

Through the Eagle's Eye



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Happy New Year! By: Jazzlyn and Dezarae

A new year has started and it's time for resolutions. Many people have resolutions about weight loss, grades, a different attitude, and even dedication to more activities. A new year is time for a new beginning, a time to reevaluate yourself and figure out just who you are.



What are you going to do this year? Maybe you'll be a nicer person to the common

stranger. Maybe you will gain some responsibility and start feeding your hamster everyday. Maybe instead of B's you'll start making A's. Maybe, just maybe, you will become a new person this year, someone that the entire student body admires and looks up to.

If you haven't considered a resolution this

year, now's the time to think about it. What do you want to do with your life differently

now than you did in 2008?

You can have an entirely new outlook on life, change your views, or even be more tolerant of your siblings. A resolution doesn't have to be something big. It can be something as simple as picking up your dirty clothes in your room or spending a little more time on your homework.

It's a new year, it's time for a new you.

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Sick of the Weather? By: Angel Mitchell

Achoo! It's cold again, you know what that means. It's time for sneezing, coughing, and fevers. It is sickening weather. But, there are some ways to help prevent getting sick like everyone else.

- Wash hands with soap and warm water; be sure to get under your nails and in between your fingers.
- Keep hands, pens, pencils, anything and everything out of your mouth. Except your food!
- Make sure you cover your

mouth when you sneeze or cough. Then use germex.

- DON'T share food or drinks with anyone else.
- Avoid closeness, such as breathing on each other, getting too close when hugging, and try not to kiss people as much.
- Don't walk outside with wet hair, wet clothes, wet body, etc.
- Try to stay warm and in shade as much as you can.
- If outside be sure to wear

warm clothing such as closed-toed shoes, socks, long sleeve shirts, pants, and jackets.

- Try to avoid sick people.
- Get as much rest as possible and eat healthy.

These are just a few ways to keep you healthy so you can enjoy your New Year!



Special points of interest:

- Horoscopes
- The Who's Who of Ernest Ward!!!
- Junior Miss pictures and review.
- Find out how the basketball team did this past season.
- Find out how you can help cleanup your campus!

Campus Cleanup! By: Dezarae Turner

As a whole, the entire student body at Ernest Ward has not done their part in keeping this campus clean. Just a few days ago, the girls in the third lunch period were put on silent lunch because of trash left on the lunchroom floor. Why is this? Why do we insist on making a mess when we do not clean it up? One possible reason is that we are babied at home and not made to clean up our own disposable items. This, however, changes when we enter the school every morning. We are responsible for ourselves. Jazzlyn Franklin, Indigo Rodriguez, and I started to clean



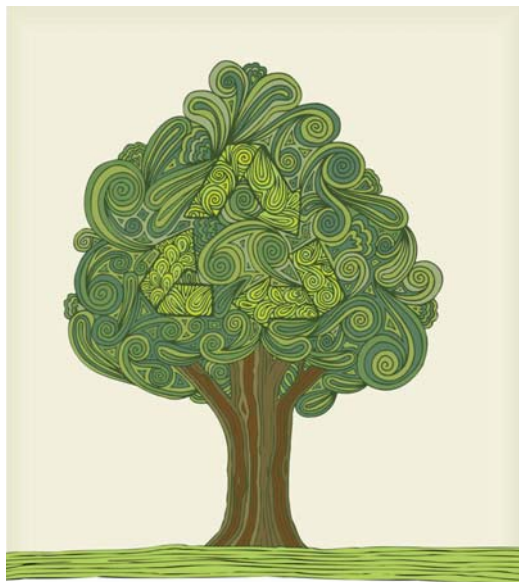
up the campus one morning before school. We were horrified at what we found. Under the bleachers alone there were moldy nacho packages, empty water bottles, McDonald remains, and even a lone flip flop, left by some irresponsible students in too much of a rush to simply walk ten feet to a trash can.

While laziness is not the sole component of why trash is left over, it is a big part of it. As the students of Ernest Ward who have to deal with stepping in leftover gum every day, I propose we start a new system, that we do something remarkable. If everyone just picked up one piece of trash they saw

lying around and threw away their own items, then we would have a much cleaner campus. Having a cleaner campus not only keeps your shoes clean and your stomach from turning, but it also helps protect wildlife, plants, and other various things that might happen upon the trash. Let's say that one day a small deer or rabbit decides to come on campus. The animal sees a piece of trash, mistakes it for food, and then chokes. What will poor Bambi or Thumper do then? The only way to prevent this horrifying scenario is to clean up after yourself. Help make this campus a CLEAN one!

