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Echo Lake Elementary School PTA  
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November 2011

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## Sweets for Our Soldiers

The PTA is teaming up with the Student Council again this year to collect candy for our service men and women.

If you have **non-chocolate** Halloween candy, please bring it into school no later than November 15th. We will package the candy and arrange to have it shipped in care packages to our men and women serving overseas in the armed forces.

Again, only **non-chocolate** candy can be shipped. The candy is a special treat for our soldiers to enjoy themselves or to share with the people in the country where they are stationed. Thanks for your help!

## Shopping Party City Pays Off

If you shopped in October at any Richmond area Party City Store, please send in your receipts.

The Echo Lake PTA earns 5% of all purchases supporters made at Party City last month.

Receipts should be turned in at school by November 23rd.

## Nominate a Top Teacher

The Henrico Citizen is looking for Henrico County's Top Teachers!

You can nominate your favorite by clicking the link below:  
[http://www.henricocitizen.com/index.php/news/teacher\\_form](http://www.henricocitizen.com/index.php/news/teacher_form)

Last Year, our very own Mrs. Givens was named a Top Teacher. Let's see that an Echo Lake teacher boasts that title again this year!

November 30th is the deadline for nominations.

## Memory Book Prices Going Up

There is still time to order your 2011-2012 Echo Lake Memory Book before the price goes up!

They will be OUT OF THIS WORLD! Only \$23\* per book!  
\*If ordered by 12/1/2011 – after this date the price increases to \$26.

Take advantage of the ease of online ordering with your credit or debit card at [www.jostensyearbooks.com](http://www.jostensyearbooks.com).

Or complete the form sent home (also available on the PTA website) and return it to school in an envelope labeled PTA Memory Book.

Personalized books can only be ordered online.

**NOTE:** If you have already ordered a Memory book either online or with a one-stop form, you should have received an order confirmation. If you think you ordered a book but did not get a confirmation please email us at [memorybook@elespta.com](mailto:memorybook@elespta.com). Now is the time to check!

### Don't forget to help capture & share memories!

As the year progresses, more and more fun and exciting things are going on around Echo Lake. If you happen to be at an event or just at the school, bring your camera along and snap some photos. We would love to have them for the Memory Book. The more photos we have the better!

To upload your pics, just go to [www.images.jostens.com](http://www.images.jostens.com)

Enter the Login ID: **400113548** and Password: **yearbook12**

We would love to start getting photos now so we have a great selection for the first phase of the book. We appreciate all your submissions! Thank you!

## Warning!

Please don't park in the fire lanes at school at anytime! This means NOT leaving your vehicle unattended before, during, or after school in the drop off lane or bus loop. The county is beginning to issue tickets to offenders.

## Notes from the Music Room

Wow the music room has been really busy lately! Check below at all the great things that are going on.

Also, information can be found on my web page: [http://teachers.henrico.k12.va.us/echo\\_lake/franklin\\_e/](http://teachers.henrico.k12.va.us/echo_lake/franklin_e/) or my blog: <http://blogs.henrico.k12.va.us/ecfranklin/>

### \*Third Grade Performance

If you missed the 3rd Graders singing at the October PTA meeting, then you really missed a great performance! The students worked really hard to learn their four folk songs and did a phenomenal job.

### \*School Board Meeting Performance

The following 5th Graders were selected to perform for the November School Board Meeting on Thursday, November 10th.

Layne Rexrode, Maggie Baham, Riley Scott, Peyton Schowalter, Jacob Breeden, Kennedy Daniels, Hannah Hofrichter, Tara Jones, Sarah Miller, Brian Glessner, Seth Fiala, Ryan Caudery, Hannah Childress, Johnny Liu, Virginia Gunter, Tori Eriaves, Ashlee Ratcliff, and Lisa Teixeira.

### \*5th Grade Winter Program

The 5th Grade classes will be performing a winter program entitled "A Show-man Snowman for Charlie Brown" on Tuesday, December 13, 2011.

