudent.org/>> or through a paper application available in the Guidance Office if paying by check. The December, April and June ACT tests offer students the opportunity to "buy back" their test. When students order and pay the fee for Test Information Release (TIR) and test on a test date that offers this service, students will receive a list of their answers, a copy of the multiple-choice test questions used to determine their score, the answer key, and scoring instructions. (If students took the Writing Test, they will also receive a copy of the writing prompt, the scoring rubric, and the scores assigned to their essay by two readers.) Students will also receive information about ordering a photocopy of their answer document (including the essay if they took the Writing Test). The TIR fee for 2007-2008 test dates is \$16. This can be done during the 3-month period after

the test date and does not need to be ordered when registering for the ACT. A credit card is needed for all on-line registrations. If you have any questions or need help registering, please see Mrs. Millea or Mr. Smith. The ACT and SAT tests are not offered at EMHS. The School Code for EMHS is 320-588. Families will need this code when registering for either test.

SENIORS - The Combined BA/MD Program at UNM offers students a unique opportunity to earn a B.A. and a medical degree (M.D.) in eight years. It is a highly competitive program and is only open to high school seniors. The deadline to apply is November 15th. Visit the Guidance Office for more information on the program.

FRESHMEN, SOPHOMORES and JUNIORS - The PLAN is the practice ACT and will be given on November 5th from 3:00-6:00. The cost of the PLAN will be \$15. The PLAN is intended for Sophomores and Juniors, but Freshmen are also encouraged to take the test. Juniors may consider taking the test in preparation for the actual ACT tests they should take in the spring. The PLAN is a very useful and cost effective way to practice for the ACT without the scores being reported to colleges and universities. The PLAN tests students in English, Reading, Math and Science. Please see Mr. Smith for more information. Students must register in the Front Office and checks should be made payable to EMHS. Cash is also accepted.

STUDENTS WHO TOOK THE PSAT - All high school students who took the 2007 PSAT/NMSQT in October will receive access to My College QuickStart, a free personalized planning kit based on their test results. Students will have the opportunity to take the next steps toward college with

these features: An online score report, including projected SAT score ranges, state percentiles, and the power to sort answer explanations by difficulty and question type; a customized SAT study plan; all of the college and career exploration tools in MyRoadT; and a personalized lists of colleges, majors, and careers. Starting in mid-December, students will be able to access this exciting new tool by visiting www.collegeboard.com/psatextra, creating an online account, and entering the access code found on their official Score Report Plus. Until February 1, students will not be able to view their online score report without first entering this access code, which can also be found in your Roster of Student Scores and Plans. Learn more about My College QuickStart at www.collegeboard.com/psatextra. If you have additional questions, please contact psat@info.collegeboard.org or Mr. Smith.

FRESHMEN AND SOPHOMORES:

Did you know there is a lot that freshmen and sophomores can do to start preparations for college? It's never too early! Set up an appointment with Trey Smith by emailing tsmith@eastmountainhigh.net or calling 281-7400x.111 to get some tips on what you can do now to start planning.

INFO ON DUAL CREDIT AT CNM:

New Dual Credit and College & Career Bound students can register for the Spring 2008 term starting November 9, 2007. Returning students will receive a card in the mail stating the first day they can register. The Department of School Relations will send out Spring Schedules and CNM Catalogs to the HS counseling offices this week.

GIVING TO EMHS

Our school is rich in experiences that make us unique and unlike most large public high schools. Our small class sizes, small school environment and inquiry learning philosophy are designed to help our students reach their full potential. You have **chosen** as a family to become part of the East Mountain High School community – please consider choosing to support EMHS financially. Giving to EMHS creates the difference that makes our unique educational environment possible. It allows us to fund things like three classroom sets of laptops always available to students and teachers for checkout. Private donations and grants made to EMHS are up to **10% of each year's annual budget**.

UNITED WAY CONTRIBUTIONS

Parents or community members who give to the United Way can designate all or a portion of their contributions to go to EMHS by indicating on your pledge form that you want your United Way donation to go to the **East Mountain High School Foundation**. The East Mountain High School Foundation is a New Mexico non-profit corporation, recognized by the IRS as a 501 (c) (3) charitable organization. All you need to know is the address of the Foundation: **P.O. Box 1852, Sandia Park, NM 87047**.

SHOP AT SMITH'S & EARN MONEY FOR EMHS

If you shop at Smith's, you can donate money to EMHS without lifting a finger or spending an extra penny! How? East Mountain High School is registered for the Earn and Learn Program at Smith's Food and Drug. When you shop at Smith's and use your Fresh Values card, Smith's will donate from 2% to 5% of your total purchases to EMHS.

