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THE EHRHARDT EAGLE'S NEST

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PROJECT WISDOM— Choose to Persevere

Principal's Message

Dear Ehrhardt Community,

We are now in the last trimester of the school year. C and D tracks begin their annual CST assessments April 12th in grades 2-6. Make sure you support your students in showing us their best on this assessment. We use results of this yearly assessment to develop school wide instructional priorities, individual student support, GATE and accelerated placements for the coming year. Talk to your student about the importance of trying their best, and making every attempt to be here each day rested and ready to shine. Students must take the tests in order and it is our experience that most students do their best taking the test in their classroom with their peers and teacher, rather than with a make-up proctor.

While we are working on finishing the year strong with all of our students; we have also begun planning for next year. The staff has developed criteria for assigning students to classes and teachers to grade levels. On April 16th we should know our schedule for next year and a calendar will be posted on our website as soon as it becomes available. There is currently no contract between the district and the EGEA, therefore we do not know class size or permanent staffing information for next year. It is possible that those decisions will not be made before students leave for summer break, therefore any class or grade level assignments that may be made in our efforts to plan are subject to change based on the changing circumstances as the district deals with the final crisis facing all schools in California. We appreciate how difficult change can be, but are

confident that our fabulous staff will make the best possible decisions to benefit our students no matter what else comes our way. Also, we thank you for supporting us by encouraging your students to embrace the opportunities they will have to make new friends as they grow older. Experience has taught us that our students are extremely adaptable to change if the adults around them project a positive attitude.

Sincerely,
Robin Riley
Principal



2010 Parent Survey for EGUSD

The Elk Grove Unified School District continually strives to provide the best education possible for all children. One of the ways we evaluate our success in achieving our mission is by surveying parents every two years. The information parents provide through this survey will be used to make further improvements to our school and district programs. Your opinion is very important to us. All information collected is confidential. This year's survey information will be collected on your **oldest** child attending this site.

Surveys were sent home at the beginning of March. Surveys are printed on special Scantron paper and need to be bubbled using a **#2 PENCIL**. You may also fill out your survey **online** by going to the Elk Grove Unified School District website at www.egusd.net and clicking on the Parent Survey link. Parents are requested to return completed surveys to their site or complete online surveys by **April 16, 2010.**

**UNSCHEDULED MINIMUM
DAYS/2009-2010**

*for report card preparation

Trimester 3:

Monday, May 17 /Track D

Monday, June 14/Tracks A/B/C

****Please refer to the calendar for
Track Change Minimum Day
dates****

Safety Reminders:

- School **begins** at 7:50—students are to be on line, ready to go at this time!
- **Observe** the traffic flow signs and crossing guards around the school.
- Please **respect** the driveways of our neighbors and do not block them with your cars while dropping off/picking up.
- Do **NOT** make a U-turn in the middle of the street. On the *west side* of the campus, continue to the stop sign at Laguna Park and Old Creek. Then make three left turns & you will be able to turn onto Laguna Park going south in a very safe manner.
- Do **NOT** allow/encourage your student(s) to cross mid-block (e.g. “jaywalk”). It is highly dangerous and adult supervisors will direct your students not to cross.
- When visiting the campus, be sure to stop in the Office to **sign-in** and obtain a Visitor’s Pass. **This is also important for safety in the event of an emergency happening while you are on campus.**
- **Dismissal** is at 2:07 p.m. **Students need to clear campus in a timely manner.** Remind your student(s) to go directly home after school and report in to an adult.

**Drink Pouch
Recycling Latest
Information!**

As of **end of March** the totals for the Drink Pouch Recycling stood at **\$283.50** with **14,175 pouches** collected for redemption! The school has received the first disbursement of funds for the first half of the year.

These funds, disbursed twice a year, will be used towards the purchase of playground equipment such as soccer balls, volleyballs, basketballs, jump ropes, hula hoops, and tetherballs. Student volunteers run the program under adult supervision. At a redemption of \$0.02 per pouch, Ehrhardt has recycled quite a few!



Families wishing to contribute pouches from home may do so. Please make sure the straw is out of the pouch, the pouch is empty and placed in a plastic bag.

**Attendance Figures
March 2010**

Overall school — 95.23%

- Track B — 96.51%
- Track C — 94.07%
- Track D — 95.11%

PTO Corner

Movie Night

Many thanks to all families who attended the PTO-sponsored **Movie Night** last March 19th. The crowd was large and the event a huge success!

Big Spoon Yogurt

A NEW fundraiser has been added for your pleasure! Big Spoon Yogurt is sponsoring an "Ehrhardt Day" on **Thursday, April 15th** from **2 p.m. to 9 p.m.** Fund-raiser cards will be provided to present the day of the event. Up to 40% of sales will go back to John Ehrhardt -so mark your calendars for the 15th, drop by, and treat the family!

Spirit Wear Day

Don't forget, every **Friday** is Spirit Wear Day at JE. Show your spirit for John Ehrhardt and wear your "blues and whites" every Friday to school.

