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# THE EHRHARDT EAGLE'S NEST

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## PROJECT WISDOM— Choose Self-Responsibility

### Principal's Message


Dear Ehrhardt Community,

As the EGUSD continues to wrestle with how to cut 55 million dollars for next year, here is what we know so far. A Modified Traditional calendar was approved by the School Board on February 15th for 12 schools including Ehrhardt. The final calendar now has to be bargained between the District and EGEA but we expect all students to begin school on August 16th and have their first vacation beginning November 22nd. You can keep track of ongoing budget information at [www.egusd.net/news/budget/index.cfm](http://www.egusd.net/news/budget/index.cfm). Other cuts expected to impact our school are :

- Increased class size in K-3
- Decrease in school Vice Principals
- Loss of Librarian
- Loss of office Clerk

Sincerely,  
Robin Riley  
Principal

### **WordMasters Competition Round 1 Results**

It wasn't easy and they all had to think carefully!   
Congratulations to the following students who came out on top in the competition held last month.

- Grade 3—Isabelle Spangler (Francisco)**
- Grade 4—Camryn Dadey (Robbins)**
- Grade 5—Kylie Morrison (Grooms)**
- Grade 6—Andrew Bilan (Milburn)**

Round 2 begins in April with competition scheduled for Tuesday, April 27th. Interested students can contact Ms. Bronte to sign up!

## 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.*



### 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\*\*\**

# PTO Corner

## Butter Braids Fundraiser

Butterbraids are back! There are three separate sales windows as follows:

Track	Sale Start Date	Distribution Date
A	completed	March 4
B/C	March 2–March 26	April 2
D	March 9–March 26	April 2

**Movie Night is coming!** Mark your calendars for **Friday, March 19th!** Watch for more details to come in your student's Communication Folder.



## 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.

## Damsels and Dragons

Moms, Grandmas, Aunts and or/ friends.. grab your knight(s) in shining armor and join JE PTO'S **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Damsels and Dragons Event** on **Friday April 23<sup>rd</sup>**. 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 21<sup>st</sup>**. 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, March 9, 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, March 9 .	PTO Board Meeting	6:15-8:15 p.m
Friday, March 19	PTO Movie Night	6:15-8:30 p.m.
Friday, April 23	Damsels & Dragons	7:00-9:00 p.m.
Friday, May 21	Spring Carnival	evening

## Drink Pouch Recycling Latest Information!

As of Monday, 2.1.10, the totals for the Drink Pouch Recycling stood at **\$240.96** with **over 12,000 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 February 2010

**Overall school — 95.57%**

- Track A — 96.95%
- Track B — 95.71%
- Track C — 94.06%

## Census 2010 Is Coming to JE!

Every ten years, in accordance with the U.S. Constitution, the U.S. Census is taken across the country. In 2010, the Census is very important for California.

Ehrhardt will observe School Census Week on March 1-5th. During the week, the Student Council will take a school-wide census—our demographics may well prove interesting! In addition, teachers will conduct a Census activity during the week.



California is home to the top 10 hardest to count areas in the country and school-aged children are often forgotten when parents and guardians complete the form. Because the Federal Government uses Census data to distribute more than \$400 billion annually to states for schools, road, hospitals and other community services, a complete count – including children – is essential. It is important that every California resident be counted in the 2010 Census, as the state will lose at least \$1,700 each year for each person who is not counted.

Census questionnaires will be mailed out to households in February and March 2010. With one of the shortest questionnaires in history, the 2010 Census asks for name, gender, age, race, ethnicity, relationship and whether you own or rent your home. The questionnaire only has 10 questions and should take approximately 10 minutes to complete.

If households return their questionnaires by April 1, 2010, they are finished with the Census process. Households that do not complete their questionnaires will be visited by Census takers from April 2010 to July 2010.

One little known fact about the Census is that it is completely **confidential**. Information shared through the Census cannot be shared with anyone, including other government agencies. Regardless of immigration status, the information cannot be used against individuals or invade the privacy of anyone or members of their families.

## Attendance

Attendance is a vital part of a student's responsibility in education. "Attendance" means both being present in class and being on time to school.

