



HAPPY VALENTINE'S TO ALL OUR ERDMAN FAMILIES

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- **Friday, February 3 at 1:00:**
Superbowl Squares due to office. See PAC news for more information.
- **Wednesday, February 8 at 7:00 pm:**
PAC meeting to plan for ERDFest!
- Post Office trips:
Thursday 2/9 at 10:30: MTTH 4s
Friday 2/10 at 10:30: 4 Day & MWF 4s
- **Friday, 2/10:** Scholastic Book Order Due
- **Monday & Tuesday 2/13 & 2/14:**
Classroom Valentine Parties: Please see Class Activities
- **Wednesday 2/15:** Tuition Due
- **NO SCHOOL:** Monday, 2/20 - Friday, 2/24 for Winter Vacation
- Registration for new families is in progress. Limited openings in 3s and 4s. Encourage friends to visit!

LOOKING AHEAD

- **Thursday March 2:** Family Literacy Night. Enjoy favorite stories by guest readers
- **FRIDAY, MARCH 17 - NO SCHOOL**
Teacher Professional Day at Massasoit Community College

WINTER WEATHER ALERT

Please see backside of newsletter for details on the school policy.

CLASS ACTIVITIES

The Fours classes have been busy with a variety of number activities. They have created number lines, written books, counted out snacks and explored many different number manipulatives. All are currently learning their phone numbers and putting together individual class phone books. The 4 Day class has finished their spectacular vehicles and flying machines. See the display on the entry way bookcases! These classes will move on to their "All about Me" study - building houses, creating community maps, and talking about their families.

The Threes classes have explored colors and enjoyed the creative color snacks that parents have been kind enough to send in. We have only had a short time to explore our winter activities, but we know more winter weather will be coming our way!!

Now we are anticipating Valentine's Day! This is how we celebrate the day at Erdman:

On Thursday, 2/9 and Friday, 2/10 the Fours classes will visit the Scituate Post Office on First Parish Road to mail their handmade valentines to their families. Transportation will be by Totman school bus. Permission slips will be coming soon from your teachers.

On Monday, 2/13 or Tuesday, 2/14 each child will exchange cards (bought or homemade, as your child wishes) with classmates. Your child's name should be on the back of the cards. You do not need envelopes as each child will deliver a card to each classmate. Here is the number of children for your class:

4 day - 12, MTTH 4s - 12, MWF 4s - 14, MWF PM 3s - 12, MTTH 3s - 11, WF 3s - 12.

If you would like to provide a nut free snack on the day of your classes' party, please speak to your teachers. We'll spend lots of time during the next two weeks creating special Valentines for our families. This is a great opportunity to strengthen fine motor skills by tracing, cutting, lacing and gluing and to increase letter/sound awareness by discussing and writing letters while signing and addressing cards. Best of all we have lots of fun being very creative with paint, collage materials, stickers, markers and crayons.

CLASS PLACEMENTS FOR SEPT. 2017

Updated class lists for 2017-2018 are posted on the Parent Board in the upstairs hallway. The lists are still tentative as some changes always occur. There are still several openings in some 3's and 4's classes. Please encourage your friends to visit. Referrals from parents are the best publicity possible. Thank you!

COLLABORATION WITH GATES SCHOOL

Gates School offers their students Inter-Based Clubs during the year. Students choose to participate based on their interests. A group of 6 students will visit our MWF PM 3's class for about a half hour on 8 Wednesdays from now until the end of the year. They will engage our children in indoor and outdoor games, building projects and creative sensory activities as they work in small groups. Former Erdman parent, and Gates PTO president, Patti Thompson, invited us to participate. Gates teachers, Heather Hughes, an Erdman alumna, and Meredith Hilditch help supervise the students. Several former Erdman students are part of this group! We look forward to lots of fun, explorations and new friendships.

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 and no Lunch Bunch, but afternoon classes will be held. **It is your responsibility to access this information via the Scituate schools website @ 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, windy and wet. Layers are great. Hats, mittens (NOT GLOVES), snow pants and boots are necessary and should be in your child's school bag every day from now until spring! Extra dry socks are a necessity. Spending a few minutes helping your child learn to manage winter clothing increases self-confidence and decreases frustration.

PAC NEWS

Many, many thanks to Noreen Sharpe and Kelly Butterworth for organizing Clean Sweep and to Kristi Sullivan, Michelle Sullivan, Brittany Donovan, Jen Spinale, Jen Crandell, Alli Trowbridge and Ashley Warner for their hard work that evening! The school sparkled! What a wonderful morale booster for all of us. You were so kind to come out on a winter's night to wash, scrub and dust.

Christy and Jay Gill are once again running the Super Bowl Squares fundraiser for the school. Please see their email sent recently to everyone with the details.

The Bannister Book Shop is a huge success! We have been able to purchase several additional books with the proceeds. Please donate your gently loved books for others to enjoy.

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

HELPING HANDS

- Please recycle your newspapers to Erdman. We need them daily for projects, painting, etc.
- We also love small pieces of soft wood for collages, building, experiments and more!
- We are in need of paper towels and napkins.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Book orders are due on **Friday, February 10th**.

You have 2 options for ordering:

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

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

2016 TAX STATEMENTS

If you anticipate needing 2016 tax information regarding payments made that year please email Karen @ erdmanpreschool@verizon.net. I am in the office Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 8:30 - 1:30. I will have the information returned to you within 5 business days. Erdman Family School Inc. tax ID #04-2578358

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



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