



SAVE THE DATES - ERDFEST, Saturday, May 19, 1 to 4
FAMILY LITERACY NIGHT, Wednesday, March 14, 6 to 7
PAC CLEAN SWEEP, Wednesday, March 28, 7 to 8

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- **Wednesday/Thursday, March 14/15**
Scituate Health Services:
Lazy Eye Screening (details below)
- **Wednesday, March 14:** Tuition Due
- **Thursday, March 15:** Scholastic Book order due
- **Friday, March 16: NO SCHOOL**
Teacher Professional Day
- **March 8 - 19: Egg Shell Collection** – see Class Activities for details
- **Friday, March 30, NO SCHOOL**
Good Friday
- **Monday, April 2:** Summer Camp information & registration available. Tuition must be current through March to register.
- **Monday, April 2:** Registration forms available for 2018-2019 Enrichment and Extended Day Options

IMPORTANT END OF YEAR EVENTS

DETAILS IN APRIL NEWSLETTER

- **April 16 – 20: NO SCHOOL** Spring Vacation
- **End of April:** Eggs arrive for our incubator
- **Early May:** Mother’s Day celebration
- **May:** Threes farm visits and Fours Audubon beach life workshop
- **Mid-Late May:** Fours Beach exploration at Lighthouse Beach based on low tide
- **May 19:** ERDFEST
- **May 22:** Year End Narrative Summaries in cubbies
- **Tuesday & Wednesday, June 7 & 8 Last Days of School:** Ice Cream parties (all classes) and climbing Lawson Tower (Fours classes)

CLASS ACTIVITIES

In March the Fours will be exploring family and community...

Social Science

- Constructing models of our homes, locating our houses and community buildings on neighborhood maps to build understanding of location and direction
- Understanding and respecting family differences
- Learning as our families share occupations, traditions, hobbies, skills and interests. Please speak to your child’s teachers!

Social and Emotional Support

- Creating our life size portraits
- Sharing family and baby pictures
- Drawing our own family pictures/family quilts/family trees

Math

- Graphing, counting and comparing family size
- Literacy/Language
- Reading a variety of factual and fantasy books about families, houses, communities
- Sharing personal stories about family experiences
- Writing class books about families

The Threes will investigate.....

Life and Physical Science

- Dinosaurs, volcano chemical reactions (MWF), wind, weather, plant growth

Lit

- Literacy
- Fairy tales and nursery rhymes integrating listening skills, rhyming, sequencing, creative arts, dramatics

Col

- Colors (WF)
- immersive approach combining creativity, science, math, building activities, literacy and music.

All classes will follow the Explorers gathering sap for maple syrup and create egg trees. A spring tradition at Erdman! We need your help! **Please send in as many eggshells as you can by March 19.** White is ideal but brown will work, too.

Please break them in half, wash with soap and warm water and soak in a mild bleach solution for a few minute. Each child uses about 6 to 8 halves. Thank you so much. You’ll love the addition to your spring décor!

REMINDERS

Please dress your child warmly as the playground is still cold, windy and often wet. Layers are great. Hats, mittens (NOT GLOVES), snow pants and boots are necessary, especially when it is muddy, and should be in your child's school bag every day from now until spring! Slippers or shoes are required for indoor time. Extra dry socks are a necessity. Spending a few minutes helping your child learn to manage winter clothing increases self-confidence and decreases frustration.

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

During the week of May 14 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.

2018-19 CLASS INFORMATION

We have several openings in our MTHH AM 4s, MWF AM 4s, MWF PM 3s and WF AM 3s. 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 ever hope for! Thank you so much!

The first tuition payment is due by June 15. Financial aid forms will be available in the office on April 2 are must be returned by May 15.

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.

ERDMAN SUMMER CAMP

With spring around the corner it is time to think about summer activities for your child. Patti Litz will offer her camp program on Tuesday through Thursday morning between June 19 and August 9.. You may sign up for as many weeks as you choose. Patti's outdoor program

offers lots of free play, arts and crafts, music, stories, nature activities and snack designed around a weekly theme. It's a great way to stay in touch with friends and have a relaxed, supervised, fun-filled morning. Information and registration forms will be available on April 2. Tuition must be current through March to register at that time. Erdman children have preference for the first two weeks. Non-Erdman friends are welcome after that.

OPENINGS and OPPORTUNITIES

Stay & Play is a great opportunity to extend your child's day and play with friends in a relaxed atmosphere. Choose Monday, Thursday and/or Friday. Lunch Bunch is included.

Remember we now offer a separate Lunch Bunch on Fridays for our 3s. This provides a smaller group atmosphere for younger friends to eat together. The sign-up sheet is on the board.

PAC NEWS

Thank you, Tim and Eileen Keenan, Christy & Jay Gill, for raising \$500 for Erdman with the Super Bowl Squares and for the matching gift from Jay's company for a total of \$1,000.??????

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

Watch for lots more information about ERDFest on Saturday, May 19! This event brings us together to celebrate all that families love about Erdman and is our most important fundraiser for the school. There will be many ways for everyone to be involved!

HELPING HANDS

CALLING ALL LANDSCAPERS/HANDYMEN AND GARDENERS

It's time to spruce up our outdoor classroom/playground for warm weather learning and fun!

We need: more sand for fall zone compliance, more wood chips under the swings and a general weed pulling and raking up winter debris.

All other interesting ideas for playground additions are welcome. Please call, email or speak to Debby.

THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Book orders are due on March 15th

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!

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

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