



East Richland Elementary School

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Principal: Suzanne Hahn

Assistant Principal: Cris Edwards

Vision : We belong! We learn! We succeed!

Mission - To develop respectful, responsible learners and leaders.

Honoring Constitution Day

October 2011

On September 16th we celebrated Constitution Day. We had students sing patriotic songs, there were special announcements, patriotic projects, and we wore red, white, and blue to honor this special day.



New Student Lunches

Mrs. Susie Bishop hosts new student lunches monthly in the dining hall. They are usually the third Tuesday of the month. Mrs. Bishop shares



information and answers lots of questions at these lunches. She is a great listener and is good at problem solving. We appreciate her helping our new students become learners and leaders!





Thank you Walmart!

East Richland Elementary School received a \$1,000 check from Walmart 6059 Transportation. Safe Miles for Education rewards safe driving miles. One penny per mile driven by our Olney Private Fleet drivers from August 6 through August 12 was donated to our school this year. Pictured from left to right: Walmart Driver - Steve Boyll, Walmart General Transportation Manager - Misty Melton, Cris Edwards, Suzanne Hahn, Walmart Safety Manager - Kenneth Morgan, and Walmart driver - Randy Slawson. Thanks Walmart!



Walmart awarded ten randomly chosen teachers a \$100 gift card to help purchase classroom supplies as part of their Teacher Rewards program. Nationally, Walmart and Sam's Club are awarding 45,000 educators with \$100 gift card which infuses \$4.5 million into schools across America. The following teachers were the lucky recipients: (front row L to R - Ann Garrett, Tracy Dobbs, Sarah Vaal, Emily Jones, Brenda

Hendrickson, second row L to R - Scott Hartleroad (Walmart representative), Deb Ellison, Suzanne Michels, Joyce Michels, Lori Pool, and Julie Bettis). THANK YOU WALMART!



Breakfast of Champions

On September 2nd the faculty and staff received a breakfast to thank them for all their hard work. The Breakfast of Champions was to honor the greatness in them to make this an awesome school!
THANK YOU FACULTY AND STAFF!

Leading and Learning

ERES has partnered with ERMS to offer a few classes of Leading and Learning. Mrs. Monica Grove is the instructor of the classes. On



Tuesdays and Wednesdays she brings eighth graders to the elementary school to meet with some of our fifth grade students.

They do activities that encourage and develop leadership skills. Leading and Learning includes opportunities for teamwork, trust building, and communication.





News from the Nurse

You — yes, you! — can help keep people from getting sick this flu season. How? It's not too hard. Just take these steps:

- Wash your hands frequently, especially before eating and after coughing, sneezing, or blowing your nose
- Keep your sneezes and coughs to yourself (use a tissue or your elbow instead of your hand)
- Keep your hands out of your eyes, mouth, and nose

Bus Safety Tip

One of the first rules of school bus safety **is for kids to stay away from strangers.**

If a stranger bothers your child while the student is waiting for the school bus, **the child should report the incident immediately to the school bus driver once the bus arrives.**

With younger children who may not yet understand what a stranger is, here's an easy way for them to remember: **A stranger is a grown-up whose name you don't know.**



Friendship Bench

The “friendship bench” is a place anyone can go when they need a friend. The strategy behind the bench is to take a proactive approach to promote empathy, kindness, and respect among children.



Instead of putting children on a behavior bench, ERES will empower children to seek out the bench whenever they need a friend or someone to play with at recess.



Thank you to the Pi Lambda Sorority, the Carrie Winter Trust, and Dan Hahn for providing the friendship bench and sign!





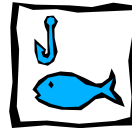
Parenting Information

*****Parenting activities and projects are funded with federal Title I dollars through the Steven's Amendment, Carrie Winters Grant, and District***

