

What's Happening at EAC

Feb. 10: Snack Week for Jack Worob, Avital Sagan and Koen Anderson
Feb. 12: Dryden Central School - **No Afternoon Bus**
Feb. 13: Coffee Shop 8:00- 9:30 a.m.
Feb. 13: Ski Club
Feb. 14: Jump Rope for Heart
Feb. 14: **NO Pizza Lunch**
Feb. 14: Valentine's Day Skating Party for Junior Level, Upper Level and Middle School Students
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

Special EAC Middle School Valentine's Coffee Shop

Please join us in the Andrea B. Riddle Center for Music, Movement, and Art on Thursday, February 13th from 8:00 and 9:30 a.m. for a very special Valentine's Day inspired Coffee Shop.

Our amazing Middle Schoolers will be serving delicious home made baked goods and hot oatmeal for your enjoyment. Tea and Fair Trade coffee will also be available.

Primary & Extended Day Valentine's Pajama Party

The Primary & Extended Day children are invited to wear their pajamas to school on **Friday, February 14th**. If your child would like to exchange Valentine's Day cards; we will pass them out in the morning classrooms. The morning class lists are [here](#).

Please remember not to put names on the cards. Please do not send candy or other sweets!

We will not be having pizza lunch that day so please bring lunch!

Valentine's Day Skating Party

Our Annual Valentine's Day Skating Party **for Junior Level, Upper Level and Middle School students** will be held on Friday, February 14th at The Rink in Lansing.

Junior Level will leave school at 11:45 a.m.

Middle School & Upper Level will leave school at 11:30 a.m.

Everyone will return to school by 2:45 p.m

WE NEED MANY DRIVERS AND CHAPERONES who can skate! Please let the office know if you can help!

We will not have pizza lunch that day -- students should bring lunch! They will eat in their classrooms before they leave to skate.

Please note that the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that you “consider having your child wear a helmet, knee and elbow pads while skating”.

Valentine's Exchanging Traditions for Junior & Upper Levels

If your child would like to exchange Valentine's Day cards, please send in enough for each child in the class. Please do not send candy or other sweets!

Junior Level students should be encouraged to practice their **cursive** by writing out the name of each child in his/her class on a card. The Junior Level Class list is [here](#).

Upper Level students who would like to exchange Valentine's Day cards should send in enough for every student in the class. The Upper Level class list is [here](#)

Jump Rope for Heart -- Friday, February 14th

“Jump Rope For Heart” is a national program sponsored by the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance and the American Heart Association. Our Jump Rope For Heart assembly will be Friday, February 14th from 9:30 until 11:00. The Extended Day students are working on a variety of gross-motor skills and have been practicing with enthusiasm and commitment. They are excited to demonstrate their skills for everyone at the assembly.

The Junior Level, Upper Level and Middle School students have been practicing a variety of jumping rope techniques in preparation for the event. Each student will participate in individual jumping challenges during their normal physical education period. The two students from each class with the best record will get to showcase their talents during the assembly as they compete against all other jumpers in a 2-minute contest.

Any parent who wants to jump in the grand finale along with faculty are encouraged to do so! If you need to borrow a jump rope to practice, we have plenty of extras for training. Contact our Physical Education teacher, Gary Weiss for more information.

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 signup 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!

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!