



ECS LIFELINE

A Message from the Principal,

What a blessing our students have been to children and families locally and around the world. They are learning what giving and gratitude is all about. Perhaps researchers are now understanding what the Christian faith has taught for centuries, that a simple act of giving and the gratitude that is shown actually is a very positive experience for one's mental health and character. Our students' willingness to share provides them with the opportunity to see the gratitude in the eyes and hearts of others. It is also a reminder to all of us to make sure that we are expressing gratitude for the small things in life: the way the sun shines in the morning, the great dinner that Mom fixed, the way a teacher tells a story, the way our students are learning and asking good questions, and the way they help their classmates. Gratitude becomes contagious as the more you give, the more you begin to feel better about yourself. We all need to make the expression of gratitude a regular part of our daily lives.

HIGHLIGHT OF THE WEEK . . . CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

Don't forget to mark your calendar for tomorrow, Tuesday, and Thursday of this week for our Christmas concerts. On Tuesday, December 6th, the 3rd-5th graders perform, with a "something to think about" skit from our 6th graders in Drama. On Thursday, our K-2nd graders perform, with a special message from our kindergarten classes. Both concerts begin at 7:00 p.m. Come celebrate the joyous birth of our Christ.

OUR STUDENTS REJOICE IN SONG WITH THE ESCONDIDO CHRISTIAN CENTER CHOIR

On Sunday, December 11th, the ECS students will be joining the Escondido Christian Center Choir in song in a concert at the church sanctuary at 6:00 p.m. This will be an unprecedented joint celebration of Christmas between ECS and ECC. Children should wear Christmas attire and are asked to be at the sanctuary at 4:45 p.m. You won't want to miss this magical time.

PARENTS – A NIGHT OF SHOPPING WITHOUT THE KIDS

Plan to take advantage of a Saturday of babysitting on December 17th, from 8:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. The 8th grade students and parents will be offering babysitting so you can shop the sales. Plan to drop off your children for a day of fun and loving care. (More information to follow)

KINDERGARTEN FUNDRAISER

The Kindergarteners are having a See's chocolate fundraiser to help fund their Memory Books. Many of our children's first school memories are encompassed in "The Memory Book." This is your opportunity to help this tradition by purchasing some See's candy from Mrs. Pombert or Mrs. Carney. A copy of the order sheet is available in the office, and you may e-mail Mrs. Pombert, dpombert@ecslions.org, with orders or questions. Please get your order in right away.

LOCAL MISSION PROJECT

Escondido Christian Center is collecting donations of canned food, new or gently used coats, blankets, and NEW socks to give away at the REBOOT event on Saturday, December 17th. ECS will be partnering with the church to help those in need. All donations can be brought to the church office or placed in bins in front of the school. Thank you for your help.

A GREAT AFTERNOON OF SHARING AND GIVING . . .

If you missed us at *Fresh and Easy Market* on Thursday, you missed a lot of joy and laughter. Several 8th grade parents, 8th grade students, teachers, and administration helped bag groceries and assist customers at the store from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. This event was a fundraiser for the 8th grade D. C. trip. I was very proud of our students, as they were so helpful and polite to customers. Thanks to all who helped. Remember, to keep your receipt for any shopping you do within the next three weeks. Turn that receipt into the office and the students will receive a % of the money spent. It's a great deal and so easy!

ASB - OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD AND SOLES 4 SOULS

We are so proud of our ASB and the joy that they spread to other children around the world. ASB just returned from the Operation Christmas Child Distribution Center in Orange County, where they packed hundreds of shoe boxes filled with toys, clothes, and treats for children in Indonesia. Our own students brought enough "goodies" to fill 117 boxes, which were taken to the distribution center along with additional bags of candies and treats. After four hours of unpacking, inspecting, repacking and loading boxes, the ASB members returned to school with gratitude in their hearts for the generosity of people in the United States.

The ongoing giving continues in ASB's outreach of **Soles 4 Souls**. Over 300 million children around the world are in need of footwear. Just recycle your shoes by donating them and place them in the marked bins in front of the school and at the upper parking lot. Bring a smile to a child's face as he/she gets a rejuvenated pair of shoes.