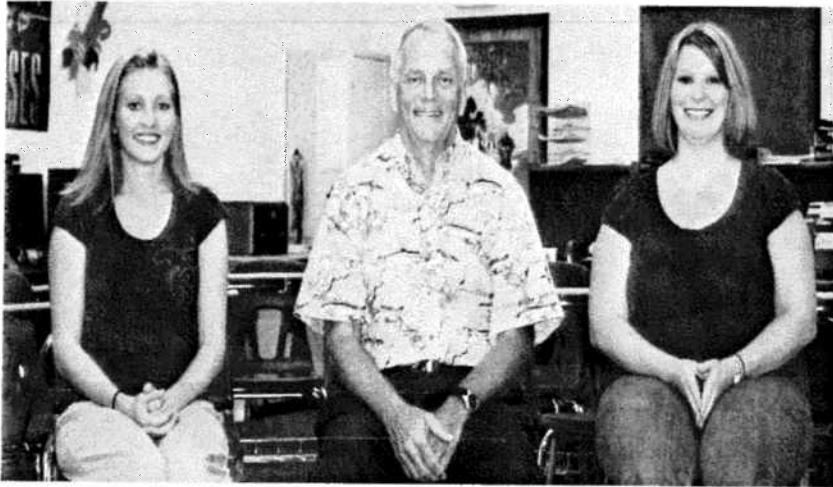


The Inkwell

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New Faces in the Hallways



Lots of new people have come to East Middle School for the same reason that Ms. Katie Messuri (left) has. She heard it was a great school district from her professors in college. As the Resource teacher, Ms. Messuri teaches students with disabilities, helps during study hall, and goes into classes to assist the teachers. This is Ms. Messuri's first year in education. She said, "I really enjoy my new job, and I love all my students." *By Evan Like*

Another new faculty member is Mr. Harold Taylor (center). Mr. Taylor teaches eighth grade algebra and is substituting for Mrs. Terry Heacock, who is on medical leave. Mr. Taylor is not new to the teaching game; he has been teaching for thirty years and does not plan to stop soon. "My goal," he said, "is to help my students become better, well-rounded citizens, so they can live a healthy, productive life."

By Jared Holt

Mrs. Lindsey Ward (right) is another new staffer. Growing up with parents as teachers was her inspiration to work in the educational system. She assists students who have disabilities with writing, reading, and other tasks they face in their classes. She said, "Working with children is not a job but a privilege." *By Evan Like*

Publications Staff Plans for 09-10

The publications staff has taken on new challenges this year as they attempt to fill the shoes of last year's members. Senior staffers are: Caroline Baer, Jessica Craven, Mackenzie Dailey, Makayla Ferguson, Jared Holt, Samantha Johnson, Grant Ksenak, Evan Like, Rachel Morris, Casey Murray, and Savannah Randolph.

A couple of things that can be expected this year are more frequent, but shorter,

Inkwells and the much anticipated yearbook, which is slated to be distributed a week before school is over.

As for the photographers that have been buzzing about, it is all for this year's eighth grade DVD. The members have been taking pictures since the first day of school, and the goal is to get a shot of every eighth grade student. Smile, eighth graders!

By Rachel Morris



"It's very, very busy, but I love it!" said Mrs. Joy Smith, the new Secretary to the Assistant Principal and Athletic Director here at East Middle School. Some of her daily tasks include: arranging transportation for athletes to away games, creating rosters for Mr. Kyle Stout, typing for Principal Eric Bowlen, and answering students' and parents' various questions.

Even though her position as Mr. Stout's secretary started at the beginning of this year, this is not her first job on the EMS staff. Mrs. Smith was an ESL aide last year. She met with two students the first three periods of everyday to help them with their English skills and homework.

Before launching her career at EMS, Mrs. Smith was on the Parent Council for six years. "I knew it was a great school," said Mrs. Smith, "so I decided to work here."

By Samantha Johnson



Mrs. Joy Smith

2010 Yearbooks on Sale Soon

Bowlen Sets High Goals for Success

Summer is a celebrated time of freedom and fun for students, but Principal Eric Bowlen thinks the summer is dull and boring without the school year's hustle and bustle to liven up the hallways. "It's already been the best start I have ever had in my 15 years of education," he said.

One of the reasons this will also be an exceptional year for Mr. Bowlen is because in his five years at East, this will be the first time he will work with the same assistant principal two years in a row. He explains that it is easier for him and everyone else having an assistant principal that already knows his responsibilities. "Mr. (Kyle) Stout is in his second year, and I'm pretty tickled," he said with a laugh.

