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***It's a busy season at Erdman Preschool!***

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

- Threes Conferences:  
Monday, 12/5 - MTTH 3's  
Monday, 12/5 - WF 3's  
Thursday, 12/8 - MWF PM 3's  
Your teachers will be in touch.
- Monday, 12/5 by 1 pm Scholastic Book order due
- Thursday, 12/15 Tuition Due
- Bake Sale and Sing-A-Long:  
Thursday, 12/15 @ 11:15  
Friday, 12/16 @ 11:15 & 3:15  
This is a special Erdman tradition! Each child needs a special adult with them and siblings are welcome. Watch for more Bake Sale info from PAC. Sign up to help on the PAC board on the stairway landing.
- December 19 - January 2 Holiday Break:  
**SCHOOL RESUMES: TUESDAY, 1/3/17**
- **KINDERGARTEN READINESS PANEL**  
Tuesday, 1/10 @ 7PM @ Owls Crossing Preschool: All preschools are invited to attend and learn about the Scituate Kindergarten curriculum, routines, expectations and policies. Lots of time for questions with a Kindergarten teacher from each of the elementary schools. All parents are welcome.
- **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**  
Thursday, 1/12 from 9:30-2 and 5-8 @ Jenkins School
- Friday, 1/15 2017-18 Enrollment Agreements due back. You will receive them in your child's cubbies early January.

**CLASS ACTIVITIES**

December is a short but very busy month for everyone. All classes will be busy making special gifts for their families as we focus on caring for each other and celebrating together rather than on a specific holiday. If you have a family tradition that you would like to share please speak with your child's teachers. We'll be making cookies, gingerbread houses, candy trees and simple decorations. **Please watch your class message board and teacher emails so that you do not miss a thing!**

This month the Fours teachers will use the research based Early Screening Inventory (ESI) to individually screen each child. This is a brief developmental screening instrument that looks at speech, language, cognition, perception and gross and fine motor skills. It is not an intelligent test or a pass/fail instrument. It helps us make sure that your child's development is on track in these areas. It was developed by the authors of the Work Sampling Assessment System that we have been using for several years. The results will be shared with you at Fours conferences in January.

**WINTER WEATHER ALERT**

We follow the Scituate Public Schools for school closings due to inclement weather. No school in Scituate means no school at Erdman. A one hour delay in Scituate means a one hour delay at Erdman. More than a one hour delay means no morning classes at Erdman, no Lunch Bunch but afternoon classes will be held beginning at 1:00. It is your responsibility to access this information via the Scituate school's website @ [www.scituate.k12.ma.us](http://www.scituate.k12.ma.us). If Erdman must cancel for another reason you will be notified via email.

**REMINDERS**

Please dress your child warmly as the playground is cold and windy. Layers are great. Hats, mittens (NOT GLOVES) and snow pants are necessary and should be in your child's school bag every day from now until spring! Spending a few minutes helping your child learn to manage winter clothing increases self-confidence and decreases frustration.

Now that the cold and flu season is upon us please consider what is best for your child. If your child has a persistent cough, an excessive running nose that requires constant attention or is just not "feeling themselves" an extra day or two of rest may be best.

## OPENINGS and OPPORTUNITIES

We have several openings in our WF 3s and MWF PM 3s for September 2017.

Stay & Play on Mondays, Thursdays and Friday is a great opportunity to extend your child's day and play with friends during these cold winter days.

## PAC NEWS

Thank you for supporting our Helping Hands program and for being Lunch Bunch volunteers. We appreciate your help and generosity very much!

Please visit the Bannister Bookshop. These are gently loved donated books that sell for \$1. The proceeds (so far \$50) help us buy new books for the Erdman Library.

We appreciate the donation Elizabeth Horne made to Erdman from her Family Portraits. Thank you for all you do for our school.

Upcoming events include Clean Sweep in January to refresh the school and the Kindergarten Readiness Evening with Scituate Kindergarten teachers on Tuesday, 1/10 @ 7 PM at Owl's Crossing Preschool located @ 660 Country Way.

## HELPING HANDS

See new "hands" on the entry calendar and please recycle your newspapers to Erdman. We need them daily for projects, painting, etc.

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Book orders are due on **Monday, 12/5 by 1pm to guarantee books can be distributed before we leave for the holiday break.**

You have 2 options for ordering:

1. Use the attached form and return with payment
2. Go online to: <https://orders.scholastic.com/JWJ6K>  
- the quickest option.

All books will be delivered to the school. Happy Reading!

## HOLIDAY WISHES

During this busy and often stressful time we hope you will find a few quiet moments to spend with your child each day - read a book, play a game, do a puzzle. Quality time with you is the best gift you can give. You will both feel renewed.

All of us at Erdman send our very best wishes for a happy, healthy holiday season to all of our families and friends. You make Erdman a very special place!

You can find a copy of the newsletters and the events listed here on our website at: <http://erdmanpreschool.org>

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