

# O.W. Erlewine News

November 2017

**Erlewine Eagles!**  
[www.erlewine.org](http://www.erlewine.org)  
Phone: 395-4660

## Dates to Remember:

November:

- 1: 5th grade parent meeting in room 8.
- 10: Veterans Day—No School
- 14: PTA Meeting 5:30 Room 8
- 15: Shopping with the Eagles 5:00-7:30
- 20-24: No School Thanksgiving Break
- 28: Phil Tulga Assembly
- 30: Parent Conferences begin



## Reminders:

- \* Our office hours are from 7:30a.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.

## Parent Conferences

This month your child should be bringing home a letter from the teacher about a parent conference. Please make every effort to schedule and attend your parent conference, as this is an important means of staying informed about your child's progress in school.

In keeping with our school district's interest in making greater use of test data to maximize student learning, your child's teacher will be sharing the following test data pertaining to your child at the parent conference: CAASPP, I-Ready, and classroom testing.

Kindergarten—No change

First, Second and Third grades—8:00 to 12:05

Fourth, Fifth, & Sixth—8:00 to 12:19

Lunch will be served as usual in our cafeteria following the above times.

Students not attending day care should be picked up by 12:45.

## Shortened Day Schedule Starting November 30-Dec.8

### After a Death or Divorce, Create New Thanksgiving and Christmas Traditions

Thanksgiving and Christmas may be hard to face after a personal loss such as a death or a divorce. But these holidays can also be occasions for reinventing yourself and your traditions.

Decide whom you want to be with, but be flexible. If you can't fly off to visit family, find out which of your friends will be around. Often, if you share your lonely feelings, people will reach out to you. You might find that others are happy to share a feast or visit a restaurant with you on that day. If they are busy, get together the day before or the day after.

## Help Your Children Improve Their Study Skills

If your children need to improve their study skills, they need to develop the habit of studying in advance of the time papers are due or tests are given. Don't allow them to get locked into pulling all-nighters or cram sessions.

To get into a good study routine, young people need to decide exactly what they need to study and how much. Suggest they look at the class schedule, check class deadlines, and then enter those dates in their planner so that tests and papers don't sneak up on them.

If your children struggle with procrastination, help them learn to study whatever they dread most, first. This is a great principle to live by. It helps free you to enjoy the other things in life. Whatever you are putting off, just do it and get it out of the way.

Suggest children study in small chunks of time, interspersed with short breaks. If they've been working and find themselves not being productive, it's probably time for a break. Just remind them not to procrastinate. Also suggest that if they need to memorize a long list of facts, it is often advantageous to do that just before falling asleep.

If your child needs help in a subject, perhaps he or she can study with a friend. Help the child choose a friend who is serious about studying so that the friend won't just be a distraction.

--Adapted from the University of North Carolina website.

## Peanut Allergies

This year we have quite a few students on campus that have peanut allergies. When you are making snacks and treats for classroom parties, please take this into consideration. It makes it easier for the teachers and room parents if they don't have to worry about the ingredients found in each treat. Thank you!!!



## Library News!

Our school library is open every Thursday night from 6:00p.m. to 7:00p.m. Families may check out books, tapes, CD ROMs and videos. Computers are also available for use during these hours. Mrs. Nelson is available to help you find and check out books. This is a wonderful opportunity to spend quality family time together and encourage reading. The library is located in Room 8 on our campus.





## O.W. Erlewine P.T.A. News

Thank you to everyone who became a member of our P.T.A. during our Membership Drive. There is still time to join our P.T.A. membership is \$7.00.



The P.T.A. would like to thank all of those who participated in our Holiday Fundraiser. It was a great success! Thank you also to everyone who helped with the Eagle Buck Store. We couldn't do it without your help.

If you shop at Arden Fair Mall, Loeman's Plaza or Lake Crest Village, submit your receipts to [MarketingGuru.com/Receipts](http://MarketingGuru.com/Receipts) or drop them off our school office or guest services at the mall, Pinkberry, or Cookie Connection.

Events that will help Erlewine School:

Sign up to cheer on runners at the California International Marathon to be held on December 3rd.

Sign up to be part of the Erlewine Relay Team.

Sign up to do Christmas Caroling on December 8, 9, or 10 at the Arden Fair Mall. (Date to be determined)

The P.T.A. would like to wish all of our Erlewine Families and Friends a Happy Thanksgiving!

