May 2019 Newsletter

Eureka Elementary

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Dear Eureka Family,

"Busy" seems to be the best word to describe a school year, and this final trimester is especially loaded with activity. Soon we will be starting our end of year testing, taking field trips, celebrating field day, and wrapping up the final weeks before summer break. We are busy indeed!

We don't want to be too busy, however, especially when it comes to making sure our students and families are supported and welcomed at Eureka. If you see us hustling around the building or seeming preoccupied, do not hesitate to say hello. Sometimes the task list takes control, and we might need a reminder to balance out the busy. Please feel free to chat, ask questions, send emails, or give us a call. If we don't get back with you in a reasonable amount of time, chances are "busy" took over again, so be sure to speak up. Students and families are **the** priority at Eureka, no matter how busy our work gets!

We know life gets busy for you, too, which can lead to your child missing school. Absences for some students begin to pile up at this time of year. The SJPS truancy policy requires us to send out letters, beginning at 10 absences. While we want students to stay home when they are ill, we request they be in school otherwise. The learning that takes place during a missed school day can't be fully captured after an absence or sent home in a worksheet. We appreciate your efforts to make sure your child is with us as much as possible. Your support makes a positive difference!

Finally, we are hoping the State is busy figuring out the snow day situation this year. To be on the safe side, we are still planning to have the final day of school be June 12th until we hear otherwise. We'll wait a little longer to set dates for Field Day and 5th grade graduation, but will let you know as soon as possible.

Thanks for not being too busy to read our newsletter each month! :D
Sincerely,
Anne-Marie Potter, Principal

Upcoming Events

May 3
Lugnuts Family Night

May 8
PTO Mtg @ 6:30

May 10
½ Day PD; Students dismiss at 12:30

May 10 & 11
Relay for Life

May 12
Happy Mothers Day!

May 14 & 15
3rd Grade M-STEP Testing

May 17
Theme Day: Pixar or Disney Character
PTO Family Movie Night & Raffle

May 20
4th Grade M-STEP Testing

May 22
4th Grade M-STEP Testing

May 23
PK Field Trip

May 27
No School: Happy Memorial Day

May 29
K-2 Music Program @ 6:30; please have your student(s) arrive 15 min prior to their performance time.

May 30
Kdg/1st Field Trip
PK Final Day/Graduation
3-5 Music Program @ 6:30; please have your student(s) arrive 15 min prior to their performance time.

Celebrating Good Citizenship

We are happy to celebrate positive citizenship. Each year at this time, teachers may nominate students to be recognized for good citizenship. A drawing is held and two students are selected to win tickets to Family Night with the Lugnuts. This year's winners are Bryson and Brynlee Congratulations to each of them, along with all of the other students who were nominated and received certificates!

Flip-Flop Falls

Warm temperatures often mean flip-flops as an easy option for footwear. We aren't setting a rule about flip-flops, but we do request students wear shoes that make it easier to play on the playground and participate in phys. ed activities. Mileage Club is underway, so running shoes are helpful for students to add laps to their Mileage Club cards, too. Thanks for helping your child stay safe at school!

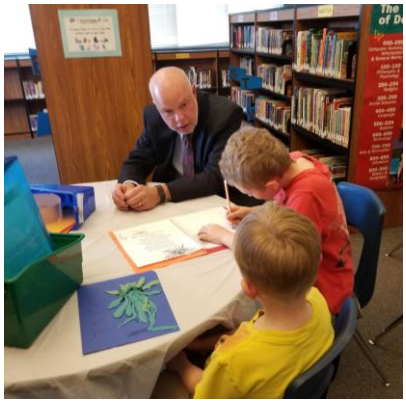
Protecting the Earth

Since receiving the wonderful gift of a new water filling station from former SJPS School Board member, Bill Tennant, we have saved over 4,550 water bottles. To help protect our planet, Eureka students and staff are using refillable water bottles instead of single use plastic bottles.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!

ANNIE

Some very talented students from SJ Middle School will be performing the musical Annie Jr. this weekend. Tickets are still available and can be purchased online. We were thrilled to get a preview of the show when part of the cast came to Eureka on Wednesday. A few former Eureka Rockets were among the group of entertaining performers. They were great!



SJPS School Board members and guests were treated to a special presentation about our After School Reading Club at the April Board Meeting, which was held at Eureka. 1st-3rd graders shared projects, poems, books, and writing.