



# East Richland Elementary School

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Assistant Principal: Cris Edwards

Vision : We belong! We learn! We succeed!

Mission - To develop respectful, responsible learners and leaders.

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## Welcome to ERES!



Tiger Safari is an organized school-wide program that reviews expectations with the students at the beginning of each year.

- **Respect ourselves and others**
- **Respect property**
- **Be responsible**
- **Display positive attitude**



## Tiger Safari





## New Attendance Law

As of July 28, 2011, a new Illinois attendance law went into effect. The definition of a “chronic or habitual truant” is now defined as a child who is subject to compulsory school attendance and who is absent without valid cause from such attendance for 5% or more of the previous 180 regular attendance days.

The law used to be 10% and is now reduced to 5% - which means a student can not be absent without just cause for more than nine school days. Excused absences include things such as: illness, doctor appointments, dentist appointments, funeral, etc.

## State Laws

- There is no smoking by anyone on school property (school buildings, parking lots, sports fields, etc.) at anytime - 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



- On January 1, 2010 the State of Illinois made it illegal for drivers of any age to use a wireless telephone at anytime while in a school speed zone.



## Praises to Parents

- Thank you for putting the safety of the children first!
- Thank you for pulling forward in the circle drive and following the traffic!
- Thank you for escorting your child/ren in the parking lot and not letting them off in the parking lot.
- Thank you for calling the office when your child is absent.
- Thank you for keeping money in your child’s lunch/breakfast account. It is a debit system - not a credit system.
- Thank you for keeping handicap spaces open for the appropriate adults.
- Thank you for being a parent volunteer!





## News from the Nurse



- The hours for the nurse are from 8:00AM to 3:20PM. Arriving earlier than 8:00AM means you may have to wait for her.
- **Physicals and immunization records for prekindergarten, kindergarten, and all new students are due by October 15th. If not in compliance, your child will be excluded from school until the proper forms are completed! This is state law!** This includes a lead screening for prekindergarten and kindergarten students.
- **It is a state law that kindergarten students are to have a vision exam by an ophthalmologist or an optometrist by October 15th.**
- All new students entering an Illinois school for the first time also need a vision exam.
- Kindergarten and second grade students need a dental exam by May 15, 2012. In the Spring a dentist visits ERES and can complete this requirement.
- Please call the nurse, Kris LeCrone, at 395-8540 ext. 120 for further information or health forms.



## PTO News

- Come get involved in the PTO! The first meeting of the year is Thursday, September 8th at 5:30 in the ERES Conference Room. PTO meets the second Thursday of each month. If you are interested in learning more feel free to contact one of the principals at 395-8540 or PTO President, Brenda Beard at (werbbeard4@gmail.com)
- Your support of the annual PTO fundraiser is appreciated! Fundraiser Kick-Off is September 1st. Please accompany children collecting and delivering orders.
- The annual PTO Scholastic Book Fair will be September 19 - 23. Many volunteers are needed to run the book fair - please volunteer! More information will be coming soon.
- PTO will be collecting Box Tops for Education this year. They are collected on the last Monday of the month. We will also collect Campbell's Soup Labels and other participating products in the Labels for Education program. Details can be found at [www.labelsforeducation.com](http://www.labelsforeducation.com).
- PTO sponsors Market Day monthly. Volunteers are needed once a month from 5-6PM. Please call the school if you can assist. Each month a food flyer goes home or you can order online.





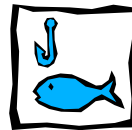
## Parenting Information

***\*\*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 September "Hook Up With School" parenting workshop will be Tuesday, September 20 at 6:00PM and Wednesday, September 21 at 11:00AM. Call Jackie Houchin at 395-8540 ext. 603 to register or for more information.



Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group will meet on September 15 at 9:30AM at Pizza Fast on Whittle Ave. Suzanna Ridgely, ERCU#1 Counselor, will be the guest speaker on "homeless" information. Discussion will be on "A new thing I learned this summer."

## Constitution Day



September 17 is Constitution Day and Citizenship Day. **ERES students will be asked to wear red, white, and blue on Friday, September 16** in honor of the day. Special activities, announcements, and singing will be happening on this day.

## Health Fair

Fourth through eighth graders will be attending a health fair on Tuesday, September 13 at Olney Central College. East Richland, West Richland, and St. Joe schools are invited. The students will watch a Play 60 video, exercise, create a healthy snack, meet with healthcare professionals and college athletes from Richland County.

They are looking for adult volunteers to help with activities. To volunteer, please contact Mary Corry, RN at 618-395-7777 ext. 2140 or with any questions.





## The 8 Habits



**Habit 1: Be Proactive** I am a responsible person. I take initiative. I choose my actions, attitudes, and moods. I do not blame others for my wrong actions. I do the right thing without being asked.

**Habit 2: Begin with the End in Mind** I plan ahead and set goals. I do things that have meaning and make a difference. I am an important part of my classroom and contribute to my school’s mission and vision.

**Habit 3: Put First Things First** I spend time on things that are most important. This means I say no to things I know I should not do. I set priorities, make a schedule, and follow my plan.

**Habit 4: Think Win-Win** I balance courage for getting what I want with consideration for what others want. I make deposits in others’ Emotional Bank Accounts. When conflicts arise, I look for third alternatives.

**Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood** I listen to other people’s ideas and feelings. I try to see things from their viewpoints. I listen to others without interrupting.

**Habit 6: Synergize** I value other people’s strengths and learn from them. I get along well with others, even people who are different than me. I work well in groups.

**Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw** I take care of my body by eating right, exercising, and getting sleep. I spend time with family and friends. I learn in lots of ways and lots of places, not just at school.

**Habit 8: Find Your Voice** Find the greatness in yourself and help others to find the greatness in them.



## Traditions

- **Tiger Safari** was another big hit! Each year students at ERES start the year off learning the expectations and guidelines for good leadership. We begin day one learning about becoming a “respectful, responsible learner and leader” by knowing the four expectations of the school: 1. Respect ourselves and others, 2. Respect property, 3. Be responsible, and 4. Display a positive attitude in all settings of the school. **We ended Tiger Safari with an all school Celebration Circle with lots of dancing and celebrating!**
- **Breakfast Club** will begin on September 7th. It is for students third through fifth grade that had perfect attendance for the month of August. **Breakfast Club members must have perfect attendance and be at school on time and not leave early to participate in the monthly reward of doughnuts and milk.**
- Thank you for your cooperation with “Birthday Celebrations.” Birthdays are still being celebrated, but with no treats. You are welcome at the school on your child’s birthday by eating lunch, reading a book, volunteering, etc.





Back to School!

