

# ERDMAN NEWS

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THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

**A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL THE WONDERFUL PARENTS WHO SPENT SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, CLEANING OUR CLASSROOMS, SCRUBBING WALLS, BATHROOMS, CUBBIES AND WASHING HOUSEKEEPING CORNER ITEMS.**

The Clean Sweepers, coordinated by Julie Willett and Bernadette Sullivan, included Shannon Quinn, Heather Lochiatto, Heather Clark, Maria Lackstrom, Heather Jarrot, Patty Thompson, Kim Spires, Sarah Smith, Helen Golden, April Tripp and Dana Blanks. .What a pleasure it was to come into clean rooms on Monday morning. Your hard work is appreciated by everyone at Erdman!

The next Parent Committee event will be

## **ERDMAN STORY TIME**

**Tuesday, March 18 at 6:30 in the classrooms**

Come in your PJ's and snuggle in for some great stories by guest readers

RSVP to Class Ambassadors

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## **MARCH ACTIVITIES**

Although it is still winter, our activities this month will gradually introduce Spring and the change of season. The Fours classes will continue to work on family activities – building houses, creating life size self-portraits, graphing family size, identifying baby pictures and individual characteristics and making individual and group books about their homes and families. (History and Social Science Guidelines). We'll read many books about families around the world and would welcome visits from family members as we look for ways to help our children appreciate how wonderfully diverse this world is! We will continue to bring letters and numbers into our activities as research shows that children learn best when they encounter sounds and numbers in activities that are meaningful to them. (Language Arts Guidelines)

The WF threes have investigated colors and will enjoy nursery rhymes and egg activities later in the month. TTH Threes have finished colors and are looking at shapes. They will read and dramatize favorite nursery rhymes with an emphasis on rhyming, rhythm and repetition.

All classes hope to begin some spring activities, such as weather, wind, kites, clouds, birds and plant growth (Life Science and Living Things/Environment Guidelines) as well as our traditional spring egg trees.

**Egg trees are one of our favorite activities and this year we need your help. We are asking each family to send in 6 white egg shells carefully broken in half (12 halves). Please wash the shells in hot soapy water, rinse well and soak for a few minutes in a mild bleach solution. We'll need them by March 17. Thank you so much for your contributions – you'll love the result!**

Is your child enjoying snack time? Several of our snack crackers (organic) come from Whole Foods. In return for our orders, Whole Foods donates fresh produce to add to our snack menu. A very special thanks to Jon Belber, Cleo's dad, for suggesting this partnership to us. Our contact person at Whole Foods is an Erdman graduate. It's a small world!

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**NO SCHOOL - THURSDAY,  
MARCH 6**

### **Teachers Professional Day**

We will be evaluating and refining how we use our new child assessment tool, The Work Sampling System.

**NO SCHOOL - GOOD FRIDAY  
MARCH 21**

**2008 CLASS PLACEMENTS**

Tentative class lists for September have been posted. Most families received their first or second choice of class if possible. If you wish to be put on a waiting list for another class please speak with Debby now. Currently the 4 Day class is full with children who have completed a 3 day Fours class. The purpose of this class has always been to serve as a transition year between preschool and kindergarten. If the composition of the class changes we will look at inviting some of our older threes to join and modify the curriculum accordingly.

At their February meeting the Board of Directors set tuition for the 2008-2009 school year as follows:  
Four Day class.....\$3110.  
MWF and MTTH classes.....\$2450.  
TTH and WF classes.....\$1750.  
This is an increase of about 4% or about \$1.00 per day. Please remember that some financial aid is available. Forms are available in the office and must be returned by May 30.

### **SCHOOL AND BUILDING RENOVATIONS**

Most of you have seen the new paint in the school hallway. It is so clean and bright – a real lift for the spirits! That is only the beginning! The Threes room and Four Day rooms will be painted during April vacation and the Big Room will be finished early in June after school is over. The Church will be painting the outside of the building, installing a new fire alarm system, upgrading the wiring and some windows and doors during the summer. We will keep you up to date as plans are finalized.

### **REMINDERS**

Lunch Bunch fills up very quickly for Wednesdays and Fridays and many children do not have a chance to attend. Please consider signing your child up for one day or the other if at all possible.

**It's time to replenish your child's extra clothing supply!** Your child is growing and the clothes that you sent to school in September may not fit anymore! Snow pants and boots will be necessary until the ground is warm and dry. Thank you for continuing to help your child become more self sufficient getting in and

out of winter clothing. It's a big confidence booster!

Tuition reminders will be sent home soon. If you are behind in your payments please bring your account current as the end of the school year is fast approaching and our budget must balance. Your tuition payments must be up to date in order to register for Summer Camp. Thank you

### **Erdman Summer Camp**

Now that Spring is just around the corner, it's time to think about summer activities for your child. As she has for many years, Patti Litz will offer a summer camp program on Tuesday through Thursday mornings from 9 to noon. Camp will begin on Tuesday, June 10 and run through Thursday, August 7. You may sign up for as many weeks as you choose. Patti's outdoor (inside if raining) camp program offers lots of free play, arts and crafts, music, stories, nature activities and snack. You will receive an informational flier during the week of April 14 when enrollment agreements are put in cubbies. Registration will begin after April vacation. It's a wonderful way to stay in touch with friends and have a relaxed, supervised, fun filled morning.

### **F Y I**

I will not be at school from March 31 – April 4. Patti Litz, our Assistant Director, will be in charge during my absence.

Debby

