

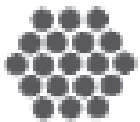
Eastview Extra

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Did You Know:

- EVAA donated leftover concessions to Dakota Woodlands, the only short term housing facility for homeless women and children in Dakota County.



EVAA Participation by City

EVAA is proud to serve all school-age children (K-age 16) within the Eastview High School attendance area. EVAA promotes good sportsmanship and improved athletic skill with programs including baseball, basketball, football, soccer, softball, tennis, track & cross country, volleyball and wrestling. EVAA offers these programs year-round and counts on the generous time commitments of countless parent volunteers. EVAA could certainly not exist without YOU and the many children we serve. Thank you! Last issue, the 2005 participation numbers for each sport were shown.

In this issue, we are showing the participation by city. While EVAA was formed to serve the children of the Eastview High School attendance area, all children registered to participate are welcome. Of the 4349 participants in 2005, 70% were from Apple Valley, 20% from Eagan, and 7% from Rosemount. The remaining 3% of participants come from Inver Grove Heights, Farmington, Lakeville, Burnsville, Mendota Heights, Roseville, Savage, Minneapolis, Prior Lake, Bloomington, Shakopee, and Edina. As a reminder, for the Eastview High School boundaries map, please see the previous Eastview Extra newsletter or visit School District 196's web site at

EVAA Web Site Under Construction

Detour ahead! Over the next couple of months, the EVAA web Site will be going through a complete make-over to better serve the community's need for easily assessable and more current information. EVAA Board Members and Program Directors have been working together to create a plan that allows for a unified EVAA site across all sports and ease-of use for all those involved in keeping the site up-to-date. The first step will be to reorganize the site. The plan is now in progress so keep checking out the web site,



We Need Your Help!

To continue to bring excellence in athletics to our children, we cannot do it without you. EVAA board members, individual sports board members, coaches, field coordinators, equipment coordinators, and committee members, are all crucial to the continued success of the Eastview Athletic Association. Without volunteers, our organization would cease to exist. Think of all the fun our kids would be missing! If you have interest in helping, please go to the web site at

Summer and Fall Sports Registration

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Spring registration is now closed. Summer registration is wrapping up and Fall will be beginning soon. Please read on for highlights and sign-up dates for our

- Cross Country—May 15—Aug 20
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- Traveling Soccer—See page 4 for registration dates
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In-House and Traveling Football

EVAA In-House and Traveling Football is already hard at work and looking forward to the 2006 football season. We intend to build on the success of the 2005 season where we had almost 300 participants in grades 3 through 8. Both of our 7th and 8th grade All Association teams played in post season championship games in the Metrodome with our 8th graders winning the All Metro Championship over St. Louis Park 54-12. At the conclusion of the 2005 season, Chuck Durand announced his resignation as Program Director and Football Board President. We would like to thank Chuck for his many years of service to the EVAA Football Program. Thank you Chuck!

The In-House Football Program is open to kids who will be in 3rd-6th grade in the fall of 2006. The Traveling Football Program is open to kids who will be in 7th & 8th grade in the fall of 2006. On-line registra-



Walk-in registration dates coming soon! Watch the EVAA web site for more

tion dates are shown above. The registration fee during this period will be \$100.00 for In-House and \$140.00 for Traveling. From July 26th through August 4th, a late registration period with a fee of \$125.00 for In-House and \$165.00 for Traveling will be available. Any registration requests received after August 4th will be considered late and we will only be able to accommodate those requests as space allows on a first come, first served basis.

- Important Dates :
- July 24th - July 27th EVHS Football Camp
 - August 5th Equipment Distribution
 - August 14th - August 18th Evaluation Week
 - August 21st Mandatory Coaches Meeting
 - August 22nd First Practices
 - September 5th First Games

In-House and Traveling Tennis



Tennis is a sport for a lifetime! EVAA has both **In-House and Traveling Tennis** programs with over 150 participants in 2005. The tennis season runs from June 12th through July 29th, so there is still an opportunity to sign-up for this summer. The program provides instructors and travel-

ing team coaches. The In-House program costs \$65 and is for those who have completed kindergarten through 8th grade. A Ralleyball team format is used at the younger ages. Ralleyball is a simplified form of tennis that allows juniors with little or no tennis experience to play team tennis within a game format.

The traveling program costs \$160 and is for ages 10 – 18 as of July 1. The traveling teams compete in a USTA Team Tennis league and the USTA sectional tournament. Teams are formed based on age (14 and under and over 14) and ability to accommodate a variety of skill levels.