It's easy to register your Fresh Values Card:

Go to www.smithsfoodanddrug.com. Click on the "Earn & Learn" link. Enter EMHS' Organization #: **83698** Enter your Fresh Values Card number (located on the back on your card). Enter your name, address and phone number. Submit your entry!

Or submit or email your Fresh Values card number to the EMHS Front Office today, and we will take care of signing up for you!

Enrolling your number costs you nothing, adds no cost to your groceries and earns money for EMHS. Last year, EMHS had 85 shoppers enrolled and earned over \$1,900.00 from this program. If you were previously registered for this program, your registration expired on September 30th. You can also help by collecting the Fresh Values Card number (located on the back of the card) from friends, relatives and neighbors. This is good at any Smith's store.

TARGET TAKE CHARGE OF EDUCATION

Target also has a program to benefit schools. You will need to sign up for a Target credit card and designate EMHS as a beneficiary of your card purchases. Target will donate up to 1% of purchases made using the Target Visa and Target Guest Card to the designated school. It doesn't cost cardholders anything to sign up for the program. You can designate EMHS in one of 3 ways:

- Online at target.com/tcoe
 - Stop by the kiosk in any Target store
 - Call 1-800-316-6142
- EMHS is already benefiting from this program, having received more than \$500 last year alone!

OFFICE DEPOT 5% BACK TO SCHOOLS PROGRAM

EMHS can earn credits all year long for free supplies from Office Depot. Just use EMHS's school ID **#70119775** when making purchases at Office Depot, and EMHS receives credits equal to 5% of the qualifying purchases. Share this number with other families, friends and businesses that might purchase at Office Depot. If you are in Office Depot and have forgotten the school ID number, just ask the clerk at the service desk to look it up – EMHS in Sandia Park. Business cards with the EMHS ID# are available in the EMHS Front Office to make benefiting EMHS convenient – just put this card in your wallet and pull it out each time you shop at Office Depot.

BUY AAA ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE & BENEFIT EMHS!

If you purchase a new (not a renewal) AAA Classic Primary annual membership (cost \$51.00), you will save \$20.00 and AAA New Mexico will make a donation of \$25.00 to benefit EMHS. If you purchase a new (not a renewal) AAA Plus Primary annual membership (cost \$81.00), you will save \$20.00 and AAA New Mexico will make a donation of \$30.00 to benefit EMHS. Already a member of AAA New Mexico? Consider membership as a gift.

If you are interested in AAA New Mexico and the emergency roadside assistance they provide, please contact Wanda Watson at 505-291-6710 or 505-975-5091. Your membership will help raise needed funds for EMHS! For more information, please contact Lori Webster at 505-281-7400 x. 166 or lwebster@eastmountainhigh.net.

TAX HELP NEW MEXICO

East Mountain High School, under the leadership of Vince Langan, is now a

site for Tax Help New Mexico. Students can sign up to take a class taught by Mr. Langan after school to learn how to complete tax returns. Students who complete this class will earn two credits from CNM for Accounting 1301 and one credit for Accounting 1398. Students will also earn community service hours.

Those who need assistance with their tax return can visit EMHS between February 1 and April 15 and receive free help. More information about hours and guidelines will be available in future newsletters.

EMHS COMMUNITY GARDEN A REALITY

This past October 13th a group of Boy Scouts led by Colton Sniegowski created a garden at our school for his Eagle Project. Colton worked with Mr. Jamison to finish this project that had first been attempted a few years ago. It is a vegetable garden that was created with the intent that EMHS would continue to nurture and cultivate it for years to come. The Alameda Greenhouse was generous enough to provide plants for the garden. They planted garlic and onions for this fall and have extra seeds of various types for this spring. The produce it creates will be sold to the farmer's market to raise money for EMHS. Eagle is the final rank that a Boy Scout can earn and a project that helps the community is required to earn it. Special thanks goes to all those who helped out with this garden project, especially Mrs. Sniegowski and EMHS alum Alexx who helped nourish the workers with breakfast and lunch, Nurse Overson for her gardening tips and donated manure, and the Fairbanks family for donated manure.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

As a community-based school, EMHS tries to support the community by posting information about various community events not affiliated with EMHS in this section of the newsletter. All postings in this section of the EMHS newsletter are not affiliated with EMHS and EMHS does not endorse, approve or sponsor the activity, viewpoint or event promoted in the announcement. The information provided here does not represent the official statements or views of EMHS.