Go Green! By: Jazzlyn Franklin

I am pretty you have heard about the latest craze, people going green. It's a good thing to go green. Each day we are polluting Earth more and more. If we are not careful enough, Earth might just explode and burn everyone to pieces. That is why it is important to do the three R's. REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE. You can REDUCE the amount of energy you use by kicking back off of the computer or video games. And remember when you are not using electronics, it's always great to unplug them. You can REUSE things by, using both the front and back on sheets of paper at school, or keeping plastic sandwich bags that you use for another time. RECYCLE, is the simplest of them all. We all know how to recycle. We even have recycling trash bins here at school. You can also recycle bottles, glass, aluminum, and other things at local recycling centers. You should find one near your



home. Here are some other ways to go green:

- **Support local farmers:** Did you know that the average grocery store produce travels 1500 miles before it even reaches your belly?

Imagine all the pollution from the carbon emissions from the truck. Instead of buying produce at the store, buy it from local farmers. It's the freshest and cleanest way to buy produce.

- **Fix the drip:** Here in America we each use 100 gallons of water a day, that's 1600 glasses folks! Household water consumption has increased by 200 percent since

1950, even though the population has grown by only 90 percent. That could mean about 36 states could end up with water shortages pretty soon. So fix that drip.

- **Let your grass grow:** The less you

mow the greener your grass. It is actually best for grass to be about 2 ½ inches tall. That way it gets more sunlight and is thicker and absorbs water easily. That means you don't have to water, and it is still amazingly gorgeous.

- **Wash full loads:** Instead of washing a few clothes or dishes, wash a full load. When you wash a few at a time you are wasting more water, energy, and money! So wait until you have a full dishwasher or hamper.

Skip the bottled water: Bottled water can get expensive after a while, but is also wastes so much more because of the containers. Instead take a reusable water bottle to work or wherever.

It is our responsibility to help keep Earth green. And that means we have to stop producing so much waste and pollution. So remember, REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE. Help make Earth green.



With Every Right ... By: Anna Fischer

With every right comes a responsibility. Our rights are that we can do whatever we want, when we want to. That is called freedom, but there are responsibilities or rules that we have to follow. For example, you really want to be in Honor Society. You have the responsibility to work at it and have a good attitude. We have rights, responsibilities, and chances to earn these rights.

We *do* have rights, everyone. Even though there is a responsibility. We have to have rules

otherwise the world would be a total mess.



We have the right to drive our own car, but there is a speed limit. For those who don't obey the speed limit, there are consequences, police. Our right is to go places; our responsibility is to not go too fast. Rights have a price, nothing is free. The cost for these rights is to earn them.

"With every right comes a... responsibility." That quote is now well known thanks to Mrs. Perry. Maybe it will somehow make a difference. For example: You want to hang with your friend's tomorrow night. Your responsibility is to make sure your room is clean so your mom will say yes. Our country is a free one, but someone has to earn those rights...you, and *all* of the people around us. We have rights, responsibilities, and a chance to earn these rights.

History to My Name By: Angel Mitchell

Have you ever heard the expression, "The actions you make today, affect your future?" Or have you heard the expression that you can make history to your name? These expressions are both true, but what do they really mean?

Making history to your name can either be a good thing or a bad thing. You would want to make sure that you make good choices and make sure that

you are always on your best behavior because you never know who could remember a little incident that you could have done in your younger days. In the future that could affect something BIG that you could have had but lost due to a bad day. You can either be "cool" for a moment and loose a shot at being a somebody, or you can be a nobody for a moment and turn out to be a somebody forever.



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So the next time you want to roll someone's house or prank call a neighbor, stop and think, "How will this affect me in the long run?" Sure it's fun now, but three or more years down the road, it may not be fun anymore!!

Century Carver Rejected as a Charter School By: Jeremy Stacey

We've all heard that they were going to close down Century/Carver School, right? Well, they tried to become a charter school, which means they can't close it down, because the school will rely on itself instead of funding from the school board. Since they got rejected in their request to become a charter school, they will most likely close it down.



If they didn't close it down, then, now that it is a B school, all kids in the Century area would have to go there, since it *was* an F school, we could come here. But all the kids that go here that live in Century, like me, will leave. Since they more than likely will close it down, a lot of them will come here, making the school more crowded.

They are trying to build an electric car factory, which may save the school, who knows? So either way, something big is going to happen, and the school will be emptier or more crowded. Think about it, lose a bunch of your friends that are from Century, or have a bunch of kids from Century come here.

SGA - Regular students or Community Helpers! By: Jazzlyn Franklin

Of course the members of the SGA and there sponsor Ms. McGinnis always have their hands in something new. What are they doing lately? They sponsored the Manna Food Bank Drive for our school. This was overall very successful. They are also sponsoring the Waterfront Mission shoeboxes. On December 3 along with the chorus they went to Neon Nursing Home to sing carols to the elderly and to

talk with them. We had a good time whether it was



Charles joking about looking thirty, or Joe reminding us that the only thing we really need is Jesus Christ.



