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THE EHRHARDT EAGLE'S NEST

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PROJECT WISDOM— Choose Honesty

Principal's Message

Dear Ehrhardt Community,

It has been a pleasure getting to know you and your students this year at Ehrhardt. I am very thankful for the collaboration I see every day between our students, families and teachers and know that this community approach will serve us well as we transition into next year. While we wait for the state budget and brace for further cutbacks,

along with our fabulous staff, your generosity and school spirit has been helpful in convincing me that this school will continue to meet the academic and social needs of our students in any way we can. I hope you enjoy your "first summer vacation" and return to school rested, ready, and excited for the 2010-2011 school year!

Sincerely,
Robin Riley
Principal



WordMasters Competition Round 2/Final 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—Tyler Barnhouse (Gallagher)

Grade 4—Camryn Dadey (Robbins)

Grade 5—Kylie Morrison (Grooms)

Grade 6—Andrew Bilan (Milburn)

Overall Competition Winners:

Grade 3—Isabelle Spangler (Francisco)

Grade 4—Camryn Dadey (Robbins)

Grade 5—Kylie Morrison (Grooms)

Grade 6—Andrew Bilan (Milburn)

Giving Tree Debuts @ Ehrhardt!

The Spring Carnival was the debut of the PTO sponsored "Giving Tree" concept. Created by Ehrhardt parent Irene Meyershon, the tree carries "apples" which can be picked and the items detailed thereon returned to the school to support classroom supplies. The tree will be found in the Office for continued "harvesting". Some needed items include:

- Crayons/16 or 24 pack
- Boxes of tissue
- Ream of white copy paper
- Ream of colored copy paper
- Hand sanitizer
- Wide-line binder paper
- Large glue sticks
- Bottle of white glue
- Dry erase markers—broad and fine tip
- Sharpies (black/1 dozen)
- Clorox wipes
- Safety scissors
- Pink erasers
- Watercolor sets (8-10 colors)
- Ticonderoga Pencils (this brand is the best)
- Heavy duty pencil sharpener



PTO Corner – May 2010



Spring Carnival

The annual Ehrhardt Spring Carnival was a huge success despite the weather! Thank you to all of you and your families who came out and supported such a wonderful event.

PTO Needs You!

Do you wonder what PTO does for the school? Come to our next board meeting, **Tuesday June 8th at 6:15** and find out how you can help or just find out what PTO is all about. PTO does make a **difference**, here at John Ehrhardt Elementary. Why does the school and PTO need your support? PTO donates directly back to the students and the to the school. This year, the PTO provided the following:

- **Accelerated Reader—\$2800**
- **Classroom Allocations—\$5000**
- **Student Agendas—\$2500**
- **Time for Kids Subscriptions—\$800**
- **Scholarships—\$255**

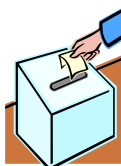


That totals to over \$11,000 this school year alone! The PTO could not support our JE students without your help. Thank you for this great past year and we look forward to a wonderful 10-11!

PTO 10-11 Elections are here!

There are some **new** PTO openings under the Events Coordinator. **Chairpersons** are needed for the following PTO events:

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



Please return your ballots to the office or to your child's classroom by Tuesday June 8th. For more information regarding the election, please email Tamara at tamara.j.frattalone@us.army.mil.

Many Thanks

The following individual and businesses contributed their time and generosity to the Fifth Annual Crab and Tri-Tip Dinner this past February. Many thanks and please choose to patronize our supporters!

Bogle Winery	Donna Kunasaki
McConnell Estates	Old Town Pizzeria
Vic's Popcorn	Mondavi
RiverCats	Big Spoon Yogurt
Bead Ware	Sylvan Learning
Pruitt's Loft	California Family Fit
Lance Hastings	Napa Valley Marriott
Steve Moreno	Disneyland
Ehrhardt PTO	Sacramento Zoo
Mr. Harris	Baja Burrito
Steve Tabbah	Country Club Lanes
Janette Payne	Embellish
The Petric Family	Logan's Roadhouse
Long Ngo	The Gaddipati Family
The Tosh Family	Chick-fil-A
Nora Merck	Raley's
Kari Ballez	Bel-Air
Patty Burgess	Nugget
Gilroy Gardens	Polished
Grocery Outlet	Massage Envy
ColdStone	Debbie Doonan
Fast Signs	Dell'Osso Family Farms
Trader Joes	Cordova Golf
Seacliff Inn	Kathy Ramirez
The Munoz Family	Mr. Pickles
Mommymuscle	Susan Ong
Elk Grove Sports Bar	Celeste Harris-Breese
Great America	



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*

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, 2011**.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR THESE NEW DATES!

UNSCHEDULED MINIMUM DAYS/2009-2010

*for report card preparation

Trimester 3

Monday, June 14/Tracks A/B/C

****Please refer to the calendar for
Track Change Minimum Day
dates****

Character Trait of the Month

Choose Confidence **June 1—June 22**

I choose to always give my best, in my work and in my attitude because I know this makes me a winner and I will always feel good about myself and the effort I made.

Attendance Figures **May 2010**

Overall school — 96.96%

- Track A — 97.38%
- Track B — 96.60%
- Track D — 96.80%

SCHOOL HOURS

Grades 1 –6 7:50 a.m.—2:07 p.m.
AM Kindergarten-7:50 a.m.-11:21 a.m.
PM Kindergarten-10:36 a.m.-2:07 p.m.

**Students arrive no earlier than
15 minutes before the morning bell —
7:35 a.m.**

Breakfast served from 7:25—7:45 a.m.
Office Hours—7:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Library Technicians Empower Today's Students



The Elk Grove Unified School District faces a \$60 million budget shortfall for the 2010-2011 school year. This means that many services will be eliminated, including **all** our library services. If we can raise just \$28 per student per year, we will be able to keep our school libraries functioning. Just 57 Library Technicians provide services to 62,000 students at the District's 62 schools.

