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June/July/August 2010/MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Wednesday June 23	"Moving Day" 4—6 p.m.	Come help move our teachers into their new rooms!
July 1—August 3	Office Closed	
August 4-6	Office Hours	10:00 a.m. — 2 p.m.
August 9—13	Office Hours	8:00 a.m. — 3:30 p.m.
Friday August 13	10-11 Class Lists Posted	Office Windows After 5 p.m.
Monday August 16	1st Day of School MINIMUM DAY 8:00 a.m.-12:35 p.m.	8:00 a.m. sharp!/Grades 1-6 Kindergarten AM-8 a.m. Kindergarten PM-11:30 a.m.
Monday August 16	Back to School Night KINDERGARTEN ONLY	6:00-7:00 p.n. Parent only, please Kindergarten Classroom
Thursday August 19	Back to School Night Grades 1-6	Primary Classrooms 6:00-6:40 p.m. Intermediate Classrooms 6:50-7:30 p.m.

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 **Monday November 22, 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 **Tuesday, June 21, 2011.**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR THESE NEW DATES!



SCHOOL HOURS 2010-2011

Regular Day Schedule

Kindergarten/AM 8:00-11:30 a.m.
Kindergarten/PM 10:40 a.m.-2:10 p.m.
Grades 1-6 8:00 a.m.—2:10 p.m.

Minimum Day Schedule

Grades 1-6 8:00 a.m.-12:35 p.m.
Kindergarten 8:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Students arrive no earlier than 7:45 a.m.
(15 minutes before the morning bell)

Breakfast (M-F/MP Room)
7:30—7:50 a.m.

Attendance/June 2010

School-wide — 96.83%

- Track A — 97.00%
- Track B — 96.16%
- Track C — 97.33%

Entire School 2009-2010 96.83%

Drink Pouch Recycling Update

As of Monday, June 14, 2010, the totals for the Drink Pouch Recycling stood at **\$491.26** with **24,563 pouches** recycled! These funds (disbursed twice a year) will be used towards the purchase of playground equipment. Student volunteers run the program under adult supervision. At a redemption of \$0.02 per pouch, Ehrhardt has recycled quite a



PTO Corner – June 2010



2009-2010 PTO Sponsored events for the Ehrhardt community to enjoy and support our school:

- Sweetheart Dance
- Lunch on the Quad
- Movie Nights
- Damsels and Dragons Social
- Burgers and Books
- Spring Carnival

Your PTO fundraising at work! PTO funded the following programs during the 2009-2010 school year:

- Time For Kids \$800
- Accelerated Reader \$2800
- Classroom Supplies \$2500
- Classroom Scholarships \$255
- Student Agendas \$2200
- Watch D.O.G. Program \$291



PTO and YOU.....

When parents are involved in their children's education, it pays off! Research shows that children whose parents are actively involved are more likely to:

- ⇒ Earn higher grades/test scores
- ⇒ Enroll in higher-level programs
- ⇒ Be promoted and earn middle/high school credits
- ⇒ Adapt well to school
- ⇒ Attend school regularly
- ⇒ Have better social skills
- ⇒ Show positive behavior traits
- ⇒ Graduate from high school
- ⇒ Go to college

Parent involvement is **great** for children, **great** for teachers, and **great** for the school. You may say “*But I Don't Have Time!*” Just an hour or two a semester can really make a difference! We have jobs that can be done from home. Won't you join us? Your help matters!

The current PTO Board members each have a student or students who attend our school and work, if not inside of the home, but also outside of the home.

If you wish to be on the **PTO e-mail distribution list**, please e-mail tamara.j.frattalone@us.army.mil or drop your e-mail address off at the office for PTO and we will be happy to include you on PTO emails.

PTO meetings are usually **held the 2nd Tuesday of each month** from 6:15 -8:15 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room - please know All parents are more than welcome to attend!

Learners' Corner

"Tips for parents who want their children to succeed"

Building Responsibility

Provide Structure During the Summer

Doing household chores makes children feel capable and important. And having a regular routine provides structure and a sense of security.

Remember, elementary-age children love to plan and carry out their plans. So, start by brainstorming with your child about what needs to be done and when. Also,

- **Give your child a choice of chores.** She should be able to wash dishes, take out trash, vacuum, fold laundry, help with yard work, feed the pet(s), etc.
- **Rotate chores each week.** Try putting chores on slips of paper. Then have family members draw their chores from the bowl.
- **Make a game of it!** Set a timer and see if your child can "beat the clock."
- **Use a chore chart.** Place stars on it when chores are completed.
- **Schedule a "work time"** (e.g. Saturday morning) when the entire family is doing chores.
- **Show your child** step by step how to do new chores.
- **Curb criticism.** Don't immediately point out what your child did wrong.
- **Celebrate!** Take pictures of your child next to a job well done.



And, a bonus! Providing a structure for doing chores during the summer will make it easier for your child to get back into the school routine in the fall.

Source: Lynn Lott and Riki Inter, *Chores Without Wars*, ISBN: 0-7615-1252-7
(Prima Publishing, www.primapublishing.com)

Your Child and YOU

Stock Up for Summer Fun

The lazy days of summer can sometimes be boring. Include your child as you create a "summer fun center." Together, decorate boxes that hold items for:

- **Crafts**—markers, crayons, paints, construction paper, safety scissors, glue, old magazines, etc.
- **Games**—cards, books of word puzzles or Sudoku, and math games, etc.
- **Outdoor fun**—a magnifying glass, sidewalk chalk, a jump rope, and balls.
- **Plays**—old clothes, masks, and props.



Screen Time

Don't Let the TV Take Over!

Too much TV will rob your child of a great summer gift—long days he could spend in active play. Instead of sitting him in front of the TV when you are busy, have him sort socks or pick up toys.