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PROJECT WISDOM— Choose to Respect Differences

Principal's Message

Dear Ehrhardt Community,

On behalf of the staff at John Ehrhardt Elementary, I would like to wish all of our students and families a happy holiday and a healthy and prosperous New Year. This last month I have enjoyed getting to know your students and seeing them engaged in warm and welcoming classrooms full of student work and outstanding writing samples. Many of them have written me welcome letters on computers and I have enjoyed hearing about their hobbies and interests. As I walk the campus students have done a great job of saying hello, giving me a high five or a hug and I feel very welcome here.

As we return to school in January we will be focused intently on setting goals for the remainder of the year and working with your student to achieve proficiency in all of their grade level standards. We will be looking at the MYPAS results in grades 2-6 of both C and D track and planning instruction based on their results. Our A and B track students will be taking their MYPAS tests so we may measure their mid-year progress. You can help us to get the most out of these next three months by reestablishing homework routines that may have been difficult to keep throughout the holiday season, giving positive praise for tests and assignments that come home correct, and setting goals with your student for completing up-coming tests or assignments correctly.

I will be hosting a Principal's Chat in the Library on the morning of January 6th. I will be in the library from 7:50 to 8:30 a.m. to discuss any school issues that are of interest to our parent community. I will also host an informational meeting on possible calendars for the 10-11 school year at 6 p.m. on January 7th. Please stop by and join the conversation and help me to set New Year's goals for our school.

Sincerely,
Robin Riley
Principal

SAVE THE DATE!
**Ehrhardt's Crab and
Tri Tip Feed**
Friday, February 19, 2010
Tickets go on sale in January

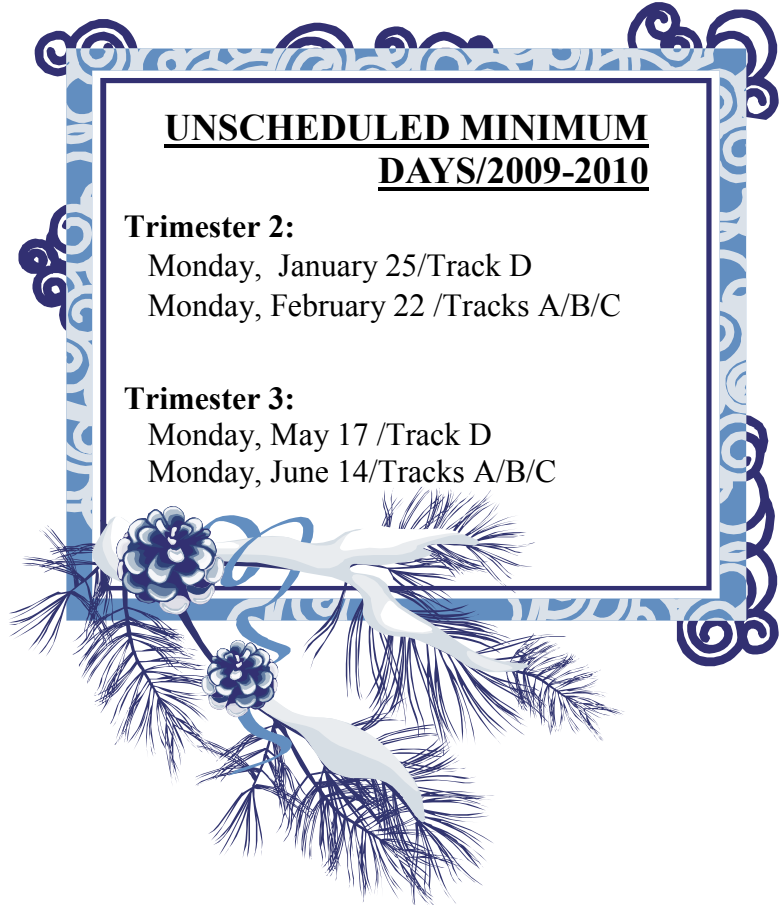
UNSCHEDULED MINIMUM DAYS/2009-2010

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



MYPAS is Here!

MYPAS (Mid-Year Progress Assessment of Standards) is a district-wide, standards-based assessment aligned to the California academic content standards, by grade and subject level for English Language Arts and mathematics. The MYPAS was developed by staff members of the Elk Grove Unified School District. It is given each winter (November thru January) to students in grades 2-6, and at the mid-year point of a course at the middle and high school levels. Teachers use MYPAS results to monitor students' academic progress toward mastering the California academic content standards. At John Ehrhardt, the testing dates



are December 7-11 for Tracks C and D and January 11-15 for those on A and B Tracks.

From the Lunch Room

Charged Meals: Elementary students are only allowed to charged lunches. The Food and Nutrition Service Lead **will** serve the student a lunch and give the child a “charge reminder” note to take home to the parent the **first** time they charge a lunch. Lunch is \$2.25 @ day and Breakfast may NOT be charged.



If a student forgets to bring money for lunch a second time, the FNS Lead will give the student a **second** charge reminder note. This note informs the parent of the total amount owed and that the student **will not be able to charge** additional meals until the FNS Lead receives payment in full.