One of Mr. Bowlen's goals is to incorporate differentiated learning into all curriculum being taught. By allowing each student to learn on his/her own ability level, he hopes students will reach their goals to succeed.

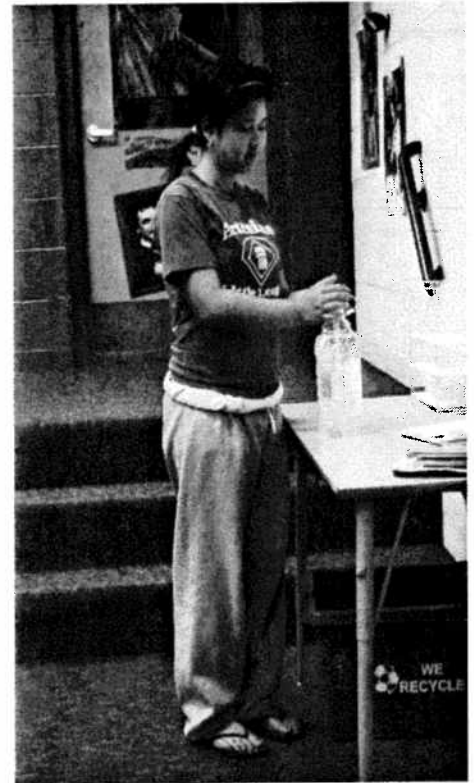
Mr. Bowlen may just seem like your typical principal, but with his positive attitude toward life, he is always looking out for his students and their needs so that they can develop into the people they dream to be.

By Caroline Baer and Casey Murray



Speaking to the new eighth grade class, Principal Eric Bowlen sets the tone for a successful year.

By Casey Murray



Eighth grader Anna Xiou helps protect herself from possible germs, including those that might cause the H1N1 flu virus.

Cafeteria Shows Off Changes

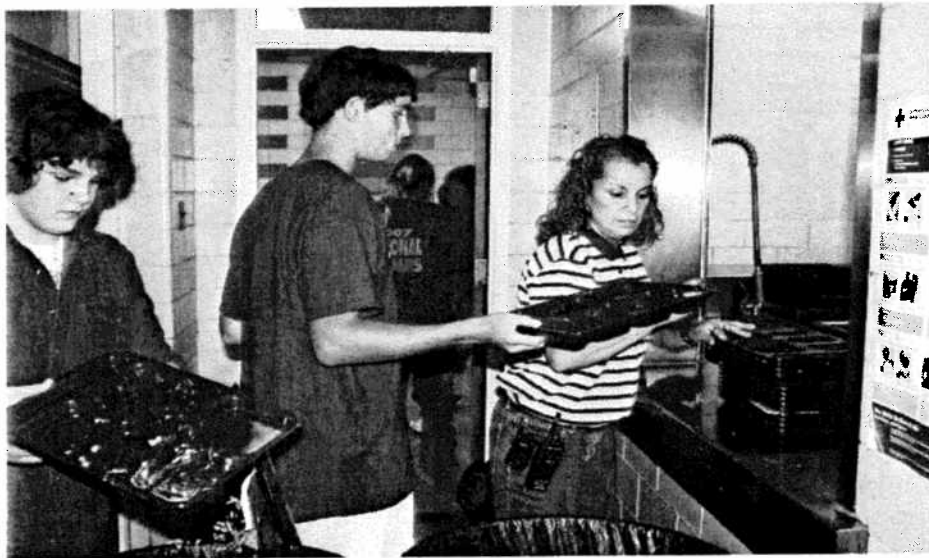
"Dear Food Director:

We, the students of East Middle School Environment Club, are extremely concerned of our earth's environment."

Through a well-constructed letter to Mr. Kurt Bodell, Director of the Food Service Department, the Environment Club successfully ended the use of Styrofoam trays which have been replaced with environment-friendly plastic ones.

Another change students might notice is that the cafeteria ceiling was rewired and retiled over summer vacation, ridding ourselves of the sight of food stains.

By Casey Murray and Caroline Baer



Helping the environment has never been so easy as eighth graders Gabe Wood (left) and Anthony White hand their "environment-friendly" plastic trays to Custodian Michele Dunn.

