

What's Happening at EAC

- Feb. 3: Registration Deadline: Registration forms are due today for continuing students.
- Feb. 3: Snack Week for Wyatt Wang-Slate, Vivian Bradshaw and Anne Mihai
- Feb. 3: Upper Level Parent Meeting for May Trip to Quebec 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Annex
- Feb. 5: Trumansburg No Afternoon Bus
- Feb. 5: Board Meeting 4:15 p.m.
- Feb. 6: Ski Club
- Feb. 10: Snack Week for Jack Worob, Avital Sagan and Koen Anderson
- Feb. 12: A.M. Bus Only – Dryden Central School (No P.M. Bus)
- Feb. 13: Coffee Shop
- Feb. 13: Ski Club
- Feb. 14: Jump Rope for Heart
- Feb. 14: **NO Pizza Lunch**
- Feb. 14: Valentine's Day Skating Party for Junior Level, Upper Level and Middle School Students
- Feb. 17 – 21: **NO SCHOOL – Winter Recess**
- Feb. 24: Snack Week for Seneca Abbott, Nathaniel Shuhan and Theo Schneller
- Feb. 27: Upper Level Third Year Student's Field Trip to Johnson Art Museum 9:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
- Feb. 27: Ski Club
- Mar. 2: Open House for Prospective Families 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
- Mar. 3: Snack Week for Jaya Bhojraj , Carter Cabrera and Zelia Hoffberg
- Mar. 5: Board Meeting 4:15 p.m.
- Mar. 6: Ski Club
- Mar. 10: Snack Week for Noura Finley, Emma Shaffer and Will Goodreau
- Mar. 10 – 14: Scholastic Book Fair
- Mar. 11: Upper Level Demonstration Night
- Mar. 12: Dryden Central School No Afternoon Bus
- Mar. 12: Junior Level Demonstration Night
- Mar. 12: Middle School Portfolio Night
- Mar. 13- 14: NO SCHOOL – Parent/Teacher Conferences

REGISTRATIONS FOR 2014-2015 ARE DUE BY MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd!

You may pick up a form from the office or download it from

<http://eacmsi.org/applications/>

Please return your completed registration form and deposit by February 3rd to ensure your slot for next year. Thank you!

Tuition Assistance

The Board of Trustees has established a tuition assistance fund for the 2014 - 2015 school year. While the amount is not enormous and is not intended for full scholarship, it is available for any family who needs financial assistance. Application forms are in the office or you may download them from <http://eacmsi.org/applications/>. Please return your completed form along with your registration form and deposit to the office by February 1st. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Lisa Smith.

Valentine's Day Skating Party

Our Annual Valentine's Day Skating Party for Junior Level, Upper Level and Middle School students will be held on Friday, February 14th at The Rink in Lansing.

Junior Level will leave school at 11:45 a.m.

Middle School & Upper Level will leave school at 11:30 a.m.

Everyone will return to school by 2:45 p.m

***For this event to happen, we need MANY drivers and chaperones who can skate!
Please let the office know if you can help!***

We will not have pizza lunch that day -- students should bring lunch! They will eat in their classrooms before they leave to skate.

Please note that the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that you "consider having your child wear a helmet, knee and elbow pads while skating".

Primary & Extended Day Pajama Party

The Primary & Extended Day children are invited to wear their pajamas to school on **Friday, February 14th**. If your child would like to exchange Valentine's Day cards, we will pass them out in the morning classrooms. Please remember not to put names on the cards. The Primary and Extended Day class list is [here](#).

We will not be having pizza lunch that day. Students should bring lunch!

Valentine's Day Exchanging Traditions

If your child would like to exchange Valentine's Day cards, please send in enough for each child in the class. Please do not send candy or other sweets!

Primary and Extended Day children **should not** put names on the cards in order to facilitate distribution. The Primary and Extended Day class list is [here](#).

Junior Level students should be encouraged to practice their **cursive** by writing out the name of each child in his/her class on a card. The Junior Level Class list is [here](#).

Upper Level students who would like to exchange Valentine's Day cards should send in enough for every student in the class. The Upper Level class list is [here](#)

Jump Rope for Heart -- Friday, February 14th

"Jump Rope For Heart" is a national program sponsored by the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance and the American Heart Association. Our Jump Rope For Heart assembly will be Friday, February 14th from 9:30 until 11:00. The Extended Day students are working on a variety of gross-motor skills and have been practicing with enthusiasm and commitment. They are excited to demonstrate their skills for everyone at the assembly.

The Junior Level, Upper Level and Middle School students have been practicing a variety of jumping rope techniques in preparation for the event. Each student will participate in individual jumping challenges during their normal physical education period. The two students from each class with the best record will get to showcase their talents during the assembly as they compete against all other jumpers in a 2-minute contest.

Any parent who wants to jump in the grand finale along with faculty are encouraged to do so! If you need to borrow a jump rope to practice, we have plenty of extras for training. Contact our Physical Education teacher, Gary Weiss for more information.

February School Break Program

Our EAC school break program will run Monday through Friday from 8:30 until 3:30 pm, February 17-21, 2014. It will be engaging, supportive and fun! It's open to our Primary, Extended Day and Junior Level students. The rate for this week long program is \$250 and enrollment is limited.

You can sign up for the program at

<https://docs.google.com/a/eacmsi.org/forms/d/1TY1pbGColzI-Dv9pV9vhL8r1WdrRYNG5wgENrw6BGvY/viewform>

Payment is due at the time of registration. Please drop off or mail your check made out to "EACMSI" to:

The Elizabeth Ann Clune Montessori School of Ithaca
120 East King Road
Ithaca, NY 14850

Classroom Observations

Classroom observations continue on Thursday mornings. Observations are for adults only and must be scheduled in advance. If you are interested in attending at 9:15 or 10:00, please call to schedule your observation. We look forward to seeing you!

Clothing Reminder

Wow, what a winter! Please be sure your children have all necessary outdoor clothing available to them at school. This is true for all students, from Primary through Middle School. Our recess wear policy can be found [here](#).

School Open House for Prospective Families

Our Spring Open House is scheduled for Sunday, March 2nd from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. We will open our doors to families in the community and give them the opportunity to experience our beautiful buildings and the unique educational environments we offer to children.

In the past, we have found it helpful to have current parents and older students available at the Open House to give guided tours.

If you would like to act as a tour guide at the Open House, please let Lisa, Rebecca or Whitney know. Please invite your friends to visit our school!

Before-School Program Continues

Our Before-School child care program meets every school day from 8:00 – 8:30 a.m. in the Common Room.

Please pre-register for this program by completing and returning the [Before-School Enrollment Form](#) to the front office. Drop-ins are welcome!