2nd Annual Damsels and Dragons Ice Cream Social is Coming!

Moms, Grandmas, Aunts and or/ friends.. grab your knight(s) in shining armor and join JE PTO's **2nd Annual Damsels and Dragons Event** on **Friday April 23rd**. The event will be held in the Multipurpose Room from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. More details to follow.

Spring Carnival

The very successful **Spring Carnival** will return to John Ehrhardt on **Friday, May 21st**. This is a truly wonderful event and one you won't want to miss. Bring your friends, family, and neighbors out for a great evening.

Board Meeting

The next PTO Board Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 6, 2010 at 6:15 p.m.** Please feel free to come and join the board-we would LOVE to see you!

2009-2010 PTO CALENDAR

Don't miss the following up-coming GREAT events!

Day/Date	Event	Time.
Tuesday, April 6	Board Meeting	6:15-8:15 p.m.
Thursday, April 15	Big Spoon Yogurt Night	2:00-9:00 p.m.
Friday, April 23	Damsels & Dragons	7:00-9:00 p.m.
Friday, May 21	Spring Carnival	5:00-8:00 p.m.

Congratulations are in Order!

Result from the school-wide writing contest are as follows:

- Kindergarten:
Jadyn Fernald "*I Like School*"
- 1st Grade:
Sophia Garcia "*My Neighborhood*"
- 2nd Grade
Thanh Nguyen "*Kindness*"
- 3rd Grade:
Taylor Butcher "*Friendship*"
- 4th Grade:
Camryn Dady "*Risks? Consequences*"
- 5th Grade
Cameron Azevedo "*Coplitte*"
- 6th Grade
Sarah Spano "*Should Schools Have Dress Codes?*"

Character Trait of the Month

Choose to Persevere April 5 – April 30

I choose not to give up, even when things are not easy for me or something happens that I didn't expect.

Nike Shoe Collection Is Coming!

Ehrhardt will again participate in the Nike Shoe Collection event. Begin to collect your used tennis shoes to donate during the week of **April 12-16.**



Ehrhardt Superstax Club Had a SUPER Weekend!

22 Ehrhardt students participated in the 2010 City of Sacramento Sports Stacking Tournament the weekend of March 20-21. There were two days of competition during which stackers competed both on an individual and relay team basis. Many of the Ehrhardt stackers were participating in their first official Sports Stacking Tournament and ALL 22 stackers placed in one or more divisions. We all had a great time!

Results, by age group, are as follows:

- 6-7 year olds:
 - Sydney Gulbe:** 3-3-3/2nd place; 3-6-3/3rd place; Cycle/2nd place
 - Tyler Dunning:** 3-3-3/4th place; 3-6-3/6th place; Cycle/4th place
 - Little Speedsters** (Haley Dills, Mary Gruber, Sydney Gulbe & Brianna Haas): Timed 3-6-3/1st place; Head-to-Head 3-6-3/1st place; Head-to-Head Cycle/1st place
- 8-9 year olds:
 - Kate Maligad:** 3-3-3/1st place; 3-6-3/1st place; Cycle/1st place
 - Diamond Cheetahs** (Katarina Azzimonti, Tyler Dunning, Kate Maligad, & Gabriella Tavares) Timed 3-6-3/2nd place; Head-to-Head 3-6-3/2nd place; Head-to-Head Cycle/2nd place
 - Speeds on Fire** (Celina Cantrelle, Madison Gruber, Hailee Haas, Preston Tippen, & Annikah Millendez): Timed 3-6-3/3rd place; Head-to-Head 3-6-3/3rd place; Head-to-Head Cycle/3rd place
- 10-11 year olds:
 - Alyssa Maligad:** 3-3-3/4th place; 3-6-3/1st place; Cycle/3rd place
 - Kevin Yu:** 3-3-3/6th place; 3-6-3/6th place; Cycle/6th place
 - Hot Hands** (Mazzie Davies, Amanda Lopez, Alyssa Maligad, Nicole Pomicpic): Timed 3-6-3/2nd place; Head-to-Head 3-6-3/3rd place; Head-to-Head Cycle/3rd place
 - Shake 'n' Bake** (Grant Bertagini, Kelsey Brown, Brendan Dunning, Lauren Enos, Kevin Yu): Timed 3-6-3/2nd place; Head-to-Head 3-6-3/2nd place; Head-to-Head Cycle/3rd place



Other notable results:

- Of the 75 individual stackers competing in the tournament, **Alyssa Maligad** placed 12th combined overall, making her the highest-finishing Ehrhardt stacker.
- **Kate Maligad** placed 19th combined overall.
- **Nicole Pomicpic** will represent Elk Grove when she joins the Stack-It Sacramento team in the World Sport Stacking Tournament in Denver, Colorado on April 8-9 this year.



