

## ERDMAN NEWS

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PLEASE JOIN US AT  
THE HOLIDAY BAKE SALE AND HOLIDAY SING -A -  
LONG  
DECEMBER 18 AND 19

Please save some time during this busy season to share an Erdman tradition with your child. We will gather downstairs in the church hall on your child's last day of school at 11:15 or 3:15 to sing several favorite holiday songs and to wish each other a joyous holiday. Siblings are welcome. If you cannot be there please ask another special adult to join your child. Everyone loves the delicious baked goods, so please call your class ambassador or sign up to make a donation.

### CLASS ACTIVITIES

December is a short but very busy month for everyone. All classes will be busy making special gifts for their families as we focus on caring for each other and celebrating family time rather than on a specific holiday. We'll also focus on sharing with those in our community as families may make donations to Scituate Community Christmas. More information will be coming from your Class Ambassador. Just before the holiday break the Fours will make gingerbread cookies, houses and candy trees. Some Fours classes will also be exploring shapes. You will see different shape creations and circle, square, triangle and rectangle snacks. (Math # 10 – identifying and investigating materials of various shapes using appropriate language) Please check your class's message board each day so that you are current with the many activities that will be happening.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Threes Parent-Teacher conferences  
Watch your classroom door for sign up sheets.
- '09-'10 Kindergarten Registration  
takes place December 8 – 12. Info in cubbies.
- Dec. 18 and 19 at 11:15 & 3:15  
Holiday Bake Sale and Holiday Sing –a-long  
**No Lunch Bunch on those days.**
- December 20 – January 4 –Holiday

Break. School resumes on Monday, Jan 5, 2009. Happy New Year to all!

### REGISTRATION FOR FALL 2009

Application forms for September 2009 will be available beginning on Tuesday, January 6. Each three year old will have one in his/her cubby. Parents of current Fours may pick up forms in the Office. Please clearly indicate your first **and** second choice of classes. **We will try to honor one of your choices if your application is in by February 1st.** As noted on the application form, the Older Fours class gives preference, until May 1, to children who have completed a Fours class and would benefit from an extra year of development before Kindergarten. After that date children from the Older Threes class may be considered. Please note that the non-refundable \$50. deposit is due with your application. It is a separate fee and is not applied to the first month's tuition. Erdman siblings and former Erdman families may also register in January and will have preference over new families if applications are received **before** February 1<sup>st</sup>. Do not delay as classes fill up quickly. Beginning on February 1 registration will be open to new families on a first come first served basis. If you have friends who are interested in the school, please have them call the Office to ask for information and/or to set a date to visit. This year we will hold an **Open House for prospective families on Saturday,**

**January 24 from 10 to noon. Please tell your friends!**

## INCLEMENT WEATHER

In case of bad weather we follow the Scituate Public Schools cancellation policy. **No School in Scituate means No School at Erdman. A one hour delay means a one hour delay at Erdman. Any delay longer than one hour means no school at Erdman. Listen to WBZ, (1030 AM), WATD (95.9FM), WJDA (1300AM) or watch channels 4, 5 or 7. You may also call the Scituate No School number at 545-8787 or see [www.scituate.k12.ma.us](http://www.scituate.k12.ma.us). It is your responsibility to access this information.**

If severe weather is expected during school hours please use your best judgment about bringing your child to school. If Scituate has not canceled school we will call you if we must cancel for safety reasons.

## REMINDERS

**Our playground is cold! Hats, mittens (NOT gloves), snow pants and boots are a must.** We strongly believe that children need outdoor time every day and if they are not properly dressed they will not be able to enjoy their time outside or benefit from our outdoor activities. Please send extra socks and slippers or shoes in your child's bag to put on indoors when wet boots come off. We encourage children to dress and undress themselves so it is your responsibility to make sure that their clothes fit properly and are easy to manage.

Threes can take care of their clothing too with some practice at home with you. Being able to take care of one's self and belongings brings confidence and self-esteem – goals that we all have for our children. PLEASE LABEL ALL OUTER CLOTHING! We thank you for your help.

**PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY ENTERING AND EXITING OUR DRIVEWAY.** We have had several "near misses" recently. Please make sure your **turn signal is on well in advance** of your turn into the church driveway. Please do NOT park on the new grass near the fire escape and please STOP before you merge into the semicircular drive in front of the church. The church and school thank you!

## HOLIDAY THOUGHTS

In keeping with our philosophy of low key holiday activities we will be doing seasonal activities that relate to winter, happiness, family, giving and thinking of others. We would welcome you to share special holiday customs with your child's class. Also, since the holidays can be a very stressful time, even for young children, we hope that you will find a few quiet moments to spend with your child each day – read a book, do a puzzle, play a game. You will both feel renewed.

## PAC NEWS

We have had a busy fall with two successful fundraisers, the Toy Box shopping day organized by Meka-Mari Carmody and the Silhouettes organized by Kristin Morley.

The holidays are just around the corner and PAC has another great opportunity to help the school. Watch for details of the "SCRIP" program in your child's cubby this week! As mentioned in the class activities column, PAC has organized a donation drive for the Scituate Community Christmas. This wonderful program serves children and families in our town. Please consider a contribution. Thank you very much for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

## WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

We understand that some parents are concerned about what their child does or does not eat at Lunch Bunch. Please remember that while we can suggest and encourage we cannot, by state regulations, dictate the order in which your child eats his food. (i.e. no cookies till you eat your sandwich). This is a very social time for most children and they may not eat as much as normal. Our suggestion would be to send only the healthy food you want them to eat and save special snacks or treats for home.

**Looking for the perfect gift for your child? See the attached suggestions.**

**Happy Holidays to all our families!**

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