



O.W. Erlewine News

February 2017

Erlewine School
395-4660
Hours: 7am to 3pm



P.T.A. Board Need You!

Interested in helping out more around school? PTA wants to talk to you! We're looking for a few good people to fill our board positions for the 2017/2018 school year. Positions available are:

- President - facilitating monthly meetings and PTA events, conferring with officers & chairs to ensure progress towards PTA goals, maintaining the PTA calendar
 - Treasurer - keeping track of incoming and outgoing money, counting money after fundraisers, all PTA banking
 - Secretary - keeping accurate records of all meetings, distributing minutes from prior meeting at current meeting
 - Book Fair - advertising, setting up, running, and closing out our two book fairs
 - Membership - create a membership theme and run our annual membership campaign, collect membership money, keep an accurate members list
 - Ways and Means (fundraisers) - set up, run, and close out all fundraisers
 - Room Parents - facilitate communications between your child's teacher and the other parents in the class
- If you are interested in a board position, please contact the office Erlewine School 395-4660. Hours: 7am to 3pm

Everyone is welcome to attend our monthly meetings. We are always looking for input and people to help out with our upcoming events. Our next general meeting is Tuesday, February 7th at 6pm in room 8.

Critical Thinking

Parents are the primary source of the views children hold toward school, the world, and life. You can maximize your influence in a positive way by heeding your children's curiosity and developmental phases. The following activities can stimulate the development of critical thinking in your children:

- Engage your children in conversations about their curiosities.
 - Praise and reward your children for being inquisitive and creative.
 - Ask questions about what your children are doing in school, topics they are studying, and projects they are working on.
 - Actively listen to what your children are saying.
 - Encourage your children to predict what will happen next in books, television programs, and real life.
 - Use daily activities to promote learning, such as helping your child to estimate the time and distance of a trip, to figure costs when shopping, or to plan a family event.
- It is never too early to develop critical thinking skills.

February's calendar:

- 3: Winter Read 8:15
- 6: Pennies for patients begins
- 7: P.T.A. 6:00 Rm. 8
- 9 & 10: Eagle Store
- 10: Mad Science begins
- 13: Holiday, No School
- 14: Sly Park—6th graders
- 20: Holiday- No School

March:

- 2: Family Reading Night 6:15
- 10-17: Parent Conferences



Reminders:

- * Our office hours are from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00p.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.

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration for the 2017-18 school year is now taking place at the Serna Enrollment Center. Please bring your child's shot records, birth certificate, photo id. and proof of your address (SMUD, PG&E, or Water Bill). Children must be 5 years of age by September 1, 2017, to be eligible to register. There are no waivers, this is a state law. Please register your child as soon as possible.

Pennies for Patients

Beginning Feb. 6th, Erlewine Students will be collecting pennies as their community service. Students will be asked to collect their pennies to school for the entire month of February. Pennies will be collected by Ms. Bartlett's students every Friday.



P.T. A. News

Please join us for our next P.T.A. meeting, which is Tuesday, February 7th at 6:00 in the school library. Room 8. The P.T.A. is looking for volunteers for the Eagle Buck store on Thursday and Friday, February 9 and 10.

Save the date for our Jog-a-Thon! It is scheduled for May 26th. We will need volunteers for this event. Please come and support our students.

Thank you to everyone who came to our Round Table Fundraiser. We appreciate Your support!



Cell Phones

Our school policy on students with cell phones on campus is the following:

- A. Cell phones must remain in the student's backpack until after school hours.
- B. Students must have their phones turned off during school hours.
- C. If a cell phone is seen by a staff member during school hours it will be taken to the office and may be picked up after school (First offense).
- D. If a cell phone is taken for the second time, a parent must pick up the phone.
- E. Parents wishing to leave a message during the school day should call the school office.
- F. No using cell phones to take pictures on campus.

Please do not bring toys, stuffed animals, pokeman type cards, or electronic devices to school. The school is not responsible for items that are broken, lost or stolen. Thank you!



Cold Weather and Attendance

Please be sure to send your child to school with a coat or sweatshirt every day. With the cold weather here, we want to prevent students from getting ill.

In the case that your child is ill and needs to stay home from school, please call the school office attendance line at 395-4660 between the If you need to speak with someone call 395-4660 between the hours of 7am and 3pm. Absences that are not called in are considered unexcused. If you are unable to make a phone call during the day, please send a note with your child when he/she returns to school stating the reason for the absence.





Delivering an Effective Apology

Almost weekly it seems we hear public apologies from politicians, celebrities, business leaders, and others for actions they took, laws they broke, or negligence they practiced. However, not all apologies are created equal. Some include only regret and accept no responsibility for harm inflicted. Others include regret for the impact of an action on others without an acceptance of responsibility for the action itself.

Unfortunately, both of these types of apologies fall short of the mark. Partial apologies do little to improve the situation and may even inflame the resentment and pain resulting from the original action.

An effective apology contains at least four components:

1. Accepting responsibility for the behavior that resulted in harm inflicted on another person.
2. Recognizing the pain, disappointment, or other impact experienced by the other person.
3. Not laying blame on extenuating circumstances, the actions of others, or any outside factor that might account for the behavior.
4. Promising not to repeat the behavior in the future.

Effective apologies include accountability, commitment, and genuine regret. Apologies that meet these criteria can bring closure to the incident, build respect for the apologizer, and allow everyone to move forward.

A Note from Mrs. Smith: When I work with intermediate students I go over the above message. It is too often that students say they are sorry with no meaning behind it. It's never too early to begin teaching your children to apologize properly.



Tips from the National Institute on Drug Abuse

All parents want to keep their kids safe and drug-free. Here are some suggestions from the National Institute on Drug Abuse to help:

- Be a good listener.
- Give clear no-use messages about drugs and alcohol.
- Help your child deal with peer pressure.
- Get to know your child's friends.
- Monitor your child's whereabouts.
- Supervise teen activities.
- Maintain an open and honest dialogue with your child.

