



CHILDREN – OUR PURPOSE AND OUR FUTURE

# EASTWOOD CONNECTIONS



FEBRUARY 2012

THEMES OF THE MONTH – LOVE AND COMMITMENT

Dear Eastwood Family,

February is a favorite month for many people of all ages; young people in love, old married couples renew their vows, new commitments emerge. However, love is not confined to romantic love. We must remember that behind so many actions, we experience love towards our family, friends and children. Love of God, love of nature, love of your job, your country; love is the driving force that fuels all of our acts; it gives us the passion needed to persevere and continue, to overcome any obstacle we may face.

Here at Eastwood I can see love manifested in so many ways; with a teacher offering a helping hand to a child in need, a parent embracing their daughter at the school gate in the morning, finally the love that our children show towards Eastwood College. I wish you all a month blessed with love in everything you do.

Sincerely,  
Jenny Gebara

## TALK ABOUT HIV

Our school nurse, Ms. Celine, organized an informative and eye-opening talk about HIV and the transmission of the Aids virus on January the 31<sup>st</sup>. A speaker who himself has been HIV positive for more than 10 years addressed our middle and high students to talk about prevention, transmission and treatment. The students had so many interesting questions and were enthralled by the speaker's experiences - science and life combined!

## FOOD DRIVE FOR ORPHANS

All of the Eastwood family partook in the food drive throughout most of December and January. Teachers, students, and administrators, all so generously donated food items, toys, and clothes. Pick-up bins were located throughout the school and items were collected by our 12<sup>th</sup> grade class. Our students visited the Dar Al Awlad orphanage in Mansourieh, spent time bonding with the children there and distributed the donations. Thank you to all who generously contributed.

## EASTWOOD AT THE THEATER

Who better than "Teta" to remind us how to be friends with nature? Eastwood's elementary students attended an educational theatrical performance on January the 26<sup>th</sup>. The play focused on educating the children about environmental issues through a very entertaining production. "Maryam at Teta's" addressed the



issue of pollution, the importance of recycling solid and organic objects, and separating waste in order to preserve our environment and keep it clean and healthy. At Eastwood College, we are always in an effort to go green, and with our environmental week coming up, this was the perfect introduction!



## THANK YOU

The school wishes to thank Mr. Hassan Barraaj for his generous donation in the name of Ali Barraaj (Alumnus 1997). The Ali Barraaj Scholarship is being used towards paying merit based tuition fees for those students in need.

# TRIMESTER 1 HONOR ROLL

MANY CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MANY STUDENTS WHO PROVED THEIR ACADEMIC SUCCESS

HIGHEST HONORS	REEM TRABOULSI	7L
	RAY DONA	7L
	RANDA AOUN	9L
	LARA FEGHALY	12L
	YASMINE ARAYSSI	12A
	MARWA TRABOULSI	12A



HIGH HONORS	MELANIE BARAKAT	7L
	PETER NAJEM	7A
	CHRISTOPHER NJEIM	7A
	NILUFAR SAMAD	9A
	MARTIN MOUBARAK	11L
	PASCALE AKL	12A
	ZINA IBRAHIM	12A
	SABINA SAMAD	12A

HONORS	KARIM MISSILMANI	7L
	KATERINA NASRAOUI	7A
	MARIA NASRAOUI	8A
	MATTHIAS NJEIM	8A
	ASAN BERZINJI	9A
	SARAH RIZK	9A
	CHARBEL RAAD	10A
	CHRISTINA ABU ZEID	10A
	MOHAMAD MANSOUR	11L
	SAMI ELIAS	11A
	LYNN MANSOUR	12L
	RANA SAWAH	12A
	MOSBAH SINNO	12A

**CONGRATULATIONS!!**

Very big congratulations to Marwa Traboulsi and Zina Ibrahim for their early acceptance into the American University of Beirut! Eastwood College is so proud!

DISTINCTION	DANIELLE SALEM	7A
	MOHAMAD ARAB	8L
	TAMARA HAJJAR	8L
	CHARBEL DARCY	8A
	TYLER FRANKLIN	9A
	RYAN HARKOUS	9A
	PATRICK NJEIM	10A
	TATIANA CHALHOUB	11L
	SWINI ADIKARI	11A
	NERMINE SABRA	11A
NICHOLAS ESTAY	12A	

February 2012						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Pasta Sale organized by KG dept.	4
5	6 Grade 8 Lunch Outing	7	8	9 St. Maroun's Day Holiday	10	11 Model United Nations LAU Beirut
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19	20 Start of DEAR Week (Drop Everything and Read!!)	21	22	23	24 Field Trip Gr. 1,2,3 Progress Reports for Gr.7-12	25 Model United Nations -LAU (Gr.10-12 only)
26	27	28	29	1 Snow Camp Gr. 4 - 6	2 Snow Camp Gr. 4 - 6	3 Model UN Final Conference - Middle School -