Absences affect both teacher and student. While make-up work is given, the absent child misses the benefits of direct classroom instruction from a professional—the teacher.

Arriving on time helps a student start his/her workday on the "right foot." Children who arrive late to class are busy playing "catch up" and do not have the luxury of a calm opening to their day.

Parents can help children succeed by establishing consistent schedules for bed time and morning routines (including breakfast) so students arrive at school on time and have some "brain food" to start the day. Students can start learning to use an alarm clock so they begin to assume responsibility for their morning!

At the school site, when students are absent-**for any reason** - we do not receive any ADA (Average Daily Attendance) monies.

During the month of **February** tardy figures for the school as a whole were:

- **Late/tardy less than 30 minutes— 209 times**
- **Late/tardy more than 30 minutes—34 times**

This means that students lost about **69 hours** of school because they were tardy! If this is an issue within your family, please work with your child to improve on time arrivals.

Ehrhardt serves breakfast in the morning starting at 7:25 a.m. Having breakfast here would assure your child's timely arrival in class. Being on time to his/her job (that of being a student) is a life skill which will pay off in the larger world as an adult. Your help and support is appreciated.





## **John Ehrhardt Elementary/March 2010** **School Accountability Report Card Available**

The current School Accountability Report Cards (SARC), containing data from the 2008-2009 school year, are available online at the Elk Grove Unified School District website at <http://www.egusd.net/schools/sarcs/index.cfm>. Both a long detailed format and a short executive summary are posted for parents to learn more about the schools in our community.

Each school's SARC summarizes the school's mission, goals, accomplishments, and highlights the school's unique programs. In addition, state law requires that the SARC contain all of the following: demographic data, school safety and climate for learning information, academic data, school completion rates, class sizes, teacher and staff information, curriculum and instruction descriptions, post-secondary preparation information, fiscal and expenditure data.

The federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) law requires that SARCs contain reports concerning the "adequate yearly progress" of students in achieving state academic achievement standards; Title I Program Improvement status; graduation rates at the secondary level; and the extent to which "highly qualified" teachers are teaching core academic subjects.

A hard copy of these reports can be requested by visiting your child's school office. Additionally, these reports have been translated in Spanish, Vietnamese, and Hmong at schools with large populations of families who speak these languages. Any questions regarding the SARCs can be answered by your child's principal or by contacting Learning Support Services at 686-7712.

### **IMPORTANT/Emergency Contact Information**

If you have moved, changed land telephone, work, or cell phone numbers, or use a new email address, please make sure that the correct emergency contact information has been updated with the School Office. Emergency contact information allows Ehrhardt staff to contact you in an emergency or when your child is not at school. It is important that the school has the most current information.

If you need to change this information or add an email address of phone number, please contact the School Office at 684-7259.

Thank you!



## **TRACK SEASON** **IS COMING!**

Time to prepare for the annual Robert Trigg Invitational Track Meet sponsored by Cosumnes Oaks High School!

The Meet will be held on **Saturday, May 8th**. The school is looking for interested parent volunteers to supervise a few track practices before that date. Interested parties may contact Principal, Robin Riley at 684.7259.



## **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



*Health Corner*

## **Tobacco Laws and Schools**

Below are some frequently asked questions from staff, parents/guardians, students about tobacco use at school and within the community:

- How many feet from campus does a parent or other adult have to be to smoke/use tobacco?

*Adults have to be at least twenty (20) feet from any school or district boundary and includes sports fields and parking lots.*

- What is the law about smoking in cars with a minor?

*It is illegal to smoke or possess a lighted pipe, cigar, or cigarette containing tobacco in any motor vehicle in which there is a minor (a person under 18 years of age), regardless of whether the vehicle is in motion or not.*

- Does chewing tobacco count as "tobacco use"?

*Yes, the same rules apply for chewing tobacco. Adults must be 20 feet from the school boundary and it is a violation for a minor to use/possess chewing tobacco.*



## Learners' Corner

"Tips for parents who want their children to succeed"

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### Study Skills

#### Discuss Big School Projects

When your child has a BIG project, ask:

- **Do you have an assignment sheet?** Go over it with your child. Together make a list of supplies he/she will need.
- **When is it due?** Mark this date on your home calendar(s) and your student's agenda.
- **What steps do you need** to complete to finish the project? Break the project down and establish each step's own due date.