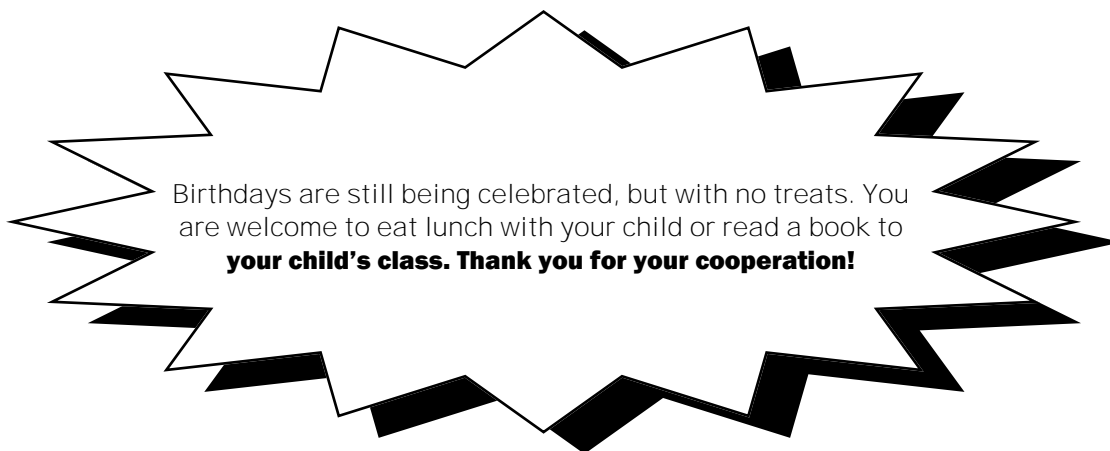
Jackie Houchin
Parent Coordinator
Room #603
395-8540 ext. 603

Hook Up With School - Parenting Workshop

Our October parenting workshop, "Hook Up With School, Fill Your Bucket By Giving Back" will be **Tuesday, October 18 at 6:00PM and Wednesday, October 19 at 11:00AM at ERES**. Call Jackie Houchin at 395-8540 ext. 603 to register or for more information.



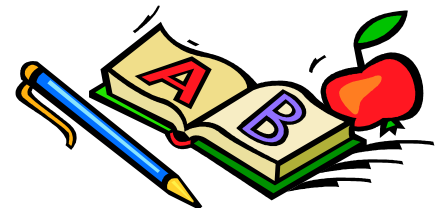
Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group will meet on **Thursday, October 20 at 9:30AM at ERES**. Cris Edwards, Assistant Principal, will be speaking on the 8 Habits.



Birthdays are still being celebrated, but with no treats. You are welcome to eat lunch with your child or read a book to **your child's class. Thank you for your cooperation!**

Parent Teacher Conferences

Conferences for all students will be held on October 20 and 21. The conferences give parents the opportunity to meet with their child's teacher, discuss the progress of their child, and bring up any concerns or questions. Students in grades fourth and fifth will receive ISAT results.



Conference appointments will be sent home with the children on **Wednesday, October 5**. If the conference time does not work for you, please contact ERES by October 12 to schedule another time. Our goal is to have 100% parent participation for the conferences! We look forward to seeing you!



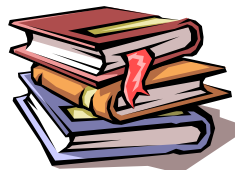


PTO Information

East Richland Elementary School's Parent/Teacher Organization (PTO) met on September 8th, 2011. They had a great turnout and we welcome all to participate in PTO. They provide many opportunities and resources to ERES. Activities include: the Fall Fundraiser, AR Store, Yearbook, Market Day, Book Fair, Teacher Appreciation, Family Fun Night, and much more! We thank PTO for their countless hours to make ERES a great school! **If you would like to participate please attend the next meeting on October 13th at 5:30PM in the conference room at ERES.**

Book Fair

The book fair was a huge success! Thank you to all who volunteered their time. The volunteers are listed below.



Angie Allen
John Allen
Heather Baker
Brenda Beard
Melissa Belcher
Julie Bettis
Misty Bradley
Julie Brown
Jennifer Burgener
Anne Crites
Darla Cummins
Sheila Ernest
Tasha French
Kelly Fulton
Melissa Gibson
Jennifer Glover
Diane Greifzu
Joe Greifzu
Marcia Griffin

Margaret Hahn
Mary Ann Harness
Brenda Hendrickson
Angela Hillyard
Lisa Holdren
Amy Hout
Heidi Inskeep
Tonia Inskeep
Courtney Johnson
Stephanie Kirkland
Cara Kniss
Chaney Kurtz
Melissa Lindsey
Brooke McDowell
Connie McDowell
Shari McDowell
Cindy Neil
Troy Neil
Jennifer Schneider
Jessie Smith
Sarah Stevens
Sarah Vaal
Peggy Watson
Misty Williams





"The Wright Stuff"



September Scenes

