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PROJECT WISDOM— Choose to Persevere

Principal's Message

Dear Ehrhardt Community,
We are hoping April's Showers are now behind us because there is so much going on at Ehrhardt in May. **Open House** is May 6th and our Choir will perform. **CST testing** begins for A and B track students on May 10th. Please encourage your student do their best. The tests are untimed, and students are given opportunities to work all of the problems. If you are interested in seeing sample test questions they are available at <http://www.starsamplequestions.org/starRTO/search.jsp>. Our **Spring Carnival** is on May 21st and we still need interested parents to help with set up and clean up or helping at the event. Please contact

our PTO if you are interested. **D Track Parent Appreciation** is May 19th from 2:15-3:00. D track families please note the **new dates for end of the year** activities including kinder and sixth grade promotions. They were moved forward because of the two furlough days for this year. D track students and teachers **will not** have school on the 27th or 28th of May. A and B track teachers and students will be furloughed on June 23rd and 24th. I look forward to seeing all of you this month on campus as we wrap up another fantastic year at Ehrhardt.

Sincerely,
Robin Riley
Principal



Ehrhardt Inducts National Elementary Honor Students

The evening of April 29 was special as 83 5th and 6th grade students became members of the National Elementary Honor Society (NEHS). Dignitaries in attendance to honor the new inductees included Board of Education members-William Lugg, Jr. and Pamela Irey; Director of Pre K-6 Elementary Education, Linda Meyerson, Laguna Creek HS Principal Douglas Craig and Harriet Eddy MS Principal Peter Lambert.

5th Grade inductees: Vanessa Abeyta, Joseph Allotey, Martiza Arellano,, Rafael Arellano, Brenna Ballez, Jacob Behrman, Holly Benson, Grant Bertagnini, Kelsey Brown, Camryn Carroll, Crystal Chan, Shaina Covert, Clayton Davis, Allison Depies, Lois Ditiou, Jacob Dunn, Brendan Dunning, Danielle Durham, Laurianne Estrada, Dominique Frazier, Rachael Gran, Eryn Grinius, Jalen Harris, Stevaughn Henderson, Charles Hewell, Mankirat Jhutti, Brendan Kihara, Beatrice Lai, Mike Lam, Cheyenne Laroque, Ngaodawb Lee, Joshua Limon, Julia Marco, Alexandra Martinez, Ciara Martinez, Jakob Middleton, Peter Milam, Kylie Morrison, Jacob Munch, Elizabeth Muncy, Danielle Naguna, Sara Olsen, Julia Page, Paige Ramirez, Shelby Raney, Gabrielle Romena, Megan Rooney, Carter Rusk, Mateo Short, Lesley Soto, Duyen "Grace" Tran, Ivy Wang, Jessica Wilbourn, Audrey Wilson, Kevin Yu

6th Grade inductees: Kalea Alimorong, Kylie Ansorge,. Karmveer Atwal, Brandon Bacerra, Nicholas Barbusca, Andrew Bilan, Kevin Brase, Angela Diep, Justine Estep, Jennifer Franco, Taylor Hall, Matthew Hartman, Nicholas Henderson, Rachel Homen, Osayi Imasuen, Cindy Lam, Amanda López, Alyssa Maligad, Ryan McCrory, Christian McFarland, Zoë Merck, Paloma Moreno, Celine Nguyen, Nicole Pomicpic, Courtney Rocco, Sarah Spano, Erika Sullivan, Kalkidan Tadese, Amy Tellez, Angani Vigneswaran, Christopher Villalobos, Gianina Zafarana

2009-2010 Furlough Days

For the 2010-2011 school year, the Elk Grove Unified School District is required to make \$60.5 million in budget reductions as the result of the state's economic crisis. As the district moves through the process of balancing its budget we continue to seek solutions that will keep staff and programs in place to support our students.



With this in mind, the Elk Grove Unified School District (EGUSD) and Elk Grove Education Association (EGEA) signed a tentative agreement that will implement two unpaid furlough days for teachers, counselors, librarians, nurses and all other EGEA bargaining unit members for the 2009-2010 school year.

In addition, EGUSD's district and site administrators, classified managers and other staff represented by EG-TEAMS have also agreed to two furlough days in the current 2009-2010 school year. The superintendent and the district's associate superintendents will take two furlough days in 2009-2010 and seven furlough days in 2010-2011.

While the agreement between EGUSD and EGEA does not change the need to reduce the budget by \$60.5 million, it does allow the district to restore 29 counseling positions at the secondary schools one more year. Without the furlough days, these 29 counseling positions would have been eliminated as the result of state budget cuts.

This is a positive first step. However, the district is still required to reduce the 2010-2011 budget by \$60.5 million a combination of position and program reductions, as well as negotiated cost containment measures in partnership with our labor associations.

Furlough days mean that schools will be closed and students will not come to school on these two days.

