

# ERDMAN NEWS

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**It is a busy season at Erdman. Here are some special upcoming opportunities.**  
**Fundraiser at The Toy Box - Sunday, November 22. 20% of purchases donated to the school. Phone and On - Line orders welcome. Watch for flyers.**  
**Family Portraits by Katina Bentley - Saturday, November 15.**  
**Silhouettes by Joy Ann McConnell - Saturday, December 5**  
**Information is posted on the Parent Board or ask Debby**

## *HOLIDAY SING -A -LONG AND BAKE SALE DECEMBER 17 AND 18*

*Please save these dates to join your child at our traditional sing-a-long at 11:15 or 3:15 on the last day of school before the holiday break. Siblings are welcome, too. November and December are busy months at Erdman. Please make sure to read the Newsletters, classroom message boards and check your child's bag every day to stay up to date. We thank you!*

### **HARVEST HAPPENINGS**

In October the Scituate Fire Department visited all our classes. Everyone had a chance to practice "stop, drop and roll" and to squirt the hose on the pumper truck. We will now start practicing our evacuation drills each month.

All classes have been busy exploring the change of seasons and the fall harvest. The aroma of homemade applesauce and breads filled the school as we baked for Open House. We had a great turnout and we thank you for coming that evening. Just before Halloween we focused on pumpkins, learned how they grow, carved jack o'lanterns and roasted seeds for snack. We saved some to plant as well. Each class will take their jack o'lantern to the edge of the woods where it may become home to a white-footed mouse ([Mousekin's Golden House](#)) The Fours enjoyed a field trip to the Webster cranberry bogs in Norwell to watch the harvest and brought back lots of cranberries for cooking.

The Fours will be busy with projects about seeds, leaves and natural dried materials. They have made apple and leaf books and will brayer print with leaves and create

collages with a variety of seeds and dried materials. Each 4's class will make pickles with children doing the cutting and measuring. Threes are still learning classmates names and school day routines as they, too, are busy with seasonal activities. Nature walks allow us to observe our world up close and bring back interesting finds for the science table and for nature collages. (Living Things & Their Environment) The Threes are becoming more self-sufficient. They are learning to care for themselves in the bathroom, take care of their belongings, pack up their school bags and walk down the stairs with you at the end of the day. Now that the weather is colder and **warm coats, hats and mittens are a necessity, (See Health Update on last page).**

This month we'll begin to talk about families, traditions and nutrition. (Health Education #13) We'll make vegetable soup from scratch in all classes. **Fours parents should watch for an invitation to share soup with their class before Thanksgiving.** The Fours will grind cranberry relish and the Threes will make butter and corn muffins to bring to their Thanksgiving dinner. If you have special family holiday traditions we welcome you to share them with your child's class between

now and Christmas. Please speak to your

## UPCOMING EVENTS

THREES ARE WELCOME AT LUNCH  
BUNCH FROM 11:30 to 1:00.

Permission slips must be returned first.  
**You may call on Monday morning to sign  
up for Monday Lunch Bunch.**

PARENTS OF FOURS AND OLDER  
THREES

Watch for your invitation to join your child for  
homemade soup on the following days:

MWF AM & PM 4's – Wed., 11/18  
MTTH 4's – Thurs. 11/19  
4-Day – Thurs. 11.19  
MWF PM 3's – Fri. 11/20

**THANKSGIVING BREAK  
NO SCHOOL on WEDNESDAY, 11/25,  
THURS, 11/26 and FRI., 11/27**

THREES CONFERENCES  
Early December  
FOURS CONFERENCES  
Mid - January

HOLIDAY SING-A-LONGS  
Dec. 17 & 18

For all parents and children on the last day  
of school before vacation at 11:15 or 3:15. If  
you cannot be there please make sure  
someone special will be there with your  
child. Siblings welcome!

## LOOKING AHEAD...

Registration for September 2010 will begin  
in January for Erdman families. The \$50.  
registration fee is required at the time of  
registration. More information to follow in  
December. Please urge interested friends to  
call the school now for registration  
information and to schedule a visit.

## INCLEMENT WEATHER

Winter is just around the corner. In case of  
bad weather we follow the Scituate Public  
Schools cancellation policy. **No school in  
Scituate means no school at Erdman. A**

child's teachers to arrange a visit.

**one hour delay means a one hour delay  
at Erdman. Any delay longer than one**

**hour means no school at Erdman. Listen  
to WBZ (1030AM), WATD(95.9FM), WJDA  
(1300AM) or watch channels 4,5 or 7. You  
may call the Scituate NO SCHOOL  
number at 545-8787 or check the Scituate  
schools website at  
[www.scituate.k12.ma.us](http://www.scituate.k12.ma.us)**

## REMINDERS

- **Children need hats, mittens and  
warm jackets on the playground.  
It is cold and windy out there!  
(See Health Update on last page)**  
Girls will be happy in pants or  
leggings under dresses. Please  
label all clothing. It is especially  
important that your child wear  
clothes that are easy to manage in  
the bathroom. Buttons and zippers  
on pants are very difficult. Elastic  
waists are best. Thank you!

## WISH LIST

We are in need of one or two parents with  
very basic sewing skills (stitching a straight  
line) to help prepare a holiday project for the  
Threes. Thank you!

We are also looking to expand our substitute  
list. While a background in education is  
helpful, it is not necessary for occasional  
subbing. If you are interested please speak  
to Debby for more details. Pay is \$30. per  
session.

## THANK YOU.....

For your generous response to our Helping  
Hands program. To date your donations of  
Lunch Bunch helper duties and purchased  
supplies have added about \$200. to our fund  
for special educational events for your  
children.

*HAPPY THANKSGIVING  
TO ALL OUR FAMILIES*