Intermountain Conservation Trust Seeks Board Members

A local, east mountain conservation organization is looking for community volunteers to serve on the board of the land trust organization called the Intermountain Conservation Trust. This trust is responsible for the conservation and restoration of some of the best streamside habitat in the East Mountains. If you are interested in conservation, stream ecology, protecting the environment, and don't mind hard work, please contact Bradd Schulke at 281-7400 ext. 197.

Cell Phones for Soldiers

Donate your cell phone with the attached battery and any accessories. You can take a tax deductible receipt if it is available, otherwise download a receipt from cellphonesforsoldiers.com. Thank you for your support! Drop off your cell phone at Wooby's Coffee & Bistro in Cedar Crest at 12220 Highway 14.

Prayer Group Meeting

Mom's prayer group meets each Friday at 8:30 a.m. to pray for EMHS and our children. All faiths welcome. For more info, call Cheryl 281-4852 or Lorette 281-4084.

CRAFT FAIR AT EMHS

Come one, Come all to the 1st Annual EMHS Holiday Craft Fair! Want to get away from the madness of the malls? Come on by for stress-free shopping in a comfortable setting. What a perfect opportunity to buy amazing hand/homemade gifts for friends and family for the holidays! This event will be held on the EMHS campus on Saturday, December 1st. from 10am until 4pm. Booths/spaces are available for purchase for those of you crafty individuals out there. For more information, contact Brenda Wilvert or Nicole Naylor at 281-7400.

TRAVEL OPPORTUNITY

Join Sandra Fry, EMHS World Arts teacher, for the third annual tour to discover the arts and culture of Italy. This year students can receive elective credit for their studies. The tour leaves in June 2008 for 12 days. Parents and community are invited to participate with air, hotel and meals included for approximately \$2,500.00 for students. Please see Ms. Fry for a brochure and more information.

GIFTED ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO MEET

The East Mountain High School Gifted Advisory Committee will be meeting on **Wednesday, November 7, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Community Room at EMHS. Ayesha Sundram, the new gifted coordinator, will be giving an overview of gifted services at East Mountain High School and leading a discussion about the future of gifted services at EMHS. Interested parents, teachers, students, and community members are warmly invited to attend and contribute their ideas. Please contact Ayesha Sundram if you have any questions: asundram@eastmountainhigh.net or 281-7400 x 101.

HUMANITIES DEPARTMENT SEEKS BOOK DONATIONS

The humanities department has needs novels to teach literature and you can help by donating a book! If you have a personal copy of the following books you'd like to donate or if you'd like to purchase a copy and donate it to the school in your name, please contact Michael Jamison at mjamison@eastmountainhigh.net or drop them off in the EMHS Front Office. Below are our book needs, the number of copies needed, and ISBN we use to make ordering it at a bookstore easier. Thank you so much for your continual support of our students.

Deathwatch by Robb White. #071009003507. 10 copies needed.
The Mighty by Rodman Philbrick. #078073004508. 10 copies needed.
The Namesake by Jhumpa Lahiri. #978-0618485222 or 0618485228. 20 copies needed.

DONATION NEEDED OF AWARD ENGRAVING

EMHS Student Government is seeking a donation from a trophy or awards company. The school would like to get plaques made with the photographs, date of birth, dates of attendance at EMHS and dates of passing of David Fisher, Nancy Frank and Tayah Cox. If anyone is able to help with this effort, please contact Brenda Wilvert at bwilvert@eastmountainhigh.net or Nicole Naylor at nnaylor@eastmountainhigh.net.

BOOK A CRUISE & EARN \$25 FOR EMHS

Julie Fulwiler, an EMHS parent, is offering EMHS families the opportunity to book the perfect Spring Break vacation – an awesome Caribbean cruise. It is on Holland America's

fabulous ship the MS Westerdam, sailing March 23-30, 2008. The ship sails out of and back to Ft. Lauderdale, cruising to the Turks & Caicos Islands, Tortola (British Virgin Islands), St. Maarten and the cruise line's private island in the Bahamas (Half Moon Cay). It is a very laid-back cruise, with lots of beach and water time....and incredibly beautiful beaches and water at that!

Space is available in several categories, from inside to outside with window to verandah suites. Per person pricing for the first two people in stateroom are \$1746 for an outside stateroom, \$1556 for an inside stateroom and \$2436 for superior verandah suites. Most will accommodate a 3rd and 4th person at considerably reduced rates. The prices are great and include round-trip airfare from Albuquerque, airport taxes, port charges, round-trip transfers, all meals on board and fabulous nightly entertainment.

