



# ERDMAN NEWS

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## **ERDMAN FAMILY OPEN HOUSE**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6**

<b>WF 3s</b>	<b>5 - 5:30</b>	<b>MWF PM 3s</b>	<b>5:30 - 6:15</b>	<b>4 DAY 4s 6 - 7</b>
<b>MWF AM 4s</b>	<b>5 - 6</b>	<b>MTTH 4s</b>	<b>6 - 7</b>	<b>MTTH 3s 6:15 - 7</b>

All the family is invited to visit school this evening. Enjoy cider and refreshments made by each class. The new format will make it less crowded for you to visit your child's classroom, view his/her artwork, class books, pictures and enjoy your class's homemade snack. Please try to follow the schedule, but if the times listed are not convenient for your family, then please come whenever you can.

## **OCTOBER ACTIVITIES**

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

- **10/3 - 10/16: 2017-18 Registration Open for Erdman Families**
- Thursday 10/6: Erdman Family Open House; WF 3s 5 - 5:30, MWF AM 4s 5:30 - 6:15, MWF PM 3s 5:30 - 6:15, 4 Day 4s 6 - 7, MTTH AM 4s 6 - 7, MTTH AM 3s 6:15 - 7
- **Monday 10/10: NO SCHOOL**
- Wednesday 10/12: Book Orders Due
- Wednesday 10/12 @ 7:30 pm: PAC Meeting in Big Room
- Monday 10/17: Lunch Bunch open to 3s (details included)
- Wednesday 10/19 & Thursday 10/20 Fire Department Visits
- Wednesday 10/26: School Pictures 4 Day 4s, MWF AM 4s, MWF PM 3s & WF AM 3s
- Thursday 10/27: School Pictures MTTH AM 3s & 4s
- **Friday 11/11: NO SCHOOL**
- **Monday 10/17 New Family Registration**

### **LUNCH BUNCH**

Lunch Bunch is underway with Elizabeth Horne, a former Erdman parent and elementary teacher, as our regular teacher assisted by Erdman teachers and parent volunteers. Threes may join in on October 17. Information and permission slips have gone home but more are available in the office. Your child must have a permission slip on file in order to participate. Please leave lunch boxes labeled with name in the blue tote box in entry way. Remember we are a nut free school so please check labels on all food your child brings in.

All classes have been busy learning classmates (and teachers) names, making friends and becoming acquainted or reacquainted with school routines and expectations. This is an especially big job for Threes and you may notice that they are more tired than usual. Everyone is adjusting well to the new school experience and we are off to a happy start.

During October all classes will watch the change of seasons, take nature walks and bring back interesting items for the science table and creative projects. (Science – Living Things and Their Environment, #16). We'll explore apples, cranberries, pumpkins and corn and do lots of cooking. We haven't been able to arrange apple picking field trips but we have had lots of opportunities to count, compare and classify by color and size. The Fours will graph their favorite apples and make apple counting books. We'll watch apples change from solid to liquid during the cooking process and enjoy our delicious applesauce! We hope to visit the Webster cranberry bogs in Norwell late this month or early in November. We will try to give you several days notice about the trip but it will depend on the weather and the picking schedule.

The Scituate Fire Department will visit on October 19 and 20 to talk about fire safety, show us the truck and let us squirt the hose. We'll have our first evacuation drill after this visit and will have one every month during the year. The month will end with some very low key Halloween activities. Most will focus on pumpkins. Fours may bring a costume to school for our parade to other classrooms. Please make sure that the costume and the bag it comes in are both labeled with your child's name. Teachers will tell you the dates. Threes do not wear costumes but we will make masks for our parade. If you would like to provide a special treat (no candy and no nuts) for your child's class please speak to the teachers. Please remember to read the message boards and check your child's bag every day. Along with these, the monthly newsletter and school wide emails are our major means of communicating with you.

## **EXTENDED DAY OPTIONS**

Explorers began on September 27. We have several spots left on Tuesdays. Come join the fun! Monday, Thursday and Friday Stay and Play afternoons are another fun time for children to do more of what they love about Erdman.

Our Extended Day Options began on September 19. Do you have questions or concerns that you need help with? Please talk to Debby or Karen and check out the parent bulletin board in the upstairs hallway.

