

O.W. Erlewine News

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Erlewine Eagles!
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Earth Day at Erlewine

O.W. Erlewine P.T.A.

May:

- 5: Sixth graders picture day.**
- 8: Jog-a-Thon**
- 12: PTA meeting 6:00**
- 25: Holiday no school**
- 27: Open House/Science Fair**
- 29: Eagle Store/Hawaiian Day**

June:

- 1 and 2: Eagle Buck Stores**
- 3: Early Days begin**
- 5: Promotion Dance for 4th, 5th, and 6th grades**
- 8: Award Assemblies**
- 9: Award Assemblies**
- 10: Play Day**
- 11: Last day of school**
- 6th grade promotion**

Reminders:

- * Our office hours are from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- * Students are not to arrive at school prior to 15 minutes before they are going to attend class unless they are having breakfast on campus.

On Friday, April 17th, O.W. Erlewine School held its 7th Annual Earth Day Celebration. Students rotated to the many different activity stations throughout the campus. They went on walks through our Nature Area which was established in 1965. Then they learned about the different types of animals that live in the American River. Students rode bikes that generated the power to create their own smoothies, learned about fly fishing and built bird feeders by using pinecones.

Earth Day is a joint effort between START, 4th R and our school. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped out with this event.

Thank you also to PTA, The American River Parkway Foundation, The Fly Fisherman Association, Mosquito and Vector Company, START, 4th R, and Penny Alaei and the College Greens Pet Center for their participation.

Erlewine student's enjoy learning through the variety of Earth Day activities each year!



Thank you to everyone who attended our Book Fair and picnic activity. It was a great success and so nice to enjoy one another's company! A special thank you to the Doyle Family, Mary Dawidczik, Denise Nelson, Michelle and Joey Dickson, Amal Kattan-Handal, Michael and Giovanni Handal, Carmen Zorick, Taylor Lobbestael, Emma Thomason, and Sacramento State Interns for their work on this event. We are in need of a chairperson for next year's book fair event so please let us know if you are interested!

Our next PTA meeting will be held on Monday, May 12th at 6:00. Please join us in room 8. We will be voting for new officers.

Our Jog-a-Thon is on May 8th. We will need helpers that morning to pour water, help count laps, shout encouragement and guide kids to where they need to be. Don't miss this fun activity!

Please call the office if you would like to lend a hand with the Eagle Buck Store on May 29th, June 1st and 2nd.

Remember: early days will begin June 3rd and continue on until the last day of class June 11th.

Thank you to all of our current officers! We appreciate your hard work.

Open House/Science Fair

Open House and Science Fair will take place on Wednesday, May 27 from 6:00 to 7:30. The 5th Grade classes will be selling Eagle Meals (hot dog, chips and punch) from 5:30 to 6:30. We hope that you can attend!

Prices:

Eagle meal: \$3.50

Nachos and a drink: \$2.00

Hot Dog \$2.00

Nacho \$1.50

Chips \$1.00

Drink \$.50

Otter Pops \$.25

This is a 5th grade fundraiser for their 2016 Sly Park trip.



Sixth Graders

In June, sixth graders are looking forward to the end of the year Promotion Dance. It will take place on June 6th from 6:15-7:45. Their years of hard work will end with the Promotion Ceremony on June 12th.

Sixth grade promotion will be held from 8:30 to 9:30.

Congratulations to all of our graduates!

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration has begun for the 2015-16 school year. Registration hours are from 7:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Please bring your child's shot records, birth certificate and proof of your address (SMUD, PG&E, or Water Bill). Children who will be 5 years of age by September 1, 2015, are eligible to register.



Safety First!!!!

The speed limit on residential streets around our school is 25 m.p.h. During congested traffic times speed should be reduced and extreme caution observed. Both parents and staff have reported unsafe driving behavior during drop off and pick up of students. **Please remember that the safety of our students is first and foremost.** Please avoid U-turns, double parking, dropping off in the street, and opening car doors facing the street. Please also have your child use the crosswalk rather than running across the middle of the street.

Library Night Hours

O.W. Erlewine's School Library is open every Thursday night for family use. The hours are from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Families may check out books, videos, and cassettes. Computers are also available for doing student research or working on the Reading Counts program.

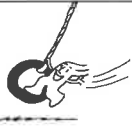
**Site Council elections will be held
May 4-8 in the school office from
7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

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SHORT NOTES

Keep friendships strong

Encourage your youngster to stay in touch with classmates over the summer. Let her invite friends over or arrange to meet at a park or a mini-golf course. She'll enjoy the get-togethers, and staying close will help her be ready to work and play with peers when school starts again.

Saying thank you

As the school year comes to a close, teachers are sure to appreciate the best gift of all: a simple thank you. You and your child can write notes thanking his teacher for helping him learn to read or teaching fun science experiments, for example.

Plan ahead for snack time

Kids are more likely to eat foods they help pick out. Take your youngster shopping for healthy snacks, such as watermelon, plain popcorn, and hummus with whole-wheat pita bread. Stock them front and center in the refrigerator and pantry so your child can grab a nutritious treat when she takes a break from playing.

Worth quoting

"The true delight is in the finding out rather than in the knowing."