Kudos to Site Science Fair Winners

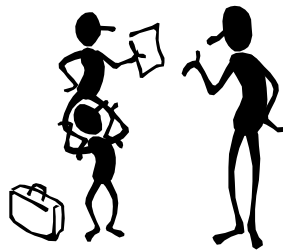
Projects arrived at school on Wednesday, March 10th, and were judged that same day! Congratulations to:

- Kindergarten:
 - 1st place —Katherine Rodriguez (Plant)
 - 1st Grade:
 - 1st place—Brianna Haas (Rolleri/Harris)
 - 2nd place —Mary Gruber (Lanzarotta)
 - 2nd grade:
 - 1st place—Tatiana Collins (Ashcraft)
 - 2nd place—Trey Trunnell (Ashcraft)
 - 3rd place—Varsha Gaddipati (Fisher)
 - 3rd grade:
 - 1st place—Isabelle Spangler (Francisco)
 - 4th grade:
 - 1st place—Jack Gothberg (Casey)
 - 2nd place—Nadia Smith (Casey)
 - 3rd place—Ben Rodriguez (Fraser)
 - 5th grade:
 - 1st place—Audrey Wilson (Anderson)
 - 6th grade:
 - 1st place—Cindy Lam (Milburn)
 - 2nd place—Sarah Spano/Erika Sullivan/Kira Kennedy (Milburn) (group project)
 - 3rd place—Andrew Bilan (Milburn)
- 2nd place—Hailee Haas (Yamamoto)
3rd place—Madison Gruber (Francisco)

Support our Business Partners!

Many thanks to the local businesses who provide support to the school at our STAR Assemblies and throughout the year with promotions. The Ehrhardt school community is encouraged to patronize the following businesses!

- BJ's Restaurant
- Sizzler Steakhouse
- Chick-fil-a
- Applebee's
- Mimi's Café
- Dos Coyotes
- On the Border
- Red Robin
- IMAX Theater
- Chevy's
- Texas Roadhouse
- In & Out Burger



National Elementary Honor Society 2010-2011

John Ehrhardt recognizes students with both a high grade point average AND who provide service to their school, home, and/or community through membership



in the NEHS. The procedure for the Recommendation Process may be found on the school's web site. This process will take place at Ehrhardt over the next month. Students in grades 5 and 6 are eligible. If you have questions, please feel free to contact the Office.

Learners' Corner

“Tips for parents who want their children to succeed

Testing Tips

A Test Checklist Can Focus Your Child's Study Time

Preparing for a big test may make your child anxious. To reduce this stress, make a checklist of what to study. It may include:

- **Textbook**
- **Class notes**
- **Workbook**
- **Handouts**
- **Quizzes**



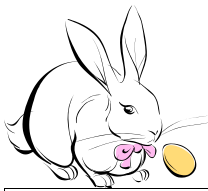
Once she/he knows *what* to study, help him/her make a schedule of *when* he/she will review. Don't let him/her wait until the night before the big exam!

Discipline

Timers Make Tasks Easier

Kitchen timers aren't just for cooking! Use one when your child needs to share. (“You can have a turn for five minutes. When the timer beeps, it's your cousin's turn.”) They're also good in a rush. (“Let's see if we can clean up before the timer dings!”)

-source: Rona Renner, RN, “Using the kitchen timer as a discipline tool,” http://abclocal.go.com/kgo/story?section=view_from_the_bay/parenting_babies&id=6686728.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
REMEMBER-TUESDAY IS "COMMUNICATION DAY" @ EHRHARDT

Friday April 2	STAR Assemblies	Kindergarten 8:15 a.m. F1 Primary 8:30 a.m. Intermediate 9:15 a.m. MP Room
Friday April 2	Minimum Day Track Change	Grades 1-6/7:50-12:22 Kindergarten/(a.m. and p.m.) 7:50-11:21 a.m.
Monday April 5	Welcome Back Track A!	
Tuesday April 6	WordMasters Practice #2	MP Room 1:30-2:00 p.m.
Wednesdays	Superstackers	2:15-3:00 p.m./MP Room *Please make sure to pick up your student promptly!
April 12-23	STAR Testing Tracks CD	Eat breakfast! Be at school on time and ready to do a GREAT job!
April 12-16	Nike Reuse a Shoe Recycling Collection Week	Bring in your old tennis to recycle!
Tuesday April 13	PTO Board Meeting	MP Room Stage 6:15-8:15 p.m.
Thursday April 15	PTO BIG SPOON YOGURT Fundraiser	2:00-9:00 p.n. Big Spoon Yogurt
Friday April 23	2nd Annual "Damsels and Dragons" Ice Cream Social	MP Room 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Tuesday April 27	WordMasters Competition Round 2	MP Room 10:25-10:55 a.m.
Thursday April 29	NEHS Induction Ceremony	MP Room 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Friday April 30	STAR Assemblies	Kindergarten 8:15 a.m. F1 Primary 8:30 a.m. Intermediate 9:15 a.m. MP Room
Friday April 30	Minimum Day Track Change	Grades 1-6/7:50-12:22 Kindergarten/(a.m. and p.m.) 7:50-11:21 a.m.
Monday May 3	Welcome Back Track B!	