Interested parties should contact Julie Fulwiler at All World Travel at 281-3724 / 220-3563 or eastmts@aol.com. Be sure to mention that you heard about it here and EMHS will receive a \$25 donation. Also, make sure you call soon because space is limited and closes in mid-November.

VOLUNTEERING AT EMHS

Families that choose to enroll their child or children at East Mountain High School are asked to volunteer in support of the school 8 hours per month, or a total of **72 hours per year**. During the 2006 – 2007 school year, EMHS families logged over 17,000 hours of volunteering or the equivalent in financial donations – let's top that in 2007 – 2008!

Parents can earn volunteer hours by bringing students other than your own to school (carpooling), attending

athletic events, attending school meetings like Open House and monthly SPSO meetings and by chaperoning field trips or Discovery Projects. In fact, the opportunities to get involved at EMHS are endless, but we need **YOU** to reach out and get involved!

Please log your volunteer hours and donations on your **Family Report Card** that is available in a three-ring binder in the Front Office. If you would prefer to donate rather than volunteer, you can make a donation to the school in lieu of volunteer hours. A donation of \$52.00 will cover one month.

There are always many volunteer opportunities at East Mountain High School, from answering phones in the Front Office to preparing mailings in the Guidance Office to tutoring students during the school day. If you have questions about volunteering, please contact Lori Webster at 281-7400 x. 166.



**LIBRARY LINK
WITH
DEANIE LUNDY**

Are you a “scrapbooker”? Do you need volunteer hours? The library keeps a book of newspaper clipping for our school. If you are interested in this project, please see Deanie Lundy in the library. This could be a job you do at home.

**ANIMAL SHELTER SEEKS
NEW NAME AND LOGO**

Moriarty and Edgewood and the Counties of Bernalillo, Santa Fe and Torraine have come together to plan and build an animal shelter for the dogs, cats and people of the East Mountain area. They are seeking a new name and logo for the animal shelter. All students in grades K - 12 are eligible to enter. The name and logo must be submitted at the same

time. The logo can be in color or black and white. It can be hand drawn or computer generated. The logo entry must be submitted on 8 1/2 x 11 white paper. The logo must be clear to understand and simple enough to reproduce on signs and other shelter material. Two students may collaborate and enter under one name.

To enter a logo, students should pick up an entry form in the EMHS Front Office and submit it by Friday, November 30th. A grand prize of \$100 will be awarded, along with 1st place winners of \$50 and 2nd place winners of \$25 in the following categories: grades K - 5, grades 6 - 9 and grades 10 - 12.

Send all entries by November 30, 2007, to Friends of Estancia Valley Animal Shelter, Town of Edgewood, P.O. Box 3610, Edgewood, NM 87015. All entries will become the property of Friends of Estancia Valley Animals. The winning entry will become the property of the new shelter and can be copyrighted by the shelter. Recognition will be given to the artist for the creation of the logo.

SPSO NOTES

The Honors Ceremony was discussed and it was reported that it went well. Discovery Projects were discussed. The Discovery Project Catalogue should be out in early December, with student sign-ups taking place in early January. Dawn Hackett addressed some security issues that have been raised. She explained “shelter-in-place” in case of a wildfire or forest fire. The students would be locked down in their classrooms until APS busses arrive to transport everyone to a staging area. Discussion continued about the possibility of trying to combine the Veteran’s Day celebration with another holiday or event. There is a \$ 14,000 grant available to the

school for service learning, but it is conditional on observing MLK Day in January. Lori Webster asked that anyone interested in taking up this project could talk to herself or Dawn. After some discussion, it was decided to skip the Veteran’s Day celebration this year. Lisa Schlosser gave a report for the Graduation Committee. Anne Gonzales is the chairperson. Because of the fundraising efforts of last year, this year’s graduation expenses are covered. There is \$2000 earmarked which will remain in the SPSO general funds. She reported that most of the money was raised through Direct TV renewals. The school received \$50 or \$100 per sign-up or renewal. Jim Smith, who is Chair of the Science Department, gave a report. He said that the Freshman this year are required to take Physical Science, and next year Juniors will have to take Environmental Science. Computer applications class has been integrated into Physical Science, since so many students have already learned computers in middle school. He went on to explain how the science curriculum has changed to cover benchmark state requirements of environmental science, physical science and chemistry. Teri Rupert reported that 3 candidates have been interviewed so far in the search for a new principal. Ads are still running in Educators Weekly, and it is expected that at least 3 more candidates will be interviewed in October and November. Jeanne Dvorak reported that there was some vandalism at the school over the Labor Day weekend, with trash cans destroyed and some graffiti painted on the buildings. It was immediately cleaned up by volunteers. Matt Broomfield, a student representative, gave the Governing Council a report on the Homecoming Carnival. The weather was rainy and there was a small turnout. The next SPSO meeting is November 1.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

