

What's Happening at EAC

Feb. 17 – 21: **NO SCHOOL – Winter Recess**

Feb. 24: Snack Week for Seneca Abbott, Nathaniel Shuhan and Theo Schneller

Feb. 27: Upper Level Third Years Trip to Johnson Art Museum 9:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Feb. 27: Ski Club

Mar. 2: Open House for Prospective Families 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Mar. 3: Snack Week for Jaya Bhojraj , Carter Cabrera and Zelia Hoffberg

Mar. 5: Board Meeting 4:15 p.m.

Mar. 6: Ski Club

Mar. 10: Snack Week for Noura Finley, Emma Shaffer and Will Goodreau

Mar. 10 – 14: Scholastic Book Fair

Mar. 11: Upper Level Demonstration Night 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Mar. 12: Dryden Central School - **No Afternoon Bus**

Mar. 12: Junior Level Demonstration Night 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Mar. 12: Middle School Portfolio Night 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Mar. 13- 14: **NO SCHOOL – Parent/Teacher Conferences**

Mar. 17: Snack Week for Sadie Ferguson-Cormier, Vivian Bradshaw and Niccolo Barseghyan

Mar. 20: Coffee Shop

Mar. 21: Dryden Central School – **No Bus**

Mar. 22: EAC Family Fun Fest at the Hangar Theatre, 2:00 p.m

Nature Journaling For Kids At Six Mile Creek

The Friends of Six Mile Creek and the Natural Areas Commission of the City of Ithaca announce the second annual educational series for children aged 7-12. Nature Journaling for Kids will introduce children to the natural history of the Six Mile Creek Natural Area. Facilitated by Laurie Rubin, participants will observe and learn about animals and plants while they record their impressions in words and pictures.

Rubin, retired Ithaca City School District teacher, demonstrates how nature study helped her students become stronger scientists, readers, writers, and mathematicians in her recently published book, *To Look Closely: Science and Literacy in the Natural World*. Her experience complements the expertise of five naturalists who will each lead one themed workshop: Animal Tracking, Stream Safari, Wonderful Wild Flowers, Native Trees and Land Snails and Slugs. Kids (accompanied by a parent) can participate in one or more of these fun, educational, and free activities in 2014.

Each session will start at the parking area of the Mulholland Wildflower Preserve just off Giles Street on Saturdays at 1:00PM and run until 2:30PM. Journals will be provided or bring your own. No sign up required. Contact Laurie (272-8491) or Anna (379-0924) for more information.

The first session is February 15 - Animal Tracking. See their full [press release and schedule](#)

School Open House for Prospective Families

Our Spring Open House is scheduled for Sunday, March 2nd from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. We will open our doors to families in the community and give them the opportunity to experience our beautiful buildings and the unique educational environments we offer to children.

In the past, we have found it helpful to have current parents and older students available at the Open House to give guided tours.

If you would like to act as a tour guide at the Open House, please let Lisa, Rebecca or Whitney know. Please invite your friends to visit our school!

Benefit for Ndor Eco Village in Ghana - March 8th

J.P. Nawn of the EACMSI after school staff, would like to invite our community to The Andrea B. Riddle Center for Music, Movement and Art for a benefit concert. The performance will be held Saturday, March 8th from 2-3:30 p.m. Featuring local roots reggae band, Mosaic Foundation, donations from the concert will support rural education and sustainable agriculture in Aklorbortornu, Ghana.

J.P. is in his 3rd year working at EACMSI. He also plays drums for Mosaic Foundation. Yao Foli is the lead singer. Yao(Cha Cha) is from Ghana and has created the Ndor Eco Village in order to fulfill the educational needs of Aklorbortornu, a rural village of 300 farmers and fishermen in Ghana's Volta region. Currently there is no electricity or running water. If children want to attend school in Aklorbortornu today, they have no choice but to walk several miles to the closest village. This "nearby" school is falling down and lacks qualified teachers in addition to basic materials like pens and paper. The goal of Ndor Eco Village is to build a school and to break the cycle of illiteracy and poverty that has affected the community for generations.

Please join us!

This will be fun for the whole family!

\$5/family suggested donation at the door.

Cds/T-shirts from the band, and original art work from Ghana for sale.

All donations benefit the Ndor Eco Village

www.ndorecovillage.org

www.mosaicfoundationmusic.com

School Conference Schedules Available Now

Conferences will be held on Thursday and Friday, March 13th and 14th.

Schedules are now available at www.eacmsi.org

Choose “My EAC” from the menu and then the appropriate level.

Please call (277-7335) or email (admin@eacmsi.org) the office to confirm your conference time. Thank you!

EACMSI Family Fun Fest – Willy Wonka at the Hangar Theatre – March 22nd

Bring your whole family to a world of pure imagination – a scumdidlyumptious afternoon of crafts, games, music, and showing of the original *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*! Audience participation during the movie is encouraged! Gates to the Wonka factory open at 2:00 p.m. for pre-show activities; movie starts 3:30 p.m.

Classroom Observations

Classroom observations continue on Thursday mornings. Observations are for adults only and must be scheduled in advance. If you are interested in attending at 9:15 or 10:00, please call to schedule your observation. We look forward to seeing you!