

**Edgerton Christian Elementary School  
May 17, 2019 Newsletter**



***Congratulations Graduates!***

Graduation Day for the 25 eighth grade students is Wednesday, May 22, at 7:00pm. Please join us for this special evening! The graduates have chosen “Wherever We Go, God Is With Us” as their motto. Taylor De Boer and Jarett Kuipers will be the class speakers and Principal John Top will give the graduation address. The class text is from Joshua 1:9

**Presidential Academic Award**

Congratulations to the nine of our eighth grade students who were awarded the Presidential Outstanding Academic Achievement Certificates signed by President Trump! To qualify for this award, students need to score in the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile or higher on the Iowa Assessments and also average a 90% or better on a 100-point grading scale (3.0 GPA) through junior high. These students are the following: Taylor De Boer, Madison Fick, Lindsie Fick, Mason Hamm, Jarett Kuipers, Kathryn Prins, Dawson Rieck, Anna Suda, and Shaylee Van Essen

Teams of five students from each 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades participated in the Dordt Math Bee this week. Congratulations to these participants:

4<sup>th</sup> grade: Devin Schaap, Parker Fey