Library technicians teach students how to use the library, the Dewey Decimal System, the library catalog, reference materials and the library computer. They teach students how to choose the best books for their school projects. They teach internet skills for research. They support both the *Accelerated Reader* and *Scholastic Reading Counts* programs. Most importantly, Library Technicians help students catch fire with the love of reading that lasts a lifetime. Without Library Technicians, our school libraries run the risk of ending up little more than a chaotic collection of useless books.

So that we can keep school libraries open and thriving, LETS encourages us all to come together and give financial support to the EGUSD **now** as a bridge to more durable future solutions to the school funding crisis. Time is short, and there's a lot for us to accomplish. The more money we raise, the more Library Techs we can bring back, and the more our school libraries get back their hours and services. We'll keep collecting donations until every school library has a Library Technician. The schools that raise enough money to fund a Library Technician position will go forward first. We need to raise **\$30,000** to fund a Tech for 20 hours a week (this amount includes benefits).

Just **\$28** per student can change the world! We'll be collecting donations at school sites and throughout the community. Here's our chance to do the right thing and save our school libraries! Donations are fully tax deductible and non-refundable. They will be deposited into a restricted fund used only to hire Library Technicians.

Make your check payable to EGUSD/Library Fund and indicate John Ehrhardt Library in the memo area.. Send it to your students' school or mail it to: EGUSD, Attention: Cathy Burt, 9510 Elk Grove-Florin Road, Elk Grove, CA 95624 To obtain a donation form, go to www.egusd.net. Click the "DONATE" button. On the form, please indicate that the donation should go towards the Library Fund.



Change the world for \$28!

LET'S get started today!

EGUSD Disclaimer: This is not an EGUSD-sponsored "solicitation for donations" communication, program or activity, and EGUSD accepts no liability or responsibility for this "solicitation for donations" communication and/or any related programs/activities. However, donations made to the EGUSD/Library Fund shall be accepted by EGUSD as a donation to EGUSD, a nonprofit educational organization.

Learners' Corner

"Tips for parents who want their children to succeed"

Motivating Your Child

Keep Focus on School Until the Last Day

Summer is just around the corner, but the school year has not ended (for most) yet. It is important to keep your student focused on school until the **very last day**. To help your child overcome spring fever:

- **Make sure** your child is in school, on time, every day.
- **Expect** your child to complete all assignments. He/she may want to play outside, but make sure s/he leaves time and energy for homework.
- **Maintain** regular bedtime routines. The days are longer but your child still needs plenty of sleep to stay focused in school.
- **Monitor** end-of-the-year projects. Help your child break a big assignment down into smaller steps. Move the deadline for finishing any big project back by two days. That way, s/he'll have a "cushion" should something come up.



Source: Donna Goldberg, *The Organized Student*, ISBN: 978-0-7432-7020-5
Fireside Books, a division of Simon and Schuster; www.simonsays.com

Testing Tips

Repetition Trains Memory

Saying facts aloud is a great way to remember them. It forces your student to focus, and saying things aloud uses more senses. Research says that the more senses you incorporate in learning, the easier things are to recall. Encourage your child to use this technique when studying for end-of-the-year tests.

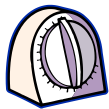


Building Attention Span

Boost Your child's Attention Span

To be successful in school, your child needs to know how to pay attention and listen when someone is speaking or reading a story. You can continue to work on building his/her attention span throughout these next few months by using some of the following techniques:

- **Give your child short tasks**, such as putting together a puzzle with a few or many pieces (depending on the child's age). When he/she is finished, congratulate him/her. Make tasks longer as her/his attention span increases. The more success s/he has, the more s/he will be willing to learn to pay attention.









- **Use a kitchen timer.** "I'm going to set tis for five minutes. Please make a shape from this clay until your hear the timer beep." Slowly increase the length of time and number of tasks assigned.
- **Keep work areas free of clutter.** Most students find it easier to concentrate on a **single** task when there aren't other object around to distract them.
- **Tell your child what you expect (teachers will!)** For a young child—"We are going to read a short storybook now. I'd like you to sit next to me and look at the book while I read." For an older child—"We are going into the store for groceries now. I need you to walk with me and help load the cart."



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

REMEMBER-TUESDAY IS "COMMUNICATION DAY" @ EHRHARDT

Tuesday May 25	STAR Assembly Track D ONLY 	8:30 a.m./MP Room All grades
Wednesday May 26	Promotion/Track D ONLY Grade 6	 8:15 a.m. MP Room
Wednesday May 26	TRACK D ONLY MINIMUM DAY SPIRIT DAY-70's Day	Grades 1-6/7:50-12:22 Kindergarten 7:50-11:21 a.m.
Friday May 28	STAR Assemblies Tracks AB 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 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!	
Tuesday June 8	PTO Board Meeting	MP Room Stage 6:15-8:15 p.m.
Monday June 14	UNSCHEDULED MINIMUM DAY	Tracks ABC 7:50 a.m.-12:22 p.m.
Monday June 21	STAR Assemblies Tracks ABC 	Kindergarten 8:15 a.m. F1 Primary 8:30 a.m./MP Room Intermediate 9:15 a.m./MP Room
Tuesday June 22	Minimum Day Tracks ABC End of Year	Grades 1-6/7:50-12:22 Kindergarten/(a.m. and p.m.) 7:50-11:21 a.m.
Tuesday June 22	Promotion Tracks ABC Grade 6 	8:00-9:00 a.m. Tracks BC 9:30-10:30 a.m. Track A MP Room