Another **Traveling Basketball** season has been completed. This year EVAA supported 22 girls and boys traveling teams with 217 participants. Traveling Basketball is committed to assisting athletes in developing their basketball skills and allowing them to compete with players of similar abilities. This past season Traveling Basketball partnered with Minnesota School of Basketball and Minnesota Developmental Basketball to provide extra coaching and skill development to our athletes. It was well received and we look to continue it next season.

Online registration dates are listed on page 2. The registration fee is \$120 which includes the tryout fee. There will also be a tournament fee collected once tryouts are completed and tournaments scheduled. Most teams play 9 to 11 tournaments throughout the season. Grades eligible for traveling basketball are 5th through 8th grades for both boys and girls.

A key element to the success of our program is the willingness of parents to volunteer their time and energy as coaches and tournament volunteers. We thank all our volunteers for their hard work this past season.

There are a number of activities planned this summer for skill development. Please go to the basketball web site at www.evaabasketball.org and click on Coach and Player Development. Planned summer activities are the shooting league and basketball camps run by Coach Gerber and Coach Goetz. You will also find other camps and organizations, which provide

EVAA Announces 1st Annual Spring Volleyball Clinic

The EVAA is pleased to announce the 1st Annual Spring Volleyball Clinic! The Spring Clinic is a great way for your child to learn introductory volleyball skills, good sportsmanship and most of all, HAVE FUN! The clinic is available to 2nd through 5th graders. Early registration is only \$10 (due before April 21st, walk up registration is \$15) and covers all 3 sessions including a Spring Clinic T-Shirt! Each participant will have the chance to meet Eastview Lightning Volleyball players, play games, and win prizes. All clinic sessions run from 6:00-8:00 PM and will be held at Eastview High School (located on the SW corner of Johnny Cake Ridge Rd. and 140th St. W) on Tuesday 5/2, Tuesday 5/9 and Tuesday 5/16. Becky Egan (Head Coach EVHS Varsity Volleyball) will be present at various times throughout the clinic and Emily Tuve (Assistant Coach EVHS Varsity Volleyball) will serve as the

In-House Volleyball



The EVAA **In-House Volleyball** program is offered to girls in grades 3-6 (during 2006 – 07) in the ISD 196 area. This program is operated by the EVAA Traveling Volleyball program and is intended to provide the volleyball foundation to prepare girls for opportunities in our traveling program.

This program differs from the old "In-House" program in that the focus is on developing skills while retaining the participation and fun aspect of "In-House". Teams will be coached by parents but the parents will receive training, instructional materials and support from the

Fall Traveling Volleyball



The **Fall Traveling Volleyball** program is a developmental program to provide girls in grades 5-6 (during 2006 – 07) the opportunity to develop volleyball skills and play in a competitive environment. Several teams will be formed to play against other teams from communities south of the river. Teams will be selected through a tryout process with preference given to girls from the Eastview attendance area. Girls not selected for the traveling teams will automatically be registered for the In-House Program. Tryouts will take place in late August or early September. Practices begin in September and the season ends in late October. The teams will be coached by experienced coaches who have made a commitment to providing quality instruction and spreading their excitement for volleyball. A high level of commitment is required in order to insure the integrity and quality of the



Fall In-House Basketball programs consists of boys and girls, kindergarten through 3rd grade. The season starts the week of October 16, 2006 and ends December 16, 2006. The program consists of weekly practices, games and clinics. Clinics are instructed by basketball coaches of Eastview High School. Practices are one hour a week on various days during the week (M-F) and one hour games and/or clinics on Saturdays mornings. Program cost is \$65 for Kindergarten through 3rd grade and \$65 for the 4th grade instructional league.

The 4th grade boys and girls have a special experience in the fall called Instructional League. The League starts in October and ends in December. This opportunity is open to all 2006-2007 - 4th graders on Satur-

days only. The main emphasis is skills and fundamentals and is taught by Eastview High School Basketball coaches. The In-House 4th-6th grade regular season will begin after the Instructional League. More information on the regular season coming soon.

Last year (2005) fall In-House basketball programs consisted of 445 participants. 90 boys and girls participated in the 4th grade instructional league and 355 children in K-3. Volunteers are welcome at all levels of the In-House basketball program. Come join the FUN as an age group coordinator, assistant age group coordinator, head coach or as an assistant coach!