Due to the various schedules within EGUSD schools, the furlough days vary. The following is a summary of the changes to this year's school schedule. *Furlough days for adult education teachers will vary. Please contact Adult Education for dates.*

Grade Level/Schedule	Minimum Day Last Day of School	Furlough Day 1 School Closed	Furlough Day 2 School Closed
Middle Schools, High Schools and Alternative Schools (Grades 7-12) Traditional Schedule only	<i>Not Applicable</i>	Friday, April 30, 2010	Friday, May 14, 2010
Elementary Schools (Grades K-6) Traditional Schedule only	Monday, May 24, 2010	Tuesday, May 25, 2010	Wednesday, May 26, 2010
Elementary Schools (Grades K-6) Track D only	Wednesday, May 26, 2010	Thursday, May 27, 2010	Friday, May 28, 2010
Elementary Schools (Grades K-6) Tracks A, B, and C only	Tuesday, June 22, 2010	Wednesday, June 23, 2010	Thursday, June 24, 2010
Preschools Traditional Schedule only	<i>Not Applicable</i>	Wednesday, May 12, 2010	Thursday, May 13, 2010
Preschools Track C only	<i>Not Applicable</i>	Wednesday, June 9, 2010	Thursday, June 10, 2010

2010-2011 Modified Traditional Calendar at John Ehrhardt!

Next school year our school will be moving from a multi-track year-round schedule to a one-track modified traditional schedule. The new calendar means :

- The 2010-2011 school year will begin on **Monday, August 16, 2010**
- The first break commences **Wednesday November 24, 2010** with school resuming on **Monday, January 3, 2011**
- Spring Break begins **Friday, April**

15, 2011, with school resuming on **Monday, May 2, 2011**

- The last day of school will be on **Friday, June 24, 2010.**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR THESE NEW DATES!



Class lists for the 2010-11 year will be posted by **5 p.m.** on **Friday, August 13, 2010.**

John Ehrhardt Elementary School Teacher Earns Barbara Schmidt Lighthouse for Literacy Award

Jeannie Fisher, a second grade teacher at John Ehrhardt Elementary School, has been selected to receive the Barbara Schmidt Lighthouse for Literacy Award from the Sacramento Area Reading Association (SARA).

Ms. Fisher will be recognized at an awards banquet on Thursday, May 20th from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Casa Garden Restaurant.

“Jeannie’s ability to teach writing is a joy to watch,” said Robin Riley, principal at Ehrhardt. “Her teaching style is extremely beneficial in preparing her students for success when they enter the third grade. They reach the next level with the skills needed to write a paragraph, the confidence to write and speak, but most importantly, a love of the writing process and the voice of an author.”

The award honors the memory of Dr. Barbara Schmidt, Professor of Education at California State University, Sacramento. Recipients of the Lighthouse for Literacy Award are teachers who best capture the spirit of the late Dr. Schmidt and captivate the imagination of their students in creative ways to encourage a love of reading and writing.

SARA is affiliated with the California Reading Association (CRA) and the International Reading Association (IRA). SARA is a professional organization composed of teachers, administrators, parents and community members who are interested in promoting literacy for everyone.



**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****



**Character Trait of the Month
Choose Honesty
May 3-May 28**

I choose to be honest with myself and others. When I choose honesty, I make better and healthier choices. I choose to be honest about the mistakes I make, learn from them, and stand proud. I make the best choices I can each and every day.



Attendance Figures

April 2010

Overall school — 96.28%

- Track A — 97.49%
- Track C — 96.32%
- Track D — 95.03%

PTO CORNER

SPRING CARNIVAL

Mark your calendars! The annual Ehrhardt Spring Carnival is coming on **Friday, May 21**, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. We need your help. This year's theme is "Patriotic Country Fair".

Carnival Entrance is **FREE** however, children must be accompanied by adults.

Tickets for the dinner are pre-sale only and must be received by the office by Tuesday, May 18th. The spaghetti dinner with salad and bread and one drink is provided by the Pride of Laguna Creek Lyon's Club.



Tickets are \$4.00 per adult and \$3.00 per child.

OPEN HOUSE

Thursday May 6th for is Open House for A/B Tracks.. Drop by the PTO table where Spirit-wear will be on sale!

BIG SPOON FUNDRAISER

Thank you to all families who came out and supported the PTO Big Spoon Fundraiser on April 15th. It was a great success.



***ORDER YOUR 2009-2010
YEARBOOK TODAY!***

An order sheet went home with all students the week of April 19th. Orders may also be placed in person in the Office. A copy of the current year's finished product is available for review there as well.

- D track students will receive their yearbook on **May 18th**
- A/B/C track students will receive their yearbook on **June 14th**

The cost for the yearbook is **\$20.00**. When the yearbooks are distributed, your child's name will be written on the book, so it will not get lost. To avoid any confusion, when your student receives his/her yearbook, she/he will sign for the receipt..

Test Taking Tips for Elementary Students

Tests are important because they help the teacher evaluate a student's needs and progress, the student gauge his/her own level of mastery, and the parent evaluate his/her child's progress.

Tips to give your child about test taking:

- Relax. Just do the best you can.
- Your first choice in a multiple-choice test is usually correct. Don't change an answer unless you have a really good reason to do so.
- In multiple-choice questions, do not skip the longest answer. It should be considered, since test writers want to be sure the correct answer is accurate—they may add LOTS of details to insure accuracy.
- Look for information in some of the questions. This information may help you answer other questions.

You can assist your child in preparing for testing by doing the following:

- Ensure that your child is present during testing (children generally perform better when taking tests in their groups rather than at a makeup time).
- Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep before a test, and make sure your child eats properly the morning of a test.
- Maintain a pleasant home environment and avoid unnecessary conflicts. Try to make the morning of the test a pleasant one. Do not add to your child's stress.
- Make sure your child has taken any needed medication.
- Get your child to school on time each day of a test.
- Wish your child good luck each morning of the test. Tell your child that he/she is special and that you believe in her/him.
- If your child is too ill to attend, please call the School Office and let staff know.
- If the test is on a subject for which you can review (such as a spelling test), help your child review the material.
- Remind your child of the importance of using time wisely. If your child gets stuck on a question, encourage him/her to make the best guess and move on.
- Tell your child to attempt to answer ALL of the questions and not leave any blank.
- Encourage your child to stay focused on the test, even if other students finish early.
- If your child is disappointed after taking a test, reassure her/him that there will be plenty of opportunities to improve and succeed.



Harriet Eddy Middle School

Parent Teacher Action Committee (P.T.A.C.)

Election Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 5th, 2010, HEMS Library

PTAC is a group of parent and staff volunteers whose sole purpose is to support our school. We have been in existence since 2006. PTAC is looking for new officers and committee members for the upcoming 2010-2011 school year.

Position descriptions:

President and/or Co: Presides at all meetings and coordinates PTAC activities with other officers, committees and the Vice Principal/Principal HEMS.

Vice-President and/or Co : Acts as an aide to the president. In the absence of the president, the vice president shall assume the duties of the president as listed above.

Secretary: Keeps an accurate record of the calendar and of the proceeding of all meetings; notifies members of meetings and shall receive and answer all communications; provides a written copy of previous meeting notes to each member present.

Treasurer: Receives all money of the organization and provides a receipt; pays all bills and receives all membership dues; signs checks along with president and vice-president; balances checkbook and provides updated reports on budget at each meeting.

Membership Coordinator and/or Co: Keeps a record of all members and other PTAC supporters and volunteers.

Family Night Out Coordinator and/or Co: Contacts local restaurants and coordinates all arrangements for school to receive a % of proceeds from sales on a specified night.

Note: Go to the PTAC section of the HEMS homepage for more information on what PTAC does.

If you are interested in a position and cannot make the meeting, please e-mail PTAC at hemsptac@gmail.com and let us know what position you are interested in and how to contact you.

Hope to see you there!

The HEMS 2009-2010 PTAC Board



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

Friday April 30	STAR Assemblies	Kindergarten 8:15 a.m. F1 Primary 8:30 a.m. /MP room 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!	
Wednesdays	Superstackers	2:15-3:00 p.m./MP Room <i>*Please make sure to pick up your student promptly!</i>
May 3-7	Teacher Appreciation Week!	Show your child's teacher you appreciate all the work he/she does!
Thursday May 6	Open House Track A/B	5:00-5:30 Principal Chat/Library 5:30-6:00 Choir/MP Room 6:00-7:00 Classroom Visits
Saturday May 8	Annual Robert Trigg Track Meet	Cosumnes Oaks HS
May 10-21	STAR Testing Tracks AB	Eat breakfast! Be at school on time and ready to do a GREAT job!
Tuesday May 11	PTO Board Meeting	MP Room Stage 6:15-8:15 p.m.
Monday May 17	UNSCHEDULED MINIMUM DAY	Track D ONLY 7:50 a.m.-12:22 p.m.
Friday May 21	Ehrhardt Spring Carnival and Spaghetti Feed	5:00-8:00 p.m.
Tuesday May 27	STAR Assembly Track D ONLY	8:30 a.m.
Wednesday May 26	Promotion/Track D ONLY Grade 6	8:15 a.m. MP Room
Wednesday May 26	D TRACK ONLY-MNIMUM DAY	Grades 1-6/7:50-12:22 Kindergarten 7:50-11:21 a.m.
Friday May 28	STAR Assemblies AB Track ONLY	Kindergarten 8:15 a.m. F1 Primary 8:30 a.m./MP Room Intermediate 9:15 a.m./MP Room
Friday May 28	Minimum Day/Track Change SPIRIT DAY-70's Day A/B Tracks ONLY	Grades 1-6/7:50-12:22 Kindergarten/(a.m. and p.m.) 7:50-11:21 a.m.
Monday May 31	HOLIDAY MEMORIAL DAY	NO SCHOOL
Tuesday June 1	Welcome Back Track C!	