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Announcements – Reminders - Updates

- Change to the school calendar – November 19, 2010, has been designated as a minimum day – please note this on your calendars – student dismissal is 12:35 for 1st through 6th grades and 11:30 for kindergarten on minimum days.
- A reminder that students are not to ride bicycles on campus – please help us by reminding them that they are to walk their bikes when on campus.
- There has been an increased number of requests by parents to have our office staff to put parent phone calls through to classrooms during instructional time. Unless it is an emergency classrooms will not be interrupted. Arrangements for student pick up should be made in advance. Thank you for your cooperation with this.
- Girls Basketball Assistant Coaches Needed – Please contact Mrs. Brown – 1st grade teacher- for more details.
- Please note that students may not charge meals during breakfast. For lunch, students may charge no more than two meals. Any student who exceeds this number of charged lunches will be given a complimentary “basic lunch.”
- A reminder that dogs are not permitted on campus.

Walk to School Day

International Walk to School Day October 6th, 2010

It is important to teach our children safe walking and bicycling behaviors, such as how to cross streets, and how to select safe routes to school. Walking is easy and enjoyable. Adults and children can spend healthy, active time together doing the world's simplest exercise – walking. We must take the necessary steps to create more walkable communities and be advocates for more crosswalks, sidewalks, crossing guards and better driver behavior in our neighborhoods.

By walking on October 6th, you will help raise awareness about the need to:

- * Reinforce children's good traffic safety skills.
- * Remind adults to drive safely in school zones.
- * Create and maintain safe places for children to walk and bike within their neighborhood, especially on trips to and from school.
- * Identify specific steps people can take to make our community more pedestrian and bicycle friendly.
- * Promote the fact that children need regular physical activity to stay strong and healthy.
- * Encourage families to have fun and spend time together simply by walking—the easiest way to stay healthy.

You can help by walking with your children to school on **Wednesday, October 6th, 2010**

SAVE THE LIBRARY! SAVE THE DATE!

The **6th Annual Crab Feed & Silent Auction** will be **March 4, 2011**, at St. Katherine's Greek Orthodox Church. Money raised at this spectacular event will help save our library. You can make a difference in our children's lives by attending, donating to, and/or helping with this event.

Do you have season tickets for a sports team, concert, or show? Do you have a timeshare or vacation home? Do you have gift cards that you will never use? We welcome your ideas for any other items that would generate interest in this fundraiser.

Your tax-deductible auction or raffle donation will be greatly appreciated. All donors will be listed in our marketing materials prior to the event, in the event program, and in the school newsletter between now and March 4, 2011.

John Ehrhardt Elementary needs you!! Want to be involved by donating or volunteering your time on the planning committee or at the event? Please contact Caroline Kurtz at carolinekurtz76@hotmail.com.

Become a Facebook fan! Check out the Facebook Page--"John Ehrhardt Elementary School Annual Crab Feed" page.

Health Update: Pertussis (also called Whooping Cough)

The Sacramento County Department of Public Health (SCPH) has asked that we share information with you regarding pertussis (also called whooping cough). Currently, California is experiencing an epidemic of pertussis.

While pertussis can cause a violent cough at any age, it can be deadly to infants. The SCPH has asked school districts to assist in sharing information about pertussis with our parents.

Pertussis starts out like a common cold and is often followed, within days, by severe coughing spells. It should be noted that infants may not cough and the disease may be milder in older children and adults. If you suspect that you, or anyone in your family, might have pertussis, you should seek medical care promptly.

Please note that there is a vaccine to protect your children and family against pertussis. Although you and your child may have been immunized between infancy and kindergarten, this protection wears off over time. A booster shot is recommended for all children and adults 10 years of age and older to help prevent getting pertussis, especially if there is a new baby at home or coming soon.

Pertussis vaccines have been proven to be safe and effective. The most common side-effect is soreness at the injection site.

If you need further information, please contact your child's health care provider. If you don't have health insurance, ask your local health department about the Vaccines for Children Program. This program provides free vaccines to children 18 years of age and younger.

In the meantime, we ask that you take some time to speak to your student again about the importance of following proper hand washing procedures, and covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue or sleeve.

More information about pertussis can be found at www.cdph.ca.gov or www.sacdhhs.com.

WANTED: Enthusiastic Parents!

Enthusiastic Ehrhardt parent volunteers are being sought by Junior Achievement (JA)! JA is a non profit organization that partners with parents and business volunteers to inspire young people to learn about business and the economics of life. Parents can play a key part in students' learning about the world and business basics; such as earning and saving, city zoning, advertising and production processes. JA will give volunteers a 45 minute orientation on the class materials before they go into the classroom in either late fall or early spring. With the aid of a well structured guidebook, volunteers will lead students through 5 sessions, with each session being about 30 to 50 minutes.

Parents do make a difference and JA wants to enlist Ehrhardt parents as volunteers for K to 6th grades. For more information, please contact Ehrhardt parent and JA Programs Coordinator Angelina Azevedo at 457-1422; acameramom@hotmail.com.

"Let your children's success be your inspiration!"

First In Math

Our school has chosen this educational website because it is a great way for students to gain math skills—and have fun!

- Game play develops and reinforces basics.
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- Each child will receive his/her own, personal User ID and Password.
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1. Go to www.firstinmath.com
2. Type User ID/Password (ID begins with 2 numbers, ends with 2 letters)
3. Click GO, then click GO on Progress page
4. You are now on your Player Home Page—click a Skill Set[®] Game, GYM or Bonus Game to begin!

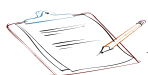
Help:

Visit the HELP section for valuable information about scoring, rankings, math content, troubleshooting, system requirements, FAQ's and more. (Click the handy link on the login page for login help.)

Parents:

Log on as a VISITOR and browse the Parents section.

All 1st through 6th grade students have been provided with a user id and password – if you have questions please contact your child's teacher.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Tuesday October 5	Cookie Dough Kickoff	
Wednesday October 6	Walk to School Day!!!	Get Your Walking Shoes On!!
Friday October 8	Lunch on the Quad	Bring a picnic lunch or buy a school lunch and enjoy the time with your child eating lunch.
Tuesday October 12	PTO Meeting	6:15 p.m. MP Room
Friday October 15	Kids Can Bake Sale	Quad Area
Friday October 15	Movie Night	6:30 p.m. MP Room
Friday October 22 thru Friday October 29	Minimum Days Parent Teacher Conferences	Kinder 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Grades 1 – 6 8:00 a.m. – 12:35 p.m.
Friday October 29	STAR Assembly	AM Kinder 8:10 a.m. Primary 8:30 a.m./MP Intermediate 9:15 a.m./MP PM Kinder 1:30 p.m.
Tuesday November 9	PTO Meeting	6:15 p.m. MP Room
Thursday November 11	Veteran's Day No School!!	
Thursday November 18	Cookie Dough Delivery	
Friday November 19th	STAR Assembly	AM Kinder 8:10 a.m. Primary 8:30 a.m./MP Intermediate 9:15 a.m./MP PM Kinder 1:30 p.m.
Friday November 19	Minimum Day	Kinder 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Grades 1 – 6 8:00 a.m. – 12:35 p.m.
Monday November 22 thru Friday Dec. 31	Winter Break No School!!	