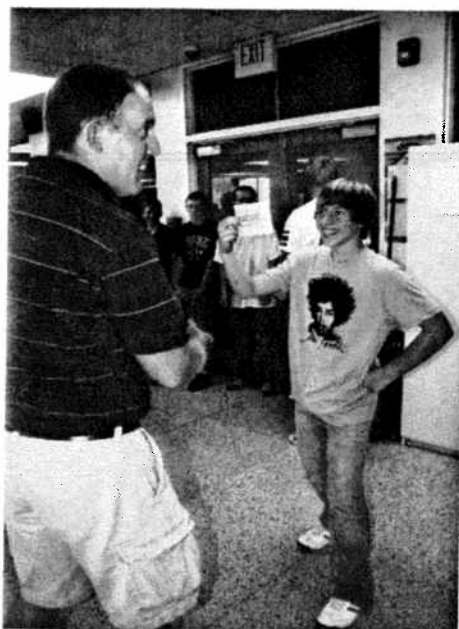
By Rachel Morris

New Backboards Cause Excitement

The gymnasium has an innovative feature this year - glass backboards with new rims and nets. The goals are adjustable and can be raised from eight to ten feet. "It makes the gym look cleaner," said Mr. Kyle Stout, Athletic Director.

Little Arties and Little Lady Arties basketball leagues use the gym for basketball camps, practices, and some games. The adjustable goals will help them perfect their game. Mr. Stout is hoping the old goals will be given to a school which can enjoy them. Mr. Stout stated, "Glass backboards and basketball go together."

By Mackenzie Dailey and Makayla Ferguson



Eighth grader John Kerr "imposed" his delight on Mr. Jared Crismore as he received a front-of-the-line pass for lunch.

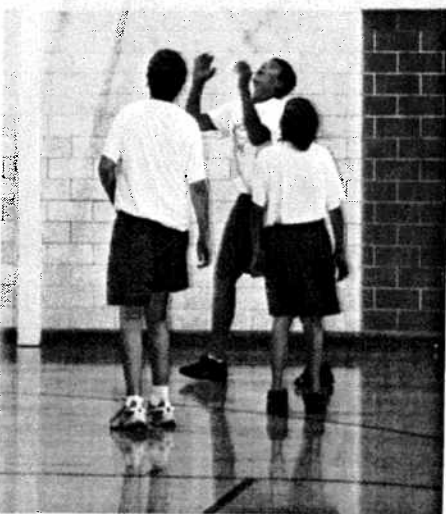
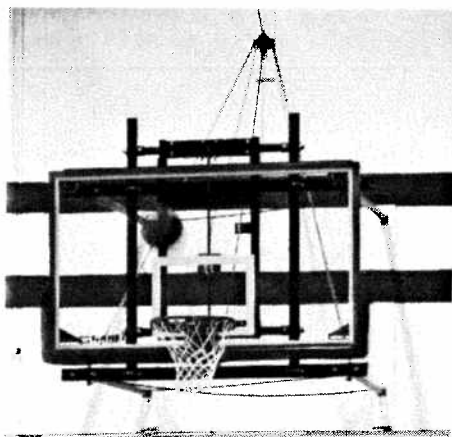
By Jessica Craven

Eighth Graders Explore New History Books

A new school year comes with more than just a new book for eighth grade history students. A CD program included with every book has interactive options such as maps, videos, and quizzes. A student never has to worry about forgetting his or her book because the complete book is on the CD. "It's much better than the last version," said Mr. Justin Oakley, eighth grade history teacher.

By Grant Ksenak

The Olmec, Maya, and Aztec civilizations of Mexico and Central America flourished long before the arrival of Europeans.



Mr. Jared Crismore's eighth grade gym class experiments with the new glass backboards.

By Mackenzie Dailey

Word Power Brings Rewards

Eccentric. "Word of the Day" is back, and it is jam-packed with words, definitions, and front of the line passes. Principal Eric Bowlen, along with English teacher Julie LaFary, unanimously decided that this is the year to bring back the daily, school-wide vocabulary lessons. "It would be good for students to increase their vocabulary," Mrs. LaFary said.

Words chosen for "Word of the Day" are either selected from the dictionary in alphabetical order or are sampled from an SAT preparatory packet from the high school. Teachers randomly quiz students during the day to see if they know the word. If a student knows the word, he/she will get a front of the line pass in the cafeteria.

By Jared Holt

Did You Know?