## HELPING HANDS

Are you able to donate some needed supplies to the school? Then "Helping Hands" is for you. Just pick a "hand" from the entry calendar, purchase the item during your next shopping trip and bring it to the office. These contributions help keep our budget on track.

## THANKS TO PAC

We had a great turnout at our Family Gathering and parent conferences. It was great way to begin the year! Special thanks to Noreen Sharpe and Kelly Butterworth, PAC co-chairs, for taking on the job of arranging special Erdman events. The first PAC meeting is Wednesday, 10/12 at 7:30 in the Big Room. Every Erdman parent is a member of PAC so please join us and say "yes" to volunteer opportunities.

Special thanks to Noreen Sharpe, Kelly Butterworth, Nicole Noord, Erin Culbert, Carolyn Rutkowski, Tanya Makaitis and Megan Sommer for sharing their Erdman expertise with our interested new families at Open House on October 1. Drew Culbert is the winner of the free lunch bunch. Thanks for sharing! Watch for other little give a ways during the year.

We are hoping to offer several informative evenings for parents this year. A Kindergarten readiness evening will be planned for the winter. We welcome your ideas and suggestions so please talk to Debby, Noreen or Kelly.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

SCHOOL PICTURES will be taken on 10/26 for 4-Day, MWF 4s, MWF PM 3s classes and WF 3s and 10/27 for MTTH 3s and 4s. Order forms will be in your child's cubby as soon as they are available and pictures will be ready before the holidays.

Registration for Erdman families is underway!! You have preference until Monday October 17 when registrations from new families will be accepted.

## REMINDERS



**FOR SAFETY'S SAKE....please do not park beside the orange cones.** This area must be clear for children and parents entering and leaving the playground. Turn off your car's engine and ask a friend to watch siblings in the car if you don't want to bring them inside. If you need help with babies, please call the office and we can bring your child up or downstairs. Children should never be left alone in the car nor should they be allowed to run between the car and the playground at drop off or pick up time.

\* Please remind your child that it is not safe to run through the church Memorial Garden at any time. This area is off limits to us.

\* **Remember that the driveway is one way and you must exit behind the church. Never go out the entrance. Thank you!**

\*Please dress your child warmly as the playground can be cold and windy. Layers are great and hats and mittens will be necessary soon. Tuck them in your child's bag each day.

\* Please arrive on time so that your child can start the day with his or her classmates. If you are delayed for pick up due to an emergency, call the office so that we can reassure your child that you are on the way.

\* At both drop off and pickup please come INSIDE the playground fence and make verbal contact with your child's teacher before leaving. If you arrive before 9:00, please stay on the playground with your child until his/her teachers arrive.

The Early Drop Off teacher is **not responsible** for your child at this time.

\*Now that Lunch Bunch has started, it is important that parents pick up their child at 11:30 and not stay on the playground at pick up time. Teachers have lots to do between classes and greatly appreciate your promptness! Thank you for your help!

**\* Please Remember: The door will be locked each day at 9:15, opened at 11:15, locked at 1:15, opened at 3:15. The door will be locked during the 11:30 to 1:00 break. You must call the office, 545-9309, to be let in at other times. This small security measure, along with adult awareness worked well last year to insure that no strangers entered the building.**

\* This year we are offering parents the opportunity to pay once a month for ALL PROGRAMS. At the beginning of each month families will receive an invoice due on the 15th for monthly tuition, Explorers and all past Extended Day and Lunch Bunch programs your child attended. All payment can be combined into one check. Don't worry we still offer the pay as you go option for Extended Day Options and Lunch Bunch if that works better for you. Karen is available in the office Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 to 1:30 to answer questions about billing, required forms and general Erdman information

## BOOK ORDERS



We will place a Scholastic Book order in October.

You have 2 options for ordering:

1. Use the attached form and return with payment to the office by **10/12**.
2. **Go online to: <https://orders.scholastic.com/JWJ6K>**

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

Any questions, feel free to ask Karen.

## BE IN TOUCH

Here is the best way to communicate with us:

For Debby, Karen and office questions: Please call at any time @ 781-545-3947 or email us @ [erdmanpreschool@verizon.net](mailto:erdmanpreschool@verizon.net). If you have an urgent issue please call right away.

For Teachers: Call the office and leave a message asking the teacher to return your call, or email if you have their personal address. They will get back to you ASAP.

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



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