The second charge reminder note also informs parents their child will receive a basic lunch (cheese sandwich and milk) if they fail to send their child to school with lunch or lunch money. The school principal will be notified of students who receive more than three basic lunches.

Parents are informed with these notes that if their child has charged, they are to send their child to school with a lunch or lunch money for the next day as well as send money to pay the charged lunches.

Community Board Meetings/February 2, 2010

Community members will have an opportunity to ask questions and receive answers from EGUSD board members on **February 2, 2010** at Community Board Meetings. Each year, EGUSD's seven trustees hold individual meetings at seven school sites.

The meetings offer an opportunity for parents, students, staff, and community members to get an update about the District, learn how the state budget is affecting EGUSD, and ask questions. The meetings will also feature a student performance or presentation.

Gatherings take place from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Trustees will hold meetings at the following locations:

Monterey Trail High School
Joseph Sims Elementary School
Elitha Donner Elementary School
Cosumnes Oaks High School
Samuel Kennedy Elementary School
Prairie Elementary School
Robert J. Fite Elementary

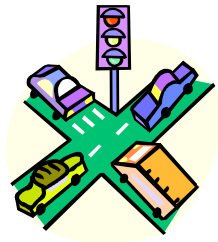


If you have any questions about the meetings, please contact the EGUSD Communications Department at (916) 686-7732 or communication@egusd.net.

A Message from Law Enforcement

Winter is just around the corner and we've had some remarkable summer and fall weather. The daylight hours are now becoming shorter. This is an excellent time to be thinking more about our children's safety as they go to and from school.

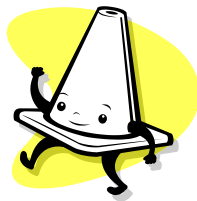
Traffic around our schools, especially around arrival and dismissal times, is always very congested. With cell phones, iPods, conversations with friends, and a myriad of other distractions, it is



easy for our children to pay less attention to traffic than they should. Drivers also become distracted and often times pay less attention to foot traffic around schools than they should.

Some youth believe it's quicker and more convenient not to cross a street not in a crosswalk, or to walk in the roadway instead of on the sidewalk. While these can be violations of the law, more importantly, it puts our children at greater risk.

Many drivers believe it is also acceptable to make a U-Turn during this time of traffic congestion around our schools. Please be reminded that the law prohibits you from making a U-Turn on any street within 200



feet of approaching traffic coming from either direction (22103 CVC). But most importantly, it again places our children at greater risk.

A "Traffic Safety" brochure is located the school office and available to all. Please pick one or more up the next time you are here.

Additionally, and as important, with changing weather conditions, children riding bicycles to and from school need to be even more cautious. Proper fitting helmets save lives as well as help prevent serious trauma to the head.



It is not only the law that children must wear a helmet, but our responsibility as adults to ensure they do. Please take a strong stance with your child if he or she desires to ride their bicycle to and from school or at any time without wearing their helmet.

We are asking you as parents or guardians to remind your children to be aware of traffic, obey the rules of the road, and emphasize safety and common sense. As the drivers of vehicles we are asking you slow down, model patience and take extra precautions around all schools. The well being of our children is our **highest** priority.

Chief Jenkins

Safety Reminders:



- School begins at 7:50 a.m. —students are to be on line, ready to go at this time! Supervision of parking and drop offs end with the morning bell at 7:50.
 - Follow the traffic flow signs and crossing guards around the school.
 - Do **NOT** make a U-turn in the middle of the street. On the west side of the campus (Kindergarten side), **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 child/ren to cross mid-block (e.g. "jaywalk"). It is highly dangerous and adult supervisors will ask your students not to cross.
- When visiting the campus, be sure to stop in the Office to sign-in.
- 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.





Ask Anne & Lisa

The Ask Anne & Lisa column featuring District Dietitians Anne Gaffney, R.D. & Lisa Vorce, R.D., appears in EGUSD school newsletters and is designed to help families build healthy lifestyles. You can email questions to Anne & Lisa at Communication@egusd.net.

Dear Anne & Lisa,

With all the talk of flu this year, please comment on what can be done through diet to prevent getting the flu?

R. Henry
Elementary School Parent

Dear R. Henry,

Students and adults with good immune systems are less

likely to become ill during cold and flu season. To keep your immune system healthy, pack your daily eating plan with nutrient-rich foods like fruits and vegetables. These foods contain phytonutrients and may help enhance immunity. Vitamin C may also help strengthen the immune system. Guava, red and green bell peppers, kiwi, citrus fruit, vegetable juice cocktail, strawberries, Brusselsprouts, cantaloupe, papaya, kohlrabi, edible pod peas, broccoli and sweet potatoes are all considered good sources of vitamin C.

In addition to eating a healthy diet, get plenty of rest and keep your hands clean and away from your face to help avoid catching a cold or the flu.

