

Parent Connections

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Seeking **donations** for
Raffles for Readiness:
Rewarding Student Preparedness
Contact Ms. Mandel for more info
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Check out the school's most recent blog at
<http://ewsis.wordpress.com/>

For a listing of **Afterschool Clubs**, check out the
school's website:
http://www.ewsis.org/after_school

PTA News

Dear East-West Families,

In order to foster better communication, we have revived **Parent Connections**, a newsletter designed to give parents information about what is happening at the school and with the education of our children. It is our hope that the information contained in it will be of use to you, our parents and that a new line of communication will develop as the newsletter grows in scope. Please send your comments and story ideas to pta@ewsis.org. We would love to get your feedback and look forward to working together with you to make 2013-2014 a great year for our kids.

If you have the time and would like to get more involved with the school, consider joining the PTA as a parent volunteer. We would gladly welcome your involvement and support. One upcoming PTA event that will need assistance is our first Fashion Show Extravaganza. Please let any Board member know if you would like to get more involved.

Finally, we want to wish all of you and your families a
Happy Holiday!

Sincerely,

PTA Executive Board



Upcoming Events:

Talent Show Auditions

Date: December 17th -19th, 2013

Period 8 – 3PM

Teachers' Corner

Dear Parents,

We live in a world surrounded by technology. Information, commerce, communication, and entertainment all rely on computers. But only a tiny fraction of us learn computer science, the basics of how computers work, or how to create software, apps, or web sites. Computer Science provides a foundation for virtually any career and everybody can benefit from learning the basics.

Programming literacy is going to be key to your child's future. And this year we're joining a massive campaign to prepare students for the 21st century during Computer Science Education Week (Dec 9-15). With the help of our students currently studying Computer Science in our TEALS program, sponsored by Microsoft, your child will learn what coding is, and begin to understand how it may be part of their future.

Please ask your student about their experience. You can find out more at csdweek.org. We're looking forward to coding!

Sincerely,

Melanie Katz, Math Teacher



Calendar of Events

12/07	.....PTA General Membership Mtg. @ 10 AM
12/17	.....SLT Meeting @ 6:00 PM
12/23 – 1/01	.....Winter Recess School Closed
1/07 & 1/08	.....Picture Day Grades 6-11
1/09 & 1/11	.....Financial Aid Workshops @ 5:30 PM & 10 AM
1/10	.....Dance Show @ 3:30 PM
1/11	.....PTA General Membership Mtg. @ 10 AM
1/15	.....EWSIS Annual Math Competition @ 6:00 PM
1/20	.....Martin Luther King Day School Closed
1/21	.....SLT Meeting @ 6:00 PM

Announcing...

EWSIS FIRST ALL SCHOOL YEARBOOK

The Yearbook Committee will be designing the 2014 yearbook and will feature all students from grades 6 to 12.

Parents can visit our school website and click on the "School Yearbook" icon link to purchase the yearbook for \$45.

After January 20th, 2014, the price will increase. Credit cards only.

If you have any questions, please email our High School guidance counselor, Mrs. Park at jpark@ewsis.org



Picture Day for Grades 6-11

**Tuesday, January 7th, 2014
&
Wednesday, January 8th, 2014**

Please visit the link below and complete your order form.

<http://ewsis.files.wordpress.com/2013/11/picture-day-information.pdf>