

The Eagle's Nest

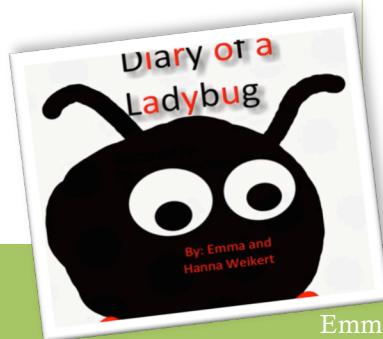
Family Newsletter from
Emma K Doub Elementary
School

April 2013



Mark Your Calendar:

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| May 8 th
from 6-
8pm | Art Gala |
| May 14 th
8:15-
10am | Student
Celebration of
Writing/Parents
& Pastries |
| May 21 st | Volunteer
Luncheon |
| May 30 th | Fifth Grade
Celebration |



Amazing things happening at EKD!

We have so much for which to be proud! Our teachers are at the forefront of education; continuously searching for new and innovative ways to engage students, integrate lessons across content areas, and work towards moving all students to where they are meeting/exceeding grade level standards.

As we move into the homestretch of our school year, we have been analyzing data to chart our progress. We have seen literacy rates increase, writing scores grow significantly, and referral rates drop by more than 50%.

We continue to look for ways in which to continue to grow to ensure that we are providing the best possible educational experience for your child/ren. Please take a few minutes to complete our [Parent Survey](#). We ask that you share your thoughts either online or via the hard copy survey.

As we begin to develop class lists for 2013-2014, your input is welcome. Feel free to email/write a note to Ms. Poling with feedback about qualities for which you are looking in your child's teacher and/or any students that you recommend from whom your child should be separated. We appreciate your continued support as partners.



We are so proud of Emma, Hanna, & Sneha!

Emma and Hannah's entry, *Diary of a Ladybug*, won for the 3-5 Multimedia Category in the Maryland Society for Technology Educators Student Contest. Emma & Hanna will be celebrated in Baltimore at the Common Ground Conference. Sneha won an honorable mention award as an author for her submission to The World Artists Building Bridges Anthology contest. Sneha will be celebrated in Washington DC later this month.



Student Celebration of Writing

Please join us to celebrate the amazing growth your child has made!

2012-2013 has been so exciting as the students at EKD are amongst the first in our country to be immersed in a 1:1 environment at the elementary level. We are not teaching technology for technology's sake but instead focusing on effective instructional practices. All of our teachers have shifted to the Common Core Standards this year and have spent the year designing integrated unit plans and then layering the use of technology into lessons. We have

focused especially hard on digital collaborative writing. Our teachers have participated in the University of Maryland Writing Project and have engaged in developing thoughtful approaches to writing instruction. We have seen our students increase the breadth, depth, and quality of writing as they have had authentic audiences and engaging avenues for writing. Partnerships with students in other grades have been motivating and students have benefitted from the

ability to dialogue with one another about content, their products, and responses.

On May 14th from 8:15-10am we invite our families to learn more about the work students have done and to celebrate their progress. Parents are encouraged to come to school with their children. Breakfast will be provided along with opportunities to visit classrooms. We hope you can join us!

Summer Learning Opportunity

In an effort to extend learning for *all* students, we have decided to shift our model for Summer School at Emma K Doub for the summer of 2013. In the past we have hosted students working below grade level for two weeks in June. This year we would like to offer online bookclubs for all EKD students via My Big Campus. Mrs. Hurley,

Mrs. Dell, and Ms. Rowland will be facilitating these experiences for students. They are working on creating fun, engaging, and differentiated activities that will span June through August. Our hope is that we can keep all of our students reading, writing, and learning all summer long.

Please look for a mailing in the next



few weeks and consider having your child participate in our book clubs. A parent information night will be scheduled to help you become familiar with My Big Campus so that you can support your child.