Isaac Asimov

JUST FOR FUN

Kyle: What is the difference between lightning and electricity?

Jenna:
We have to pay for electricity.



Summer learning games

Learning is more fun when you turn it into a game! Try these family games that let your child play with words, numbers, and science.

Spelling cups

Be the first to unscramble the letters and guess the word. You'll need cups and magnetic letters or Scrabble tiles. One player secretly thinks of a word and places each letter under a separate upside-down cup. The other players take turns flipping over one cup. Let everyone see the letter, cover it back up, and slide the cups around to mix them up. At any point, a player can call out the word being spelled—but if he's wrong, he's out. Guess the word correctly, and you make the next word.

Bull's-eye math

Have your youngster use sidewalk chalk to draw a target with four rings. He should write 10 in the outer ring, 25 in the next, 50 in the third, and 100 in the center circle. (Use 1, 2, 5, and 10 for a younger child.) To play, stand a few feet away from the target, and take turns



tossing a pebble onto it. Each time, add the number from the ring your pebble lands on to your score. Write the equation you made in chalk ($50 + 25 = 75$; $75 + 50 = 125$). Reach 500 points to win.

Science scavenger hunt

Together, think of 12 small natural objects found on the ground. *Examples:* twig, dandelion, berry, buckeye. Then, each person labels sections of an empty egg carton for the items. Go to the park, search for the objects, and put them in the matching spots. The first person to fill his egg carton wins. ♥

Outdoor volunteers

Build a family helping habit this summer. These ideas will encourage your youngster to do community service while she enjoys the sunshine:

- Sign up to volunteer during a fund-raising walk. Your child could work with you at a pit stop, handing water cups to participants.
- Lend a hand at a charity yard sale at a school, community center, or place of worship. Together, you might sort and tag donations. Or your youngster could bag purchases for customers as you ring them up.
- Work in the garden at a school or an assisted-living facility. Your child can help weed, plant, water, and harvest. If you garden at home, consider giving some vegetables to a food pantry or soup kitchen that accepts homegrown produce. ♥



Safe and occupied

What will your youngster do this summer? Whether you work outside the home or not, you'll want to keep her busy, happy, and safe. Here are tips.

Look for activities. Public libraries and parks and recreation departments have programs to match any child's interests. Look for free or low-cost activities like music workshops, board game clubs, and tumbling classes.



Take turns. Neighbors can set up a schedule for watching each other's children play in a backyard or at a playground. Or consider swapping child care with a parent who works different days or opposite shifts. Also, you could arrange carpools for driving to camps or day care.

Find low-cost camps. Check into city or county camps, where prices are typically lower than at private camps. You might qualify for help with fees or be able to use flexible spending account funds or earn dependent-care tax credits.♥

ACTIVITY CORNER



Stuck on crafts

Duct tape is all the rage these days. Look for it in fun patterns and colors, or let your child add stickers to plain duct tape. Then, encourage him to be creative with projects like these.

Bookmarks

Wrap duct tape around and around a craft stick to make a bookmark. Or cut two strips the same size, stick them together, and punch a hole in the top to tie a ribbon through.



Party decorations

Form miniature flags on toothpicks, and put each one in a cupcake. For place-mats, cut the front and back panels from cereal boxes. Add strips of tape arranged in different patterns and designs.

Containers

Cover baby food or canning jars with colorful duct tape to create pencil holders or vases. Make fun storage containers for small toys by decorating shoe boxes with duct tape. ♥

OUR PURPOSE

To provide busy parents with practical ideas that promote school success, parent involvement, and more effective parenting.

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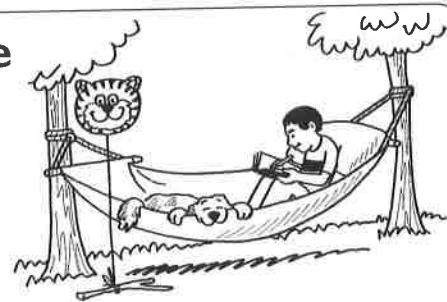
Avoid summer slide

Q: I've been hearing about how children often lose skills while school is out. How can I keep my son from experiencing this "summer slide"?

A: It's true that students tend to forget some of what they learned during the school year. Talk to your son's teacher to see if there are specific subjects he should work on, such as writing or math.

Then, use summer activities or time in the car to practice. You could give him a journal, and after a trip to the zoo or a museum, he can write about what he saw. Or as you drive, he might count red and green lights and say what fraction each color represents of the total.

Also, sign your child up for your library's summer reading program. Have him check out books and read at least 20–30 minutes a day. Ask him to tell you about the books, and talk to him about your own reading, too.♥



Back-to-school prep

Last year, I made the mistake of waiting until the last minute to prepare my kids for back-to-school. This year, with my younger daughter starting first grade and my older one going to middle school, we're going to try a few changes.

First, I will schedule their physicals right away, since their doctors' calendars filled up fast last year. Also, we'll shop early for school supplies to take advantage of

sales and make sure the kids get the colors they want.

Finally, we let the girls stay up later during summer, and last year they had a hard time adjusting to their school-year bedtime. So in August, we'll gradually move bedtime a little earlier each week.

We'll see if my plan works. I'm sure every year I'll learn something new about helping two kids get ready for school!♥