Thanks for asking,

Anne & Lisa



As new “stuff” from Christmas is put away, please take a moment and check to see if you have any ‘gently used’ items listed below which are useful to have on hand in the Nurse’s Office. If you **do** have anything, please forward the items to school in a plastic bag, letting us know that this is for the Office. Many thanks!

- Pillows
- Pillow cases
- Light blankets
- Bath/beach towels



- Underwear
- Socks
- Sweat pants (elastic waist in sizes for both youth and adult) S/M/L/XL



Your Help Is Needed!

Winter Concert

Under the direction of Choir Teacher, **Lisa Avellar**, a wonderful evening was spent December 10th. The Ehrhardt community attended a fun-filled hour of music through the efforts of the Choir. Thanks to parents who provided the refreshments!



Spelling Bee Results!

After two and half hours of competition a winner emerged in Ehrhardt’s annual Spelling Bee. Congratulations to the following FANTASTIC spellers:

- 1st place Angela Diep[(Mrs. Thrall/6D)
2nd place Kylie Ansorge (Mrs. Thrall/6D)

PTO Corner

The PTO Boards extends wishes for a very happy and safe holiday season to all John Ehrhardt students, family, staff, and friends.

Many thanks to all who supported the Baja Burrito Night earlier in the month. It was a great success! 25% of earnings were donated back to Ehrhardt PTO. Thanks, also, to all who supported the **Family Picture Event**.



It was great to see so much support from the Ehrhardt community in fundraising! As you know, PTO offers a wide and varied menu of activities/fundraisers from which to choose throughout the year. We understand that everyone is not able to attend or participate in all events offered. A variety of events are scheduled so that we can provide one or two in which you can partake!



Upcoming is the **Chick-a-Filet Night, Friday, January 29th!** Watch on Tuesday Communication Day for further updates next month.

We also want to take this time to remind everyone that the **Annual Sweetheart Dance** is coming! Gentlemen—dads, uncles, grandpas, friends—it is time to put on your fancy duds and escort your special young lady/ladies to PTO's **Annual Sweetheart Dance**. Mark your calendars for **Friday, February 5, 2010**. The event will be held in the school's **Multi-Purpose Room** from **7 -9 p.m.** More details will follow—watch on Communication Tuesdays!



Finally, parents/guardians—some of you may have noticed prizes coming home in the past week. These items were the results of the “top sellers” in Fall Fundraising-Entertainment Books and Cookie Dough promotions.

The next PTO Board Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 5, 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 events!

Day/Date	Event	Time
Tuesday, December 8	PTO Board Meeting	6:15-8:15 p.m.
Tuesday, January 12	PTO Board Meeting	6:15 pm – 8:15 pm
Friday, February 5	Sweetheart Dance	7:00 – 9:00 pm

Drink Pouch Recycling Update/December

As of Friday, 12.18.09, the totals for the Drink Pouch Recycling stood at **\$110.42** with **5,521 pouches** collected for redemption!

These funds, disbursed twice a year, will be used towards the purchase of playground



equipment such as soccer balls, volleyball balls, 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.

*Project Wisdom
Theme for the Month*

Choose to Respect Differences

I choose to show respect to others regardless of the differences that may exist between us. I also make an attempt to understand other's point of view by listening and asking sincere questions about things that I do not understand.

EGUSD District Office Holiday Closures

The Elk Grove Unified School District's Robert L. Trigg Education Center and satellite district offices will be closed to the public from **Thursday, December 24, 2009, through Friday, January 1, 2010.**

Some departments and EGUSD Police Services will continue to work. To contact EGUSD Police Services, please call 916-686-7786. In the case of an emergency, call 911.





MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

REMEMBER-TUESDAY IS "COMMUNICATION DAY" @ EHRHARDT

Wednesday December 23	Minimum Day Track Change	Grades 1-6/7:50-12:22 Kindergarten/(a.m. and p.m.) 7:50-11:21 a.m.
December 24 - January 1	Winter Break	NO SCHOOL
Tuesday January 6	PTO Board Meeting	Staff Lounge 6:15-8:15 p.m.
Wednesday January 6	Principal's Chat Parents, please drop in!	Library 7:50-8:30 a.m.
Thursday January 7	2010-2011 Calendar Meeting <i>Come to see proposed calendars for the 10-11 school year.</i>	MP Room 6-7 p.m.
Wednesdays	Superstackers	2:15-3:00 p.m./MP Room <i>*Please make sure to pick up your student promptly!</i>
Thursdays	Extended Library Hours	Library open until 3 p.m.
January 11-15	Mid-Year Assessments (MYPAS)	Tracks A and B/Grades 2-6 ONLY
Friday January 15	Academic Talent Search (ATS) Exam	MP Room
Friday January 15	Progress Reports	Tracks A and B
Monday January 18	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday	NO SCHOOL
Wednesday February 3	STAR Assemblies	Kindergarten 8:15 a.m. F1 Primary 8:30 a.m. Intermediate 9:15 a.m. MP Room
Wednesday February 3	Minimum Day Track Change	Grades 1-6/7:50-12:22 Kindergarten/(a.m. and p.m.) 7:50-11:21 a.m.
Thursday February 4	Welcome Back Track C!	