



# ERDMAN NEWS

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## ERDMAN FAMILY OPEN HOUSE

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11**

<b>WF 3s</b>	<b>5 - 5:30</b>	<b>MTTH 3s</b>	<b>5:30 – 6:15</b>	<b>MWF 3's 6:15 - 7</b>
<b>4 DAY 4'S</b>	<b>5 - 6</b>	<b>MTTH 4s</b>	<b>6 - 7</b>	<b>MWF 4's 5 -6</b>

All your family is invited to visit school this evening. Enjoy cider and refreshments made by each class. The above times 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. If the times listed are not convenient for your family, then please come whenever you can.

## LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch is underway with Erdman teachers and parent volunteers. New Threes may join on October 15. Your child must have a permission slip on file in order to participate. Extras are available in the office. Please leave lunch boxes **labeled** (with names on the outside) in the black tote box on entry bench. Remember we are a nut free school so please check labels on all food your child brings. Thank you for remembering that we accept sign up calls no earlier 8:30 on Mondays.

## OCTOBER CURRICULUM ACTIVITIES

Everyone has been busy getting to know friends and teachers names and becoming comfortable with the school day routine. It's a big job but everyone, including our youngest class, is doing well. We have had a happy, smooth start to the year!

This month we will explore:

- **Science and nature** - observing the change of seasons, taking nature walks to find interesting items for our science tables and creative projects. Exploring apples, pumpkins and corn as we begin to learn about the farm to table process. We'll build with natural materials in our outdoor classroom area and experiment with gravity, balance, tension and design.
- **Math** – counting, classifying and graphing apples by color, making apple counting books and watching apples change form solid to liquid when we make our delicious applesauce from scratch.
- **Literacy** – Illustrating Rainbow Fish, listening to stories about friends, new school experiences and families, The Family Book by Todd Parr, beginning to write in our journals and use the alphabet stones.
- **Creative Arts** – cooperative, friendship paintings, Reggio inspired self portraits, tearing and gluing collages and lots of time at the easel!
- **Health and Safety** – Scituate Fire Dept. visit to learn about fire safety, see the truck and squirt the hose. Practice our monthly evacuation drills. Calm our bodies and minds with Yoga led by Laura Delong, Erdman mom and instructor at Studio 143.
- **Social Skills** – learning how to be a good friend by showing kindness and respect to everyone and understanding classroom expectations

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 monthly newsletter, school wide emails are our major means of communicating with you.**

### Mark Your Calendars

- **Tuesday 10/2 @ 7:30 PM:** PAC Meeting in Big Room
- **Monday October 1:** Tickets go on sale for the North Pole Express. Erdman is proud to help sponsor this event! Tickets sell out fast – don't wait!
- **Monday 10/8: NO SCHOOL – Columbus Day**
- **Tuesday 10/9 & Wednesday 10/10:** Fire Dept. Visits
- **Thursday 10/11:** Erdman Open House – Times listed in header
- **Thursday 10/11:** Book Orders due
- **Monday 10/15: Tuition Due**
- **Monday 10/15: Lunch Bunch opens to Threes**
- **Wednesday 10/17 & Thursday 10/18:** School Pictures
- **Friday 10/19: NO SCHOOL – PROFESSIONAL DAY**
- **Monday, 10/22: 2019-2020 REGISTRATION OPENS FOR ERDMAN FAMILIES. PLEASE SEE ATTACHED INFORMATION SHEET FOR NEW CHOICES 😊**
- **Saturday 10/27:** 10 to 12 – Open House for prospective families. Encourage your friends to visit our school
- **Thursday & Friday 11/1 & 11/2:** Fours visit Hornstra Farms – Details to follow

## EXTENDED DAY OPTIONS

Our afternoon programs are off to a busy start. There are still a few spaces available in Imagineers, Explorers and Bookworms if your child would like to join in. Stay & Play also has openings in Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. This is another fun time for children to do more of what they love at Erdman in a relaxed atmosphere.

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 for schedules and sign up forms.

## 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

Special thanks to Noreen Sharpe and Kelly Butterworth, PAC co-chairs, for taking on the job of coordinating parent conference child care and hosting our Family Gathering. The first PAC meeting is **Tuesday, 10/2 at 7:30 in the Big Room**. Every Erdman parent is a member of PAC so please join us and say "yes" to the volunteer opportunities that benefit our school.

We hope 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 Wednesday, October 17 for 4 Day, MWF 4's, MWF 3's and WF 3's and on Thursday, 10/18 for MTTH 3's and 4's. Order forms will be in your child's cubby the week of 10/9 and pictures will be ready before the holidays.

2019-20 school year registration for Erdman families will begin October 22th. You will have preference through November 2 before registrations for new families will be accepted. PLEASE READ THE REGISTRATION INFORMATION SHEET THAT IS ATTACHED. **WE ARE OFFERING NEW WAYS TO RESERVE YOUR CHILD'S SCHEDULE FOR 2019-2020.**

## 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 the church Memorial Garden is off limits to us both during the school day as well as after school.

\* **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 unless you sign them up.

\*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, has worked well to insure that no strangers enter the building.**

\* We offer 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, all 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 by **10/11**.
  2. **Go online to: <https://orders.scholastic.com/JWJ6K>**
- All books will be delivered to the school. Happy Reading!

## BE IN TOUCH

Here is the best way to communicate with us:

For Debby, Karen and office questions: Please call at any time @ 781-545-9303 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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