Rejoicing in the company of good friends at our December ETA get together

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The ETA has a new banner that will make us more visible at community events. This picture was taken at Eden Recreation's Middle School Activity Night held on November 15th at the MS/HS.
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Globe Trackers Mission (grades 2 – 6)

Globetracker's Mission, an episodic story in blog-style format, takes students in grades 2-6 on a journey across the United States to learn standards-based geography, landforms, and map skills in an engaging, interactive context.

Each episode includes annotated vocabulary terms and interactive maps for practicing map skills or answering think-aloud questions the teens pose, as they use today’s tools: text messaging, cell phones, and blog-posting. Readers vote at the conclusion of each post, telling Geo and Meri what to do next.

https://www.teachersfirst.com/globetracker/about-louie.cfm

Fun Science Demos

Fun Science Demos is a YouTube Channel devoted to sharing engaging science lessons for young learners based on Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). Choose from popular videos such as Balancing Balloons - Air Has Weight or Muscles Moving Your Bones. Be sure to check out the playlists to find videos categorized by topic.

https://www.youtube.com/user/funsciencedemos?reload=9

Cabinet of Curiosities (grades 6 – 12)

Cabinet of Curiosities is a site created by the grandson of famed oceanographer Jacques Cousteau to introduce STEM careers to young people. Links within the cabinet take you to eight different categories including short video explanations by professionals within the field. Click on any image within the cabinet to view a short description of an item used for a STEM career and one or more videos.

https://www.stemexplore.org/
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Congratulations and best wishes to Kathy Klopp and Sandy Laedke on your upcoming retirements!!!!! You will be missed by all! We are looking forward to honoring you both in June. Please think of us this winter when you’re warm at home and we are battling the elements to get here!

After the holidays we find ourselves close to the mid-year point. We often start reflecting on what’s left to accomplish this year, and how far our students need to go to successfully make it through another school year.

This applies to our Association as well. We have a great deal left to accomplish this year. Watch for updates on committee work to begin regarding APPR. We are still in need of REPS for this committee at the elementary levels. We will also be sending you updates regarding health insurance as we receive them. The District will be finalizing the budget for next year in the coming weeks. I don’t anticipate staffing cuts at this time, but the budget is a complicated and unpredictable process. Please check your home emails often, read our monthly minutes, and be sure to direct any questions or concerns you have to your ETA Leadership.

Have a wonderful holiday season!

In solidarity,
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