It's always great to spread the Christmas cheer. SGA will enjoy a Christmas party at the end of the month. They all deserve it after all the hard work they put forth.

Shooting for Hoops and Dreams! By: Dezarae Turner

Our basketball team is having a great season this year. The first game that they played was against Jay Middle School. The girls lost by only one, devastating point and our boys list by a mere five. The following Thursday, the Eagles played Pollard McCall. The girls played very well again, and again, lost by only one point. The boys took the victory of winning against Pollard McCall on Thursday. The next game was played

against Pollard McCall and both the girls and guys came home with the big "W". A few games later, and the girls are a close

1:5 and the boys are 2:4. As much as winning means to these teams, the most important thing to them is just getting out there and playing. As for



spirit, the Eagles bring it to the court and to their sportsmanship. The end of the season will be on Thursday, December 18th. Come

out and support your team against T.R. Miller and hopefully see them bring home a victory!



Nationals Here We Come! By: Issac Dukes

Go Eagles! EWMS cheerleaders won 1st place against other cheerleaders from many different schools. Are girls have been practicing hard and giving it there all. And word is that there going to nationals in Orlando. Are girls will have to train



extra hard and bring there all to win 1st at championships. So a word from me girl stay strong and show your team spirit. And bring us a 1st place nationals trophy home. So students of EWMS lets cheer are cheerleaders to victory. Because to win they'll need all the

support they can get. And don't doubt them because it's the last thing they need. So cheerleaders sport off you stuff and work it. And show those cheerleaders that they have nothing on EWMS CHEERLEADERS.

FFA By: Anna Donald

Everything has been quiet since FFA sub-districts. In this year's sub-districts, our officers placed second in opening/closing ceremony. With waking up early for a week and a half, we deserved our rank. Kendall Cobb placed third in prepared public speaking. Everyone did a fantastic job. A special thanks goes out to Ms. Wilson. Without her, we never would have done so well.

Taking another leap into history, it's time to announce the 2008-2009 FFA officers. Harley Caraway– President, Devin Bell– Vice President, Shelby Lewis– Secretary, Chelsea Ward– Treasurer,

Courtney Solari– reporter, Anna Donald– sentinel, Cody Chapman– 1st parliamentarian, Tyler Roley– 2nd parliamentarian, Nathan Waters– chaplain, Sandy Rainwater– historian, and Marisa Penland and



Kaitlyn Zisa– photographers. These officers were interviewed and then chosen by Ms. Wilson. The officers competed in sub-districts and will soon participate in FFA week and Food For America at Northview High School.

Coming Soon: FFA week! FFA week is the week where we celebrate the FFA. I'm sure the teachers enjoy this time because the officers cook them breakfast. This year, the idea has been tossed around to have an FFA-lympics. No promises though! Another upcoming event is Food For America which will be held at Northview. FFA officers will be gone for the

Swim Team By: Chelsea Turner

Swimming is a fun and difficult sport. We have to learn a bunch of difficult strokes. We will be demonstrating these strokes in our competitions. Some of the strokes that can be seen are the butterfly, breaststroke, freestyle, and backstroke. Among these, I would consider the butterfly the most difficult. We are scheduled to have a Swim Meet January 24th and 30th.



Make plans to come see your friends, students, and family. The swim team is trying very hard to make this the best year ever and we want to

say thank you to Ms. McCall for being our sponsor. Remember what Dory says on Finding Nemo, "Just keep swimming".

Honor Society By: Angel Mitchell

You have heard about the Honor Society induction, you have experienced their candy sales. But what you haven't heard what's going on in their meetings!

Honor Society has been discussing about new ways to raise money to contribute to



our school's needs. Honor Society has also been given the idea of an EWMS student Olympics featuring various sports that everyone can enjoy. It is also to be determined at a later time if Honor Society is going to host the annual Valentines Dance.

Another thing that this group of smart junior highs is working on is trying to design and agree on a t-shirt for them to have and wear.

So stay tuned for more about the National Junior Honor Society of Ernest Ward Middle School.

FCS By: Jazzlyn Franklin

The Fellowship of Christian Students is still meeting every other Tuesday. You can come and enjoy the occasion. There are about fifteen members who show up regularly. There was an amazing Christmas party, and everyone exchanged gifts and ate cookies and Dr. Pepper. They will soon be purchasing t-shirts for their club members, and are currently brainstorming ideas. They have a breakfast meeting once a month.