Our overall focus of the In-House basketball program and the 4th grade instructional league is to provide an environment of learning and having fun, for our rec-

Traveling Soccer



Dakota Rev Soccer Club is a community based traveling soccer program that is open to all residents of Independent School District #196 and surrounding communities. Dakota Rev Soccer Club is affiliated with Eastview Athletic Association (EVAA), Rosemount Area Athletic Association (RAAA) and the Minnesota Youth Soccer Association (MYSA). Please see our mission statement and more information at

www.dakotarev.org.

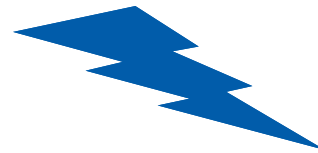
Dakota Rev Soccer Club serves a diverse population of participatory to performance players, from ages U9 to U18:

- Levels U9 - U10, Gold to Maroon play 6 v 6
- Levels U11 C3 to C2 play 8 v 8
- Levels U12 - U13 C3 to C1 play 8 v 8
- Levels U14 – U18 C3 to Premier play 11 v 11

There are two seasons in which to join Dakota Rev Soccer Club via online registration at

www.dakotarev.org :

- Fall 2006 League sign up for U9 to U12 players



starts in May and is open thru July 14, 2006. Fall MYSA League games start September 9th and end October 15, 2006.

- Summer 2007 League sign up for U9 – U18 start in July and is open thru Tryouts, August 7 – 11, 2006.
 - U9 - U10's will attend a clinic in August, and may register up to the actual tryout in January.
 - Summer 2007 MYSA League starts in May, ends mid-July and is followed by District and State Tournaments.

The Dakota Rev It Up! Invitational Soccer Tournament will be held May 5 – 7 and May 12 – 14 on many fields in the Apple Valley and Rosemount area. Tournament headquarters will be located by the AV Teen Center at EVHS.

Fundafüt Winter Soccer Skills Training is offered for field players and goal keepers at the Rosemount Sports Dome starting in November 2006 and running on Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings through April 2007.

EVAA Board Meetings

EVAA board meetings are held on the third Monday of each month, 7pm, at the Apple Valley Community Center. Anyone interested in addressing the EVAA board may do so during Open Forum which begins each meeting promptly at 7pm. No meet-

Highlights from the 2006 January EVAA Board Meeting

- T-Shirt providers were evaluated for EVAA use in 2006. Samples, prices, and quality of service were discussed. Westwood Sports will retain EVAA's business for 2006.
- Picture providers were evaluated for EVAA use in 2006. Samples, prices, and quality of service were discussed. Sport Star will retain EVAA's business for 2006.
- Board liaisons were proposed for each EVAA sports program.
- 2006 committees were discussed with members to

Highlights from the 2006 February EVAA Board Meeting

- A new fund raising proposal that offers merchant discounts for local businesses was presented.
- Board members have been appointed to be a liaison for each sports program in the association.
- Committee assignments were distributed for board members. Committees include Complaint and Conduct, Community, Communications, Costs, Capacity, Continuation, and Cooperation.
- Many changes have been made towards updating the EVAA web site.
- EVAA met with the City of Eagan regarding fields requests. Coordination between registration deadlines and fields requests is in progress for all sports. There is a growing concern over increased participation and the ability to provide enough fields.

Team Highlights

The 5th Grade Boys B traveling basketball team recently completed their season. The team was very successful in their first season of traveling basketball and finished on a high note by winning their final game. During the course of the year, the 5th Grade B team took first place in the Fridley MYAS tournament, 2nd place in the Farmington tournament and 3rd Place in the Roseville tournament. The picture to the right occurred after the team's third place victory in the Roseville tournament. The team is



To feature your team in the newsletter, please go to the web site at www.evaasports.org and use the 'Contact Us' link.



Eastview Athletic Association Night with the Twins



Wednesday, June 14, 2006 at 7:10 p.m.

Minnesota Twins vs Boston Red Sox

Great Baseball & Dollar A Dog Night, Too!!!

Join your teammates, family and friends for a special EVAA Night at the Dome. Good lower level reserved seats along the first-base line, normally \$29 each, are available to all EVAA athletes, families and friends for just \$25. Concession discount books are also available. Come dressed in your Eastview hats and shirts to see the Twins take on the Boston Red Sox. **One lucky EVAA kid will get to throw out the ceremonial first pitch! Ten lucky kids will lead the crowd in the 7th Inning Stretch singing Take Me Out To The Ballgame with TC, the Twins mascot!** ***Details on these rare opportunities coming soon!***

Here are the highlights of the event::

- Discounted ticket price -- \$29 seats for just \$25!
- Lower level reserved seating – request to sit by your team and/or friends
- Dome Dollar Books -- for \$8 you get \$10-worth of stadium bucks to spend at concession stands
- Questions, email evaa-manager@evaasports.org
- No league games will be scheduled this night
- DOLLAR A DOG NIGHT!!!
- For every ticket sold, the Twins will donate \$2 to EVAA