There will be a daytime and evening performance of this program. More information will be coming home soon with students and parts will be assigned this week.

**Erin Franklin**  
**Music Teacher**  
[ecfranklin@henrico.k12.va.us](mailto:ecfranklin@henrico.k12.va.us)

## SCA News

In addition to helping the PTA collect and ship candy for our soldiers overseas - the SCA is collecting canned food for the Henrico Christmas Mother program.

Collection dates are from November 14th thru November 30th. Please send in any non perishable items.

Who will be our Turkey Queen this year? Be on the look out for the Echo Lake Spirit Day dates coming home soon. We are looking for 100% participation!

## Counselor's Corner

What a beautiful fall we are having!

It is hard to believe that Christmas is just around the corner. The Neighbors Helping Neighbors program for the "Henrico Christmas Mother" is in full swing. For more information about how you can help or if you need help call 236-9741.

For easy access for dates and details I have revised Echo Lake's School Counseling web site.

The school counseling site is set up to be informational for you with easy access. On the site you will also find helpful links for: bullying issues, career exploration, and local resources for family support.

Enjoy this holiday season with your families.  
 Julie Williams ~ Echo Lake School Counselor  
***What you do today will make a difference!***

Please check out the Home & School Connection!

[November Home & School Connection](#)

## Save the Date

November 21st - Report Cards come home

November 23rd - Half Day of School

November 24th-25th - Thanksgiving Break

January 24th - "It's not your Grandparents"  
 Math Night  
 Details coming soon...

## Spirit Nights

December 8th - Chick-Fil-A

January 16th - Cheeburger Cheeburger

February 15th - Silver Diner

March 14th - Jason's Deli

## Principal's Message

November 2011

Dear Parents:

Wow! Can believe the first nine weeks is almost over? I hope all of you are enjoying the wonderful autumn weather and looking forward to Thanksgiving just around the corner.

As we look ahead, there are many exciting events coming up in the month of November. The end of the first marking period is on November 4<sup>th</sup>, and report cards will be distributed on November 21<sup>st</sup>. This year 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will continue to have the opportunity to earn Citizenship Awards and B.U.G. Awards. We will continue to pass out A Honor Roll, A/B Honor Roll, B.U.G. and Citizenship Awards in grades 3-5. As in the past, all children (1<sup>st</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> grade) will receive some type of award to recognize their hard work and accomplishments.

Once again, we will be celebrating Veterans' Day with a special tribute to our own Echo Lake Veterans. All parents are welcome to join us in this special assembly on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.

Planning ahead, it is likely that Henrico County Schools will experience an increase in absences among students during this flu season. Your ongoing efforts to promote good hygiene practices with your children are most appreciated, as we take extra measures here at school to promote a healthy environment.

Please teach your child good cough and hand hygiene etiquette. This includes covering coughs and sneezes with tissues, coughing and sneezing into the inside of the elbow, and discarding used tissues. Hands should be washed frequently with soap and water, and hand washing should last for at least 20 seconds. Monitor yourself and your child for flu-like symptoms which include fever (over 100 degrees Fahrenheit), cough, or sore throat. If you suspect that you or your child may be getting the flu, stay home from work and school and avoid contact with others so the virus does not spread.

We continue to practice precautionary disinfecting practices, such as regularly cleaning areas and items that are likely to have frequent hand contact. Working together, we want to provide a safe, healthy learning environment for all students and staff.

As I reflect upon the opening of this exciting new school year, I realize how fortunate I am to work with your children each and every day. I am grateful for your support and appreciate the countless hours of service you provide us each month. Please know your hard work is appreciated and you do make a difference in our school.

If I may be of assistance to you or your family please call upon me. [jlbrinkmann@henrico.k12.va.us](mailto:jlbrinkmann@henrico.k12.va.us) or 527-4672. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Jodie L. Brinkmann  
Principal