The East Mountain Food Pantry, located in Tijeras, is seeking volunteers to organize food and split bulk food into smaller packages. The pantry is open Tuesdays from 9:00am to 1:00pm or Saturday by appointment. To volunteer, contact Winnie Pearsall at 281-0467.

The South Mountain Elementary PTO is holding a Fall Carnival on November 2nd from 5:00pm to 9:00pm and we are in need of volunteers to help us man games and other carnival activities. This would be a really fun way for East Mountain students to get some volunteer hours and it would really help South Mountain Elementary. Your help would be greatly appreciated! To volunteer, please contact Sara O'Brien at tonyandsaraob@aol.com, 505-281-4179 (home) or 505-452-6088 (cell).

San Antonito is having its Fall Festival on November 9th from 5:00pm to 8:30pm. They are in need of volunteers and you could get community service hours! Call Kevin Hale at (505) 384-5343 to volunteer.

HOLIDAY CARDS FOR TROOPS

Stephanie Henderson's Advocacy students are currently collecting Holiday Cards (Hanukah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, etc.) for U.S. troops serving overseas. We are partnering with www.soldiersangels.org, a non-profit organization, to collect cards. There are collection boxes in the front office at EMHS and in Room 301. Cards may be store-bought or home-made. Please include positive and upbeat messages, as most cards will be sent to soldiers in the field. Signing your name is recommended and envelopes are not necessary, as cards will be delivered after they are screened. There is no limit to the number of

cards you may contribute. (There are currently over 140,000 troops deployed worldwide, so every card makes a difference!) The cards will be mailed from EMHS to Soldiers Angels in California on November 15 (Hanukah) and November 28 (Christmas). Here they will be screened and then sent off to different regions of the world. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Henderson at shenderson@eastmountainhigh.net or at 281-7400, x 301.

CARE PACKAGES FOR TROOPS

In addition to collecting cards for troops, our Advocacy and MESA group have "adopted" 3 soldiers who are serving in Iraq. (Two of the soldiers are relatives of one of our own students.) This means that we have agreed to send care packages to them in the field. We received a beautiful letter from one of our soldiers a few weeks ago, thanking us. Since he is in charge of several other men, his only request was that we send packages that contain smaller packages, so that he can share with his men. (How selfless is that?!) He also told us that "M&M's don't melt in the mail..." We'd like to ask for your help in collecting any surplus Halloween candy or sweets. Drink mixes (containing sugar) are also a soldier favorite! * Please be sure that any donation is individually packaged! Donations may be brought to EMHS—Room 301. We sincerely appreciate any and all donations. For more info, please contact Mrs. Henderson at shenderson@eastmountainhigh.net or at 281-7400, x 301.

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INDEX CARDS!!
Fine Point Dry Erase Vis a Vis Markers
Paper Towels
Wide Ruled Spiral Notebooks

Dry Erase Markers and Erasers!
Broad-Tip Permanent Markers
Rubber Bands
Transparencies for Printers – Please avoid the "Write on" transparencies
Card Stock – All Colors
Blue and Black Pens
Packing Tape
White Mailing Labels (1" x 2 5/8")
Wooden or Metal Stool for Ms. Binder's Classroom
Two Large-Number Calculators
Blueprint Rack

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Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

				1 Waffles, Eggs & Bacon	2 Pizza	3
4	5 Cheeseburgers & Corn	6 Tacos & Pinto Beans	7 Chicken Fajitas & Pinto Beans	8 NO SCHOOL	9 NO SCHOOL	10
11	12 NO SCHOOL	13 THANKSGIVING DINNER. Turkey, Ham, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Dressing, Corn, Roll & Dessert	14 Grilled Ham & Cheese & Soup	15 Chicken Tenders & Tots	16 Pizza	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Cheeseburgers & Baked Beans	27 Pizza	28 Lasagna & Garlic Bread	29 Chicken Nuggets & Home Fries	30 Pizza	