Order deadline: Wednesday, May 24, 2006



Eastview Athletic Association Night with the Twins

Wednesday, June 14, 2006 at 7:10 p.m. vs Boston Red Sox

Name: _____ Daytime phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Sport: _____

Program: Travel Age Group: _____ Coach: _____

In-House

Number of tickets: _____ @ \$25.00 = \$ _____

Number of Dome Dollar books: _____ @ \$ 8.00 = \$ _____

TOTAL: _____ = \$ _____

Make check payable to EVAA

Please mail orders to EVAA: PO Box 240392, Apple Valley, MN 55124

Order online at www.evaasports.org – credit cards only

From the President...

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By Dale Kersten, EVAA President

Did you feel it? At exactly 12:26 PM on Monday March 20th...Spring sprung! All of the signs are here...basketball state tournaments just finished, robins are in the trees, the boys (and girls) of summer are honing their skills in gyms, parking lots and inflatable buildings and there is still a foot of snow covering those magical places we call fields. I can already hear the shouts of "Meet me at the field" or "Hey coach, which field are we on?".

Whether they are diamond shaped or rectangular, our fields are arguably some of the most valuable real estate in the area. Every night, from mid April to mid October, hundreds of youth athletes head to the field with visions of making the diving save, scoring a hat trick or turning the 6-4-3 double play. Our fields are the keeper of local legend and the canvas for athletic dreams. Without them our kids' sports endeavors become nothing more than the latest video game.

Our fields are also a finite commodity. There are only so many to go around and to be honest, I'm concerned. Let me preface all of this by saying that I think the cities of Apple Valley and Eagan along with ISD 196 do a great job managing our fields. They are fair in the way they allocate fields and the

grounds keeping is unmatched in the Twin Cities. The problem is capacity. Development continues to chew up green space at the same time bringing more and more youth into the community. I'm afraid that in the not too distant future we'll be faced with options that will go against everything EVAA represents...reduced programs, participation limits or significant cost increases.

Is there hope? I believe there is, but not without the support of the city, the school district, the athletic associations, the business community and the families of all of our athletes.

Together we can develop solutions that will maintain our current facilities, expand their capacity and develop new venues. Over the next several months, you may find yourself presented with the opportunity to make decisions that will insure the long term ability of EVAA (and VAA) to provide the athletic opportunities to this community that have been provided in the past. I ask you to support those

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In Remembrance

February was a heartbreaking time for the Eastview Athletic Association family. Amy Jesh and Deb Limke both passed away unexpectedly leaving behind family, friends, and a legacy of participation in EVAA.

Amy Jesh, the mother of Brianna and Brandon and wife of 18 years to Mark, died suddenly on 2/27/06 at the age of 41. A long-time Minnesota resident, she made her

home in Eagan and was a regular volunteer for the Eastview Athletic Association's In-House baseball program. Debbie Limke the mother of Kyle, Nathan, and Travis and wife of 13 years to Jeff, died suddenly on 2/18/2006 at the age of 45. Debbie was a devoted mother who had the godly ability to love her three sons with her whole heart. Debbie Limke has been an In-House basketball age group coordinator for the last two years as well as

being involved in baseball. Debbie will be missed by her many friends and family. Memorials may be given to the Educational Fund for her sons, Kyle, Nathan & Travis.

Please send memorials for both Amy and Debbie to EVAA: PO Box 240392, Apple Valley, MN 55124 and they will be delivered



www.evaasports.org

New logo coming soon....watch for it!

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In-House Basketball	Johnny Gill
Traveling Basketball	Ken Dockter
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Tennis	Bill Sommers
In-House Track & Field	Craig Krupke
Volleyball	Jim Martin
In-House Wrestling	Travis Lee

To contact any program, please visit the web site at www.evaasports.org and go to "Contact Us."

Looking for Sponsors

To assure the timely delivery of the *Eastview Extra*, we are looking for sponsors to help offset costs. For a minimal fee, information about your business will hit over 7000 families in the Apple Valley and Eagan area. It's a great opportunity to support the continued growth of EVAA and our Apple Valley and Eagan businesses. Please go to the web site at www.evaasports.org and use the Contact Us link and click on "EVAA Board".

Thank You!!!

Don't Forget to Register for Summer and Fall Sports

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- Wrestling—May 15—Oct 29

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Watch the EVAA web site for more details!**