-source: Mike Coles, *Learning to Learn*, ISBN: 1-551-38153-2 (Stenhouse Publishes, 1-800-988-9812, [www.stenhouse.com](http://www.stenhouse.com))

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### Testing Tips

#### Three Questions Help Your Child Review Tests

Your child studied hard, but she still did poorly on an exam. To try to figure out what happened, ask three questions:



1. **What was** your biggest problem on this test? Did a certain type of question give you trouble? Did you have enough time?
2. **What caused** your problem? Did you follow directions? Did you spend too much time on one section?
3. **What could** you do differently next time?

-source: Laurie Rozakis, *Super Study Skills*, ISBN: 0-439-21601-X (Scholastic Reference, [www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com))

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### Working With Your School

#### Good Behavior in School Starts at Home

Every child is special, but a teacher with 20 or 26 students cannot always accommodate each child's wishes. To promote cooperative behavior, expect your child to:

- **Put things away** after he/she has used them. Kids who take responsibility at home will also take care of school items.
- **Do some chores.** Could he/she help clear the table? Take out the trash? Teachers also need children to help the classroom run smoothly.
- **Follow rules.** Kids who follow family rules such as "no TV before homework" are more likely to follow the rules at school, too.
- **Listen when others speak.** Teachers appreciate students who show respect for them.
- **Stick to a schedule.** Children who have **regular** bedtimes and mealtimes at home often find it easier to fit into a school schedule.



-source: Toni S. Bickart, Diane Trister Dodge, and Judy R. Jablon, *What Every Parent Needs to Know about 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Grades*, ISBN: 1-402-20138-9 (Sourcebooks, Inc. [www.sourcebooks.com](http://www.sourcebooks.com))



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

REMEMBER-TUESDAY IS "COMMUNICATION DAY" @ EHRHARDT

<b>Thursday March 4</b>	<b>STAR Assemblies</b>	<b>Kindergarten 8:15 a.m. F1 Primary 8:30 a.m. Intermediate 9:15 a.m. MP Room</b>
<b>Thursday March 4</b>	<b>Minimum Day Track Change</b>	<b>Grades 1-6/7:50-12:22 Kindergarten/(a.m. and p.m.) 7:50-11:21 a.m.</b>
<b>Friday March 5</b>	<b>Welcome Back Track D!</b>	
<b>Tuesday March 9</b>	<b>PTO Board Meeting</b>	<b>Staff Lounge 6:15-8:15 p.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday March 9</b>	<b>Butter Braids PTO Fundraiser BEGINS</b>	<b>Track D</b>
<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>Superstackers</b>	<b>2:15-3:00 p.m./MP Room <i>*Please make sure to pick up your student promptly!</i></b>
<b>Wednesday March 10</b>	<b>Science Fair</b>	<b>7:30 a.m. check-in Room K3</b>
<b>Thursday March 11</b>	<b>Science Fair</b>	<b>Morning announcements- Grade level winners</b>
<b>Thursday March 11</b>	<b>English Learners Redesignation Meeting</b>	<b>Library 2:30-3:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday March 17</b>	<b>Butter Braids PTO Fundraiser ENDS</b>	<b>Track D</b>
<b>Friday March 19</b>	<b>Spring Pictures</b>	<b>Tracks B/D</b>
<b>Friday March 19</b>	<b>PTO Movie Night</b>	<b>MP Room 6:15-8:30 p.m.</b>
<b>March 23-25</b>	<b>District Science Fair</b>	
<b>Friday April 2</b>	<b>STAR Assemblies</b>	<b>Kindergarten 8:15 a.m. F1 Primary 8:30 a.m. Intermediate 9:15 a.m. MP Room</b>
<b>Friday April 2</b>	<b>Minimum Day Track Change</b>	<b>Grades 1-6/7:50-12:22 Kindergarten/(a.m. and p.m.) 7:50-11:21 a.m.</b>
<b>Monday April 5</b>	<b>Welcome Back Track A!</b>	