

All Around AES

The (mostly) weekly newsletter from AES

Our mission: Exceptional instruction without exception

September 23, 2015

Calendar

Sept 23 PTO meeting at CES 6:30

Sept 25 PTO Ice Cream Social 6:00 – 8:00 pm at CES

Oct 7 Grade 1 to Topsfield Fair sponsored by the Charles E. Lerner Family Foundation



Principally Speaking

Field trips: Today we had our first field trip of the year as our Third Graders went to The Butterfly Place. We use field trips as a way to expand learning beyond our classroom walls. We also do this through the use of technology (virtual field trips), videos, and in-school programming.

Our field trips are designed to support our curriculum. In this case the third grade studies life cycles of many animals including, of course, butterflies. These trips can be used to kick off a unit of study, as a wrap up at the end of the unit, or anywhere in between.

For parents, there are several ways in which you can help:

- Please return the permission slip as quickly as possible.
- If you need financial assistance for any trip, please contact me or your child's teacher – we can always work out something.
- If you want to chaperone you **MUST** have a current CORI. These take two to three weeks to come back so please plan ahead. They are good for three years so please complete them early if there is any chance you might go on a trip this year.
- Remember that younger children cannot attend with you if you are chaperoning.
- If you are selected to chaperone and something comes up that prevents you from doing so, please inform the teacher immediately. There are strict adult to child ratios that we follow and we may need to find a replacement.
- Finally, in this day of social media, we ask that you refrain from posting any pictures of the field trip. This has been an issue as of late and it all comes down to protecting the privacy of our students. Many teachers prohibit the use of cameras other their own because of this issue.