Officers are:



President- Dezaræ Turner
Vice President- LaDerious Franklin
Treasurer- Jazzlyn Franklin
Secretary- Jessica Lowery

Mrs. Green is the sponsor of the Fellowship

of Christian Students, and we really enjoy her. Meetings are announced during the morning and afternoon an-

nouncements. You are welcome to attend; no one is turned down at the FCS. J



Junior Miss By: Cheyenne Godwin

This year the Junior Miss Ernest Ward was a big turn out. All the competitors were amazing. This year the EWMS cheerleaders held the pageant as a fundraiser for their trip to nationals. Everybody that came had a great time. The audience contained adults and young children. All ages!!!!

Miss Ashley Cunningham was named Miss Ernest Ward Middle that night. Other win-

ners that night were: 1st runner up- Miss Clarissa Ross; 2nd runner up, Miss Hospitality, and Poise & Appearance winner was Miss Ariel Holland; 3rd runner up- Miss Savannah VanderPol; The winner for Miss

Congeniality and Miss Physical Fitness was Miss Cheyenne



Godwin. Other contestants in the 2008-2009 EWMS pageant were: Rachel Presley, Karmen Watson, Kendal Cobb, Ashlynn Webster, Sabrina Cox, Hope Coggins, Leann Fillingim, and Kachanne Thomas. Congratulations to everyone!!!!!! All the contestants did an amazing job and I am so proud of all of you. Everyone is a winner in my heart!!!!!!

The Who's Who Results are in! By: Angel Mitchell

The eighth graders voted, now it's time to see who they picked. All eighth graders voted in their homerooms for who they wanted to be The Best All Around, The Most Likely to Succeed, The Loudest, The Most School Spirit, Most Athletic, The Cutest, Most Talented, The Neatest, The Friendliest and The Shyest. The votes have been counted and now for the results!

The Best All Around eighth graders are Hannah Ziglar and Alex Edmundson. The new Most Likely to Succeed is Dezaræ Turner and Laderious Franklin.

The Loudest girl and boy in the eighth grade is Jazzlyn Franklin and Josh Inghram. Most School Spirit goes to Cheyenne Godwin and Justin Haltmen. Ariel Holland and Reid Bell were voted the most athletic. The two cutest eighth graders were voted Angel Mitchell and Dustin Parker. The two Talented eighth graders are

Ashton Gibbs and Rakwane McGee. The Neat Freaks is Ashley Mooney and Justice Agger-ton. Haley Genest and Kylene Cota win the Friendliest. To finish off Sandy Rainwater and Zach Johnson are voted the shyest. Congrats to all!!!!



Peace. Love. Happiness. By: Cheyenne Godwin

Peace is SO not 70's. In my opinion peace is great. No matter what, it will always be in style whether it was in the 70's or now in 2009. You can buy peace apparel and jewelry. Everything you see in stores now at least half of it contains peace signs. Just the other day I was in Wet Seal and peace signs was everywhere. No matter who you are you can wear peace signs or just have apparel and accessories that contain it. Peace is a good thing.



Right? Everyone wants peace in the world. Everyone just wants everything to be in place in our world. We recently just got a new president. Hopefully he will bring peace in the world. Why not show it in your clothing? At school people show their style by what they wear. They show their personality by how

they act. It is portraying more than just peace, it is also portraying love and happiness. Just like this title. I have heard from just being around different people peace is bad. I accept everyone's opinion and I respect everyone's opinion. Peace is always going to be around just like love and happiness!!!!!!!!!!!!



Peace War By: Indigo R

What's up with all the peace? Honestly, are we going back into the 70's (teased hair, mesh shirts, skinny jeans,)? And yes Skinny jeans are coming back to! But peace was out years ago, why on earth are we bringing it back? Is it because we want world peace, or are we just anti-war? Truthfully, I don't really know! If so, world peace is never going to happen. There is always going to be opinionated, racial, sexist, homophobic people



out there. People have their opinion and they are not going to change it. It's a little sad when we face the reality of it, but it's true. Peace may be just a fashion statement to you, but it holds a lot more meaning than you think. What's up with people saying its "so cool!?" Honestly I don't see why. I know that

one person started wearing peace in our school, then the WHOLE school started wearing it. I'm not going against peoples opinion, I just have one of my own.

In my opinion, peace needs to stick to the 70's and we need to come back to the 21st century people. No matter what everything will stay the same with the peace apparel, peace accessories, and peace bags until something new comes in style. :p.



The Winter Version of What's Hot & What's Not! (Please be aware that this is a survey of teens your age at this school.)

What's Hot!

- Fur coats
- Snow boots
- Dark Faded Jeans
- Long Sleeve t-shirt like Shirts
- Poof Ponytails
- Pig tail Braids
- Knee Socks
- Leggings

What's Not!

- Real Fur coats
- Plain Boots
- Dirty Looking Jeans
- 80's Hair
- No socks
- Panty Hoes
- Ae`ropostale, Hollister