



Englewood Flyer

June 7, 2018

PTC Meeting Tonight 6:00

NEW! School Supplies Program

No more shopping all over town to find school supplies! **Please flip this newsletter over** to get all the details.



End of the Year Checklist

- Return Registration Forms.** Or fill it out on Parentvue.
- Pick up Medications.** On the last day of school please come to the office and pick up any medications you may have left here for use during the school year.
- Lost and Found.** Come and get it!
- Return Library Books**

Last Day of School, June 13th

It will be a regular school day. Field day will be in the morning. If you are interested in volunteering you can sign up on the table just inside the school's entrance. You must have a cleared background check with the district.



Summer Volunteer Opportunity

SKEF Garden Coordinator, Kathryn Edwards, is looking for 6 individuals/families to "adopt" the garden one day a week for the summer.

WEEDING. There are hardly any weeds. Pull one or two. Done.

VANDALISM PATROL just means to throw away any garbage abandoned in the garden and re- (to me) anything damaged. Done.

WATERING is the most important thing, a good watering takes about 30 minutes. Get the kids involved, it is fun and easy.

SNACKING. Eat some tomatoes. Eat some strawberries. Eat some peppers. Eat some kale. Eat some lettuce. You get the idea.

If you are interested, please contact me at katherine@skeducationfoundation.org. Thank you!

Important Dates

June

- 7 Parent Teacher Club (PTC), 6:00-7:00 All parents welcome. Child care provided.
- 8 Twins Dress Up Day
- 8 PBIS Assembly 2:15
- 12 5th Grade Celebration 6:00
- 13 Last Day of School-Field Day in the morning
- 27 Englewood office closes until mid-August

From the Counselor's Desk

I heard a Hidden Brain podcast on NPR about implicit (hidden) bias. An implicit bias is a like or dislike a person has. Often it is about race and gender. Britannica Kids dictionary defines a bias as "an attitude that always favors one way of feeling or acting over any other: prejudice."

Shankar Vedantam and researcher Kristina Durante explain that hidden bias even happens toward family members. The study showed that "parents may think they treat their children equally. New research shows that parents show bias when forced to choose between [buying things for] sons or daughters." Researchers asked parents, "Do you see yourself more in one of your children?" Moms say they see themselves in their daughters. Fathers say they see themselves in their sons." (<https://n.pr/2JsxgP7>)

Imagine all the ways we might be unknowingly favoring or dis-favoring people and things. One way to measure our hidden biases is with a series of Project Implicit online tests. (<https://bit.ly/1m808ph>) The idea of teaching "color blindness" is actually harmful. It teaches kids to avoid uncomfortable thoughts and feelings about unfair words and actions. A first step to reducing effects is to admit you may have some bias. Look for examples in media and everyday life. Help kids to notice bias at a young age and talk about differences.

A Psychology Today article (<https://bit.ly/2sli9H4>) explains other steps you could take. There is not enough space in this newsletter to elaborate. Maybe this can be your homework for summer.