### OUR SCHOOL IS PARTICIPATING IN THE GENERAL MILLS BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION PROGRAM.

This program earns money for our school. Each Box Top coupon is worth ten cents. Our school can earn hundreds of dollars from this program. Hundreds of everyday products you purchase have the Box Tops for Education coupon on them: Various Cereals, Pillsbury products, Yoplait yogurts, Betty Crocker products, Fruit Snacks, Zip Lock Baggies, Kleenex Boxes and more. . Please send the Box Tops to school with your children to turn into the classroom teacher or the school office. Please be sure to include your child's name so they can receive an Eagle Buck.

Thank You!

### How can I help my child?

When helping your child with math skills:

- Make sure your child knows and understands the math vocabulary. Have him/her define the new terms or use examples to demonstrate understanding.
- Encourage neat writing. Many errors are due to sloppy number writing.
- Drill basic math facts. Use flash cards until your child can answer in fewer than 3 seconds.
- Teach your child to read word problems several times. Cross out what is not needed.
- Make it fun! Play games such as dominoes.

### Attendance

If your child is going to be absent for any reason, please call our 24 hour attendance line at 395-4660 option 1. If he/she will be absent for more than a day, you may want to call and have your child's teacher prepare a make-up packet. Please call for this service by 12:00p.m. and pick up no later than 3:30 from the school office. If your child will miss more than one week, please let us know so that we can prepare an individual study packet for your child.



# Home & School

## CONNECTION®

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### SHORT NOTES

#### Practice patience

Patience is a lifelong skill that will help your youngster in school—and in life. The key is knowing how to pass time pleasantly while waiting so he doesn't feel anxious or frustrated. Together, come up with special "waiting activities" like saying the alphabet backward or counting down with the crosswalk sign.

#### A future job

Help your child make the connection between school and the career she could have someday. Point out workers using school subjects like a nurse writing on a chart or a TV weather forecaster describing a cold front. Also, friends and relatives might tell your child what they studied in school and how it's related to their jobs.

#### See that illustration?

Understanding the meaning of images in books, magazines, and newspapers will boost your youngster's reading comprehension. To build *visual literacy*, ask your youngster to explain what's happening in illustrations and graphics. He might even enjoy making up his own captions.

#### Worth quoting

"Adventure is worthwhile in itself."  
Amelia Earhart

### JUST FOR FUN

**Q:** What does even the most careful person overlook?

**A:** Her nose!



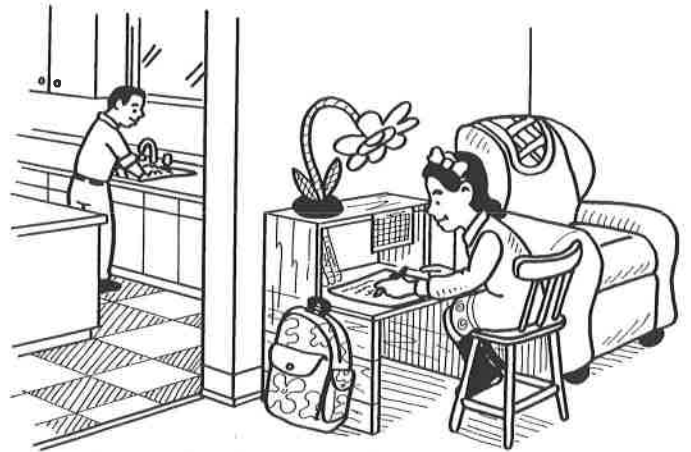
## Doing my own homework

When your child is the one responsible for her homework, she will form good habits that will benefit her throughout her school career. Use these tips to help your youngster be independent at homework time.

**Your child's job:** Let her choose a usual place and time for homework. That will make her more likely to stick with her routine. She may want to work at the kitchen table after school or at her desk after dinner.

**How to help:** Make sure your family's evening activities don't interfere with homework time. From time to time, ask your youngster whether she needs more supplies, such as pencils, erasers, markers, or glue.

**Your child's job:** She should tackle homework on her own. Not only will this help her learn, it will also show the teacher how well she understands the material.



**How to help:** If your youngster gets stuck, suggest that she reread the directions or look for similar examples in her book. Offer to play study games with her. Also, check to see that her homework is finished.

**Your child's job:** It's up to her to hand in completed work. She can find a way to remind herself, maybe by posting a note on her backpack.

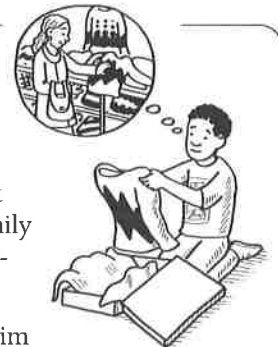
**How to help:** Together, choose a visible spot to keep her backpack and anything else she needs for school. ♥

### An attitude of gratitude

Around Thanksgiving, people often talk about what they're thankful for. These activities can inspire your youngster to express gratitude now—and all year long.

