



## **ERDFEST is coming - Saturday, June 3, 2 to 5!**

**Save the date for an afternoon of fun, games, food, face painting, crafts, music, entertainment and a silent auction. Something for everyone! All proceeds support scholarships and programs at Erdman. See you there. Rain date - June 4.**

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

- **Tuesday & Wednesday, May 2 & 3:** Audubon beach workshop for Fours in preparation for end of year beach trip
- **Thursday, May 4: Arts Festival Junior Art Reception at Second Parish in Hingham, 5 to 8. Free! Come see Erdman art!**
- **Thursday & Friday, May 11 & 12:** Mother's Day celebrations – see class calendar on next page
- **Thursdays, May 11 & 18:** Playgroups for 2017-2018 new Threes, 1 - 3 PM
- **Beach and Farm visits – see next page for class dates**
- **May 15:** Tuition Due
- **Monday, May 29:** NO SCHOOL
- **Wednesday, June 7:** Explorers last day
- **Friday, June 9:** Lunch Bunch, Stay & Play last day
- **Monday, June 5:** Late Pick Up last day
- **Wednesday, June 14:** Early Drop Off last day
- **June 15:** First tuition payment due for 2017-18 school year

**Class specific activities listed on next page.**

### **CLASS ACTIVITIES**

All classes are busy creating special Mother's Day surprises. We will be busy baking too! We're expecting a special visit from Margaret Erdman to enjoy our Mother's Day activities. As the weather warms up we'll explore flowers, bugs, caterpillars, butterflies and life cycles. The Fours will prepare for their beach visit with a hands on workshop conducted by the Mass Audubon Society and the Threes will explore life on the farm during their visit to Weir River Farm.

Fertile eggs from Plymouth area farms went into our incubator on Wednesday, April 26. Hatching time is about 3 weeks and we will be looking for homes for our chicks by Memorial Day. Please let us know if you would like to raise some chickens! Debby has all the info you will need.

Our caterpillars will arrive this week and will hatch into beautiful painted lady butterflies. We'll release them in the Memorial Garden. We will end the year enjoying favorite activities and the new areas in our Outdoor Classroom.

### **REMINDERS**

The calendar may say spring but it can still be chilly on the playground! A warm coat is a must and hats/mittens may still be needed. When it gets warmer, please make sure your child is wearing socks and sneakers. Slides, thong sandals and flip-flops are very dangerous when climbing or running. Socks will keep the sand from irritating your child's feet. Sunscreen and bug spray should be applied before your child comes to school on hot, sunny days.

### **2017 CLASS PLACEMENTS & ASSESSMENTS**

We currently have several openings in the MTTH 4's for September. If these days would fit your schedule better please let Debby know. It is possible to change classes. Please encourage your friends to call for information and a visit if they are thinking about preschool next fall. Your referrals are the best references we could every hope for! Thank you so much!

#### **4 Day 4s**

- Friday, May 12 @ 11 Mother's Day Celebration
- Tuesday, May 16 @ 9 Beach Trip meet at Lighthouse Beach
- Wednesday, June 14 @ 11 Climb Lawson Tower and @ 11:30 Ice Cream Social

#### **MTTH 4s**

- Thursday, May 11 @ 11 Mother's Day Celebration
- Monday, May 15 @ 9 Beach Trip meet at Lighthouse Beach
- Tuesday, June 13 @ 11 Climb Lawson Tower and @ 11:30 Ice Cream Social

#### **MWF 4s**

- Friday, May 12 @ 11 Mother's Day Celebration
- Wednesday, May 31 @ 9 Beach Trip meet at Lighthouse Beach
- Wednesday, June 14 @ 10:30 Climb Lawson Tower and @ 11:30 Ice Cream Social

#### **MWF PM 3s**

- Friday, May 12 @ 3 Mother's Day Celebration
- Wednesday, May 24 @ 1:30 meet at Weir River Farm
- Wednesday, June 14 @ 12:30 Ice Cream Social

#### **MTTH 3s**

- Thursday, May 18 @ 9:30 meet at Weir River Farm and @ 11 Mother's Day Celebration at Erdman
- Tuesday, June 13 @ 11:30 Ice Cream Social

#### **WF 3s**

- Wednesday, May 17 @ 9:30 Meet at Weir River Farm and @ 11 Mother's Day Celebration at Erdman
- Wednesday, June 14 @ 11:30 Ice Cream Social

If you have special concerns about your child that you would like to discuss with next year's teachers please speak with Debby as soon as possible.

We will have **two playgroup sessions for new 2017-2018 Threes** on Thursday, May 11 and 18 from 1 to 3. Join us either or both days. A great way to introduce your child to the Threes room!

During the week of May 22 you will receive a year end **Summary Report** describing your child's progress and skills in the 7 developmental domains that are part of the Work Sampling System: Personal & Social Development, Language & Literacy, Mathematical Thinking, Scientific Thinking, Social Studies, the Arts and Physical Development. The summary report focuses on individual strengths and characteristics. You are welcome to arrange a conference with your teachers if you have questions but we do not schedule formal conferences at this time.

Please watch your email this week for our end of the year parent survey. Your thoughts, suggestions and opinions are very important to us as we plan for the year ahead. Please put them in writing and always feel free to talk with me about anything that is on your mind. Thank you! Debby

### **ERDMAN SUMMER CAMP**

Join the fun this summer! Summer camp information is available in the office. Registration is open and Patti can answer any questions you might have.

### **PAC'S HELPING HANDS**

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

**THANK YOU....**to Nona's for hosting our Scoop-a-thon...to the Crandells, the Sharpes, the Rozanitis', the Miniers and the Noords for their work cleaning up the playground on Ship Shape Day. Nicole Noord and Kelly Butterworth assembled the new storage unit. The Makaitis, Long and Desmond Scopelleti families dug and spread the wood chips under the swings. Special thanks to Brian O'Neil of Rustic Marlin Designs, an Erdfest Silent Auction donor, for trash pickup.

A new child size picnic table and another counter with storage will be arriving in the kitchen soon. We would love old metal spoons, pots and pans etc. to add to our collection. We LOVE to "COOK"!

Does anyone have a tablet or iPad that you no longer use? We are in need of an up to date one for the office. Many thanks!

Erdman Tee shirts coming soon!

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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