Knoll- small, round hill

Laden- loaded

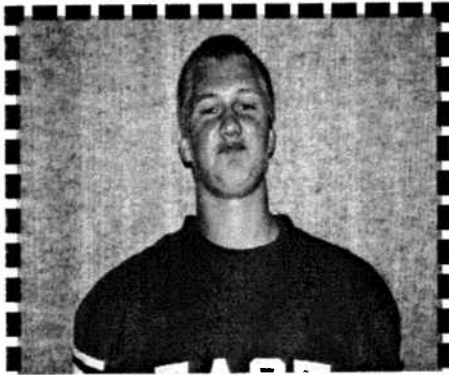
Ominous- threatening; unfavorable



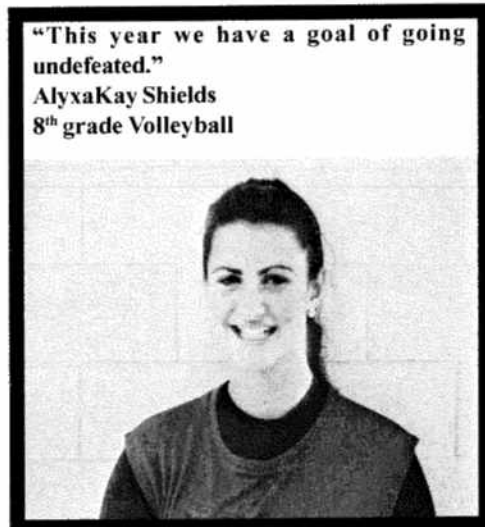
Samantha Waterman inspects the new eighth grade history books in Mr. Justin Oakley's social studies class.

By Evan Like

Fall Sports in Full Swing



"My goals for the year are no fumbles and no dropped passes."
Sam Kluesner
8th grade football



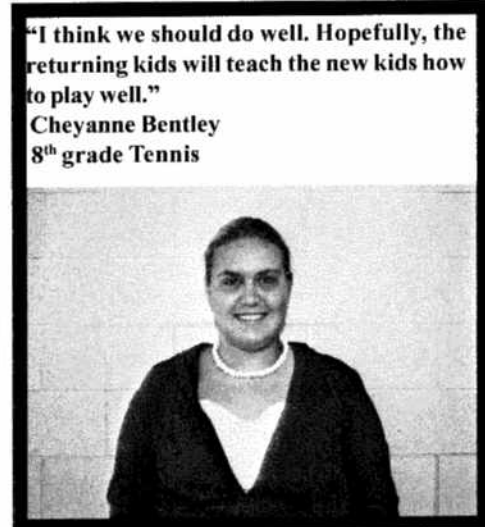
"This year we have a goal of going undefeated."
AlyxaKay Shields
8th grade Volleyball



"We have a hard-working team that will perform well this year."
Aaron Tincher
8th grade Cross Country



"Before every match, I get pumped up by eating McDonalds."
Ben Sanders
8th grade Golf

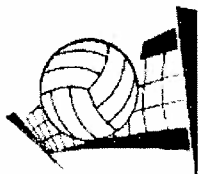
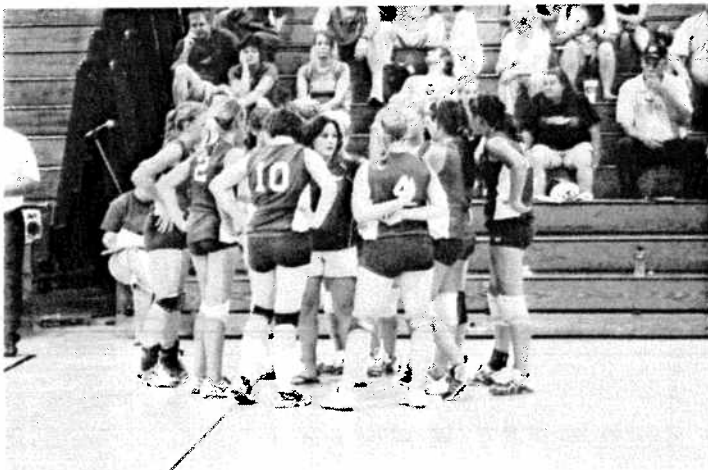


"I think we should do well. Hopefully, the returning kids will teach the new kids how to play well."
Cheyanne Bentley
8th grade Tennis



"I think we will be competitive as usual. We always have been competitive primarily because we have good kids and good coaches."
Mr. Kyle Stout
Athletic Director

Eighth grade volleyball players listen to strategy from Coach Kala Brittan during a time out in their win over Franklin.



Good Luck to All EMS Teams!