



**CLEAN SWEEP-give the school a good spring cleaning-TUESDAY, APRIL 2 at 7
Teacher Scoop-a-thon @ Nona's on Wednesday, April 3 from 4 – 6:30**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- **Clean Sweep, Tuesday, April 2 @ 7**
- **Wednesday, April 3 @ 4 to 6:30:**
Nona's Scoop -A -Thon in Scituate Harbor
4-5:15 Patti, Debby, Karen & Sue Duff
5:15 -6:30 Beth, Tricia, Elizabeth & Nancy
- **Friday, April 12:** Tuition Due
- **Friday, April 12: SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1:00. Teacher Professional Development**
- **April 15 – 19: NO SCHOOL Spring Vacation**
- **Saturday, April 27, 8 – 10 AM:** Ship Shape Day and PAC playground clean up. Details to follow
- **Tuesday, April 30, 1:30 – 3:00**
Visiting for new Threes and Fours
- **Monday & Tuesday , May 13 & 14:**
Audubon beach workshops in preparation for end of year beach explorations
- **Week of May 20:** Year end Summary Reports will be distributed
- **Tuesday, May 21, 1:30 – 3:00**
Visiting for new Threes and Fours
- **May 31, Teacher Appreciation Night, Place and Time TBD**

END OF YEAR DATES & EVENTS

- **Thursday, May 30:** Bookworms ends
- **Monday, June 3:** Imagineers ends
- **Tuesday, June 4:** Stay & Play ends
- **Wednesday, June 5:** Lunch Bunch, Explorers and Late Pick Up ends
- **Friday June 7:** Early Drop Off ends
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CLASS ACTIVITIES

4 Day 4's will observe the world around them with excitement as spring emerges. Respecting nature at its finest, will give plenty of time to create and enjoy outdoors! They will go back in time to explore dinosaurs, their habitats and their extinction. Creating diorama and erupting volcanoes does not disappoint. Each child will paint, assemble and bring home beautiful egg trees to share this special time of year.

Spring has sprung in the **MTTH 4's!** We'll watch our seeds sprout and notice how they change into mature plants. We'll create a spring egg tree by "planting" a stick and painting eggs to hang on its branches (please send in your egg halves!). We will continue our discussion of what makes each one of us unique. Each child will trace and paint life-sized self-portraits. This is a time honored activity at Erdman and it is exciting to watch child working hard to make their portrait "just right".

"It's All About Me" in the **MWF 4's.** We'll be busy learning our initials, calculating our height, tracing and painting our ages. We will explore "family" and what it means to each of us by graphing our family size and creating a family portrait. We will create some egg-traordinary spring trees (please send in your eggshells for this special project).

MWF 3's will have a short but busy month as they count down to blast off in the spaceship they worked cooperatively to build. They will explore terms like orbit, planets and gravity through literature and manipulatives. Science activities will also include investigating wind and kites while watching for signs of spring. We'll enjoy painting eggshells to create a beautiful spring egg tree.

MTTH 3's will experiment with wind and water this month. We'll explore the properties of water and place different items in our water table to become "trash". Each child will chose from a variety of recycled materials to design and build their own trash collector. They will experiment with their design and decide which collector worked best and why. Our class will also create wind socks and airplanes during the windy days of April and discover how wind can move different objects. These are two examples of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) at work in our preschool activities.

WF 3's will explore the world of nursery rhymes and folk tales this month. We will act out "Humpty Dumpty" (with real eggs) and try to engineer a safer landing surface so that maybe Humpty could have a better outcome. We'll also act out "Little Miss Muffet" and learn about spiders and why Miss Muffet might not want to be so frightened of our little garden helper. Folk Tales like "The Three Little Pigs" and "The Three Billy Goats Gruff" will also be acted out and a classroom egg tee will be decorated for spring. It will be a busy month!

ERDMAN SUMMER PROGRAM

Join the fun this summer! Summer program information and registration forms are attached, available at the office and [on our website](http://www.erdmanpreschool.org). Registration is open and Patti can answer any questions you might have. A reminder that your tuition must be up to date in order to register for our summer program.

IMPORTANT TO KNOW

Eggs for our incubator will arrive from the Plymouth County 4H extension service on Tuesday, April 23. Hatching time is about 3 weeks. 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 last days of school are Thursday, June 6 and Friday, June 7. The Fours classes will climb Lawson Tower with parents only. Younger siblings will be cared for on the playground by Erdman teachers. All the family is invited to the Ice Cream Socials at the end of the day.

Karen Hirsh, who has been our highly skilled administrative assistant and teacher has been a good friend to teachers, parents and children for the past six years, will leave her position at the end of the school year to work fulltime for Malawi Children's Mission. As many of you know, she is passionate about this cause. Now she will be able to devote more time to caring for the needs of children and families in Malawi. To say we will miss her is an understatement!

There are two staff openings at Erdman for the coming school year.

1. [Office Administrative Assistant](#)
2. [Floating Teacher/Lunch Bunch Coordinator](#)

Job descriptions are attached to your emailed newsletter and available in the office. Please speak to Debby if you are interested and share these opportunities with your friends.

REMINDERS

Until it is very warm every day, you child will still need snow pants and boots (we love the mud!), hats and mittens every day. If you find Erdman clothes in your laundry we'd love to have them back! **ALL WINTER LOST AND FOUND ITEMS NOT CLAIMED BY APRIL 12 WILL BE DONATED TO CHARITY. PLEASE LOOK ON THE ENTRY BENCH.**

HELPING HANDS

It is not too late to be part of our **Clean Sweep crew on TUESDAY, APRIL 2 at 7.** Parents come together to give our school a good spring cleaning! It is a huge morale booster for everyone to return to clean classrooms! The time and effort that you give to Erdman is so greatly appreciated! We are also in need of garden soil to replenish our planting beds. On Saturday, April 27th Shipshape Day helpers will turn over mulch and sand to improve safety fall zones. More to come from PAC. Christian, an Erdman grad, will also be doing some playground clean up as part of his high school community service hours. You may see him on the playground late in the afternoon.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS – LAST ONE

Book orders are due on Thursday, April 11th
You have 2 options for ordering:

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

4 Day 4s

- **Friday, May 10 @ 11:** Mother's Day Celebration
- **Friday, May 24 @ 9:** Beach Trip meet at Lighthouse Beach
- **Friday, June 7 @ 11:** Climb Lawson Tower and **@ 11:30:** Ice Cream Social – Last day of school

MTTH 4s

- **Thursday, May 9 @ 11:** Mother's Day Celebration
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MWF PM 3s

- **Friday, May 10 @ 1:30:** Meet at Weir River Farm and **@ 3:00:** Mother's Day Celebration at Erdman
- **Friday, June 7 @ 12:30:** Ice Cream Social – Last day of school

MTTH 3s

- **Tuesday, May 14 @ 9:30:** Meet at Weir River Farm and **@ 11:00:** Mother's Day Celebration at Erdman
- **Thursday, June 6 @ 11:30:** Ice Cream Social – Last day of school

WF 3s

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