



## EYESTONE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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*Educational Excellence in a Kind, Loving Environment*

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Dear Eyestone Parents,

I hope the New Year is treating you all well. After a few days of frigid temperatures and indoor recesses, we're back to somewhat "normal" weather, which is greatly appreciated by our young charges!

### **Eyestone Students Win Technology Awards**

Last spring our Technology Coordinator, Argina Swenson, worked with teachers and teams at Eyestone to enter five class or group projects in the District Media Technology Festival. Approximately 115 projects were judged at the district level. Just before school was out, we were notified that three of the projects from Eyestone had placed in the highest category – superior – along with 15 other projects from around the district. Those projects were then sent on to California to compete in the International Student Media Festival competition.

We are extremely excited to announce that we have been notified that all three of the Eyestone projects won Excellence in Media Production awards at that competition! Eyestone will receive a beautiful plaque from the International Festival that we will display in our building.

We would like to recognize the students involved in creating those projects. The winning projects were:

- **Kindergarten ABC Book** by the students that were in Mrs. Lafayette's kindergarten class last year
- **ABC Animal Alliterations** by the students that were in Mrs. Ehrlich's 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class last year
- **ABC Math Book** – by a group of four students in Mrs. Dale's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class last year (Claire Pfeifer, Winter Olivas, Peter Knott and Brant Anderson – those students are being acknowledged at Wellington Middle School, where they now attend as 6<sup>th</sup> graders)

The Eyestone projects – and other class technology projects – can be viewed by clicking on the **Student Projects** link on our web page.

We plan to send entries again this year to the District Festival and look forward to more creative, high-quality projects. Congratulations to students for your great work, and good luck with this year's entries!

## **Math Night**

This is just a reminder that we are approaching our Eyestone Family Math Night, scheduled for next Thursday, January 27!

What does math instruction look like in your child's classroom and at his or her grade level? What tools and strategies is your child using? What are the best ways for you to help at home in order to promote learning for your child? Eyestone students and their parents will be able to attend a session in the classroom that will address these items and more. Come ready to learn and participate!

As with previous Reading and Writing Nights, we will be serving dinner and providing childcare (pre-kindergarten children aged 1½ - 5). The dinner hour will run from 5:30-6:30 PM, and we will be serving spaghetti and salad. A donation jar will be available to help us to defray costs. This is completely voluntary, with a suggested donation of \$2 per meal if you wish to participate. (Actual cost of meals for us is \$2.75) Classroom reading presentations will all run from 6:30-7:30 PM.

Signup sheets for reading night **attendance** and **childcare** went home in last week's Thursday Folders. Please remember to send in forms by tomorrow if you have not yet done so. (Even if you're not attending, please complete and return a green attendance form for each child you have at Eyestone. This allows us to arrange rooms and prepare materials appropriately.)

See you all soon!



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