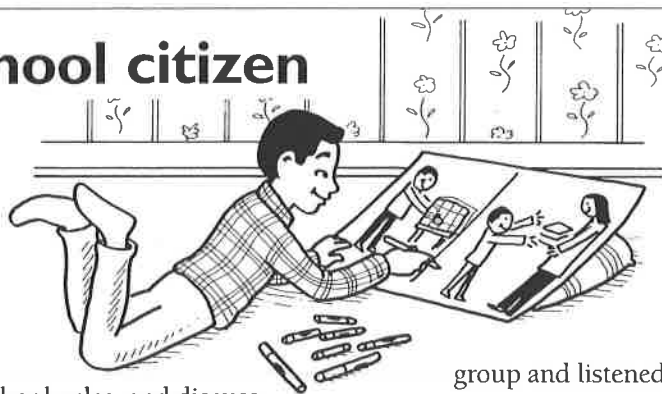
**On the calendar.** Brainstorm categories of things to be grateful for, such as people and nature. On a calendar, list one category per day for a week. Then each day, have family members name something they're grateful for in that category (a healthy grandparent, a beautiful fall day).

**Behind the gift.** When your child receives a gift, ask him to think about what the giver put into it. For instance, if his aunt sends him a sweater that he doesn't like, he might say it was nice that she took the time to find out what style is popular with kids his age. ♥



## Be a good school citizen

Your child can make his school a better place to learn and play by following school rules and being considerate of his fellow students. Encourage him to be a good school citizen with these ideas.



### Follow rules

Have your youngster name school rules, and discuss what would happen if they didn't exist. What if no one had assigned seats? (People might waste time deciding where to sit.) What if students could run in the hallways? (They might get hurt.) He'll see why it's important to follow the rules—just like people must obey laws.

group and listened to others without interrupting.

### Do your part

Every school citizen has an important role to play, and helping teachers and classmates is a part of that role. Suggest that your youngster draw himself doing classroom jobs like feeding the class guinea pig or delivering papers to the office. ♥

### Be considerate

Part of good citizenship is treating others the way you want to be treated. Ask your child to share examples of considerate things he did today. Maybe he got off a playground swing so another student could have a turn. Or perhaps he waited quietly before speaking up in a



## PARENT TO PARENT

### Sparking curiosity

My daughter Hailey used to be curious about everything from whether butterflies dream to why she has curly hair. As she grew older, she didn't ask as many questions. I wanted to keep her curiosity alive—so I decided to start asking *her* questions.

For example, when we saw ants carrying big leaves, I wondered aloud how they can hold stuff that's bigger than they are. Hailey looked it up, and she was proud to teach me that ants' muscles are thicker than ours compared to their body size. And these muscles don't have to support much body weight, freeing them up to hold other things.

Hailey enjoys telling me facts I don't know. We are both learning new things, and she's discovering that you're never too old to be curious and ask questions! ♥



## ACTIVITY CORNER

### Design a city

If your youngster could create her own city, what would it look like? Suggest that she pretend to be an urban planner. She'll use thinking, planning, math, and engineering skills as she follows these steps.



- 1. Pick a location.** Have your child decide where her city will be located. It could be near an ocean, in a desert, or even in outer space.
- 2. Add services.** Encourage her to consider where people will live, work, grow food, and spend free time. Also, how would they get around? They might travel by car, subway, bike, hovercraft, spaceship—or use an entirely new form of transportation.
- 3. Make a plan.** Let her draw a map of her city, revising it until she's satisfied.
- 4. Build and play.** Suggest that your youngster make a model using household materials (construction paper, empty boxes, paper towel tubes, plastic cups, string). She can see how her city functions by adding toy people, animals, and vehicles. ♥

## Q & A

### A successful parent-teacher conference

**Q:** I'm attending the parent-teacher conference for my son this month. How can I get the most out of it?

**A:** First, write down what you want to say before you go. List any questions you have. Also, include information to help the teacher learn more about your child, such as the kinds of books he reads or activities he's involved in.

Then, be sure to arrive on time, and set a friendly tone by mentioning something

your son likes about school. *Example:* "Dylan loves science. He especially enjoyed learning about polar bears."

Listen closely to find out where your youngster is doing well or where he needs to improve. Ask how to support his learning at home—perhaps by helping him review math facts.

Finally, agree on how to follow up throughout the school year so you can stay connected and help your child do his best. ♥



### OUR PURPOSE

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

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