



November, 2015
Note from your PTSA

Dear EHS Community,

We hope that you and your families had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. Every month or two, we will endeavor to convey information that we hope will be useful to you in as concise a form as possible. Enjoy!

Condolences and Thanks

Our deepest condolences, thoughts and prayers go to the Rogers family in this time of the passing of their son, Landon, a 2015 graduate of Eastside. Our thanks go to Eastside's wonderful administration, faculty and staff for caring for our children through this difficult time.

Florida Testing and Accountability Letter

We have sent our Florida Testing and Accountability Letter <http://www.eastsideptsa.org/letter-to-state-legislators> to our State Legislators who have the power to change Florida's standardized testing system (Governor Rick Scott, Senator Rob Bradley, Rep. Keith Perry, Elizabeth Porter, Clovis Watson, Senator John Legg, Rep. Marlene O'Toole, Cathy Schroeder, and Commissioner Pam Stewart), **and** to all Alachua County PTA and SAC leaders. We also read it to the Alachua County School Board to great welcome and support at their most recent meeting. Please join us by sending a modified copy to the above-mentioned people. We can effect change together.

Streamlined Transcripts Available

Last year's PTSA lobbied for and won the right to submit a streamlined transcript (includes only courses, grades, GPA and class rank) to colleges/universities. Contact our hard-working EHS Guidance department for more information.

Media Center Upgrade Update

Thank you to the MSA (Muslim Student Association) for contributing all the food, supplies and labor for our Media Center Fundraiser Dinner. The dinner was a big success, bringing in more than our original projected \$5,000. However, we will continue to raise money throughout the year for our hoped-for "Extreme Makeover." We hope to raise \$35,000 to finance new computers and furnishings to create a more efficient and pleasant workplace for the entire EHS community.

Reflections Art Program Deadline, Friday, December 4, 2:40PM:

Deadline for your students to submit their original artwork to Mrs. Olver for the Reflections Program, a PTA sponsored national art competition. The theme for the 2015-2016 school year

is: "Let Your Imagination Fly." Students will reflect on the theme and create original works of art in the categories of photography and 2-D visual arts. NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED. If students would like more information, they can contact Mrs. Olver at olvermb@gm.sbac.edu, PTA Reflections chairperson Sheron Wen, atswcloh@yahoo.com.

No deadline:

- **Join PTSA:**

Your dues and donations are essential to maintaining and growing the above programs. To join, please contact membership.ptsa.ehs@gmail.com, or go to <http://www.eastsideptsa.org/>.

- **Volunteer:**

It takes many hands to support Eastside High School! Volunteer a little or a lot. YOU make a difference where your student spends at least 6 hours of his/her day. Contact chingzhou88@gmail.com, to get more information.

Helpful Links:

<http://www.eastsideptsa.org/>

<http://eastside.sbac.edu/pages/EHS0421>

http://eastside.sbac.edu/pages/EHS0421/5130169170831539170/IB_Program

http://eastside.sbac.edu/pages/EHS0421/5130169170831539170/Institute_of_Culinary_Arts

With best wishes on behalf of our team,

Shirley Fregly

EHS PTSA President