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THE EHRHARDT EAGLE'S NEST

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PROJECT WISDOM— Choose to Be Healthy

Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

I have spent the last three weeks getting to know our students, staff, parents and the culture of John Ehrhardt School. I continue to be impressed by the hard work and dedication of staff and the "get it done" attitude of the students. You have done an excellent job of preparing your students for school. You have helped them understand that school is their job, just like mom and dad.

How do we know this? As we review all aspects of student contributions, such as effort to complete daily assignments, assessments and positive attitudes toward school, our students are superior. Our students are among the highest in the District's daily attendance percentages. Research tells us that students attending school on time and regularly do better than those with excessive absences.

Reviewing our test scores from last spring's California Standards Test or STAR Test demonstrates how the above characteristics can be translated into meaningful academic progress. John Ehrhardt Elementary School met many important goals by achieving their expected Academic Proficiency Index Targets. In addition, the school met their Federal Annual Yearly Progress standards. These are tough standards to achieve. Not

every school can boast Ehrhardt's success. You can be justifiably proud of your school, and be assured that no child will be left behind.

David Givens
Interim Principal



UNSCHEDULED MINIMUM DAYS 2009-2010

Trimester 1:

Monday, October 19/Tracks A/B/C

Trimester 2:

Monday, January 25/Track D

Monday, February 22 /Tracks A/B/C

Trimester 3:

Monday, May 17 /Track D

Monday, June 14/Tracks A/B/C

PTO CORNER



Thank-you to all who supported the annual **Burgers 'n' Books** held last month. It was a great evening in support of our Ehrhardt community and the School's Library!

WATCH D.O.G.S.® is an innovative program being used by schools across America which helps them to be positively impacted by the committed involvement of fathers and father-figures in their student's life. The goal is to have these men spend at least one day a year at the school to be an extra set of eyes and ears as a positive male role model. Ehrhardt's Kick-Off Watch D.O.G.S. event is scheduled for Thursday, October 8th from 6:00-7:30 p.m.



Lunch on the Quad is back! It will take place on Friday, October 9th. Come and have lunch with your child(ren) during their lunch period(s). More information will be coming on Tuesday, October 6, School Communication Day.

Cookie Dough: B/C tracks start their fundraiser on Monday, October 12th. Be sure to support the PTO through purchase of yummy Otis Spunkmeyer cookies!



It is never too late to become a **PTO SUPPORTER!** With membership questions, contact our Membership Coordinator, Shannon Tosh, at 1mom@frontier.net. As always, if you are on the school campus, you can leave a note for any of the PTO board members in the PTO box in the School Office.



Mark your calendars and plan to support these upcoming PTO events:

October 7	Walk To School Day	7:30-7:50 a.m.
October 8	Watch D.O.G.S. Kickoff Event	6:00-7:30 p.m. MP Room
October 9	Lunch on the Quad	Your child's lunch time
October 12-23	Cookie Dough Fundraiser	B/C tracks
October 13	PTO General Meeting	Immediately following the Community Meeting
October 16	Movie Night	MP Room

Walk to School Day Is Coming! Wednesday, October 7, 2009



This year, Ehrhardt celebrates National "Walk to School Day" on October 7th! Students and parents are encouraged to walk/bike to school that day! Watch for additional information coming home on Communication Tuesday!



LIBRARY HOURS CHANGE

The Library will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Thursdays **ONLY**. The after-school hours have been created so parents and students can come in to take advantage of the Library—in particular, to take Accelerated Reader (AR) quizzes. Ms. Smith has adjusted the Library schedule so all classes have Library time with her present. Remember, the Library will be open to 3 p.m. on Thursdays!



*Project Wisdom
Theme for the Month*

Choose to be Healthy

I make these personal choices to keep my body and mind healthy. I exercise at home and at school. The choices I make for lunch and snacks are healthy. I manage my time and work so I don't get "stressed out."

Lost and Found Clothing/Articles

With the days starting cold and ending on a warm note this time of year, many sweaters and jackets come off students during the day. A number of these items are not claimed and taken back to the classroom by their owner so they end up in the "Lost and Found."

Lost and Found is maintained in the MP Room Storage Room. Each week, on Wednesday, the collection is rolled out during lunch time as a reminder for students to check for their lost items. Students and parents who would like to check in Lost and Found at other times are welcome to do so. After Track Change Day, the accumulated clothing is forwarded to the Elk Grove Clothes Closet.

Many of these "lost" items would not stay lost if a complete name (first and last) were on the garment. Parents, please make sure your child's name is in his/her clothing so we can help return a lost item!



Attendance Corner

- **Early Dismissal**

Please note that Office staff will ask parents for picture identification when picking students up for early dismissal. This is part of our effort to maintain a safe learning environment.

- **Absences**

Parents, in addition to notifying your student's teacher about an absence and asking for work, please be sure to contact the Office as well (684-7259) to maintain correct attendance records for your child. The following are considered by the District as valid absences:

- ⇒ Personal illness or injury
- ⇒ Medical/dental appointments
- ⇒ Funeral services for family members
- ⇒ Court ordered appearances
- ⇒ Observation of religious holiday or ceremony.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!



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

Friday October 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 October 5	Welcome Back Track C!	
Wednesday October 7	Walk/Bike to School Day	7:30-7:50 a.m.
Thursday October 8	Watch D.O.G.S. Kick-Off Event	6:00-7:30 p.m. MP Room
Friday October 9	Lunch on the Quad	Grades 2/3: 11:00 a.m. Grades 1/4: 11:40 a.m. Grades 5/6: 12:20 p.m.
Monday October 12	Cookie Dough Sale Begins	Tracks B/C
Tuesday October 13	Ehrhardt Community Year-Round Transition to Traditional Meeting	6:00-7:00 p.m. MP Room
Wednesday October 14	Picture Day	Tracks B/C
Friday October 16	PTO Sponsors Movie Night "Bolt"	6:15-8:30 p.m. MP Room <i>Children must be accompanied by an adult</i>
Monday October 19	Unscheduled Minimum Day Tracks A/B/C	Grades 1-6/7:50-12:22 Kindergarten/(a.m. and p.m.) 7:50-11:21 a.m.
October 19-23	Health Week	Tuesday, October 20 Jump Rope for Heart @ each grade level's morning recess
Wednesday October 21	Cookie Dough Delivery	Track A ONLY
Friday October 23	Cookie Dough Sale ENDS	Tracks B/C
Wednesday October 28	Picture Retake Day	Track A ONLY
Friday October 30	Minimum Day Track Change	Grades 1-6/7:50-12:22 Kindergarten/(a.m. and p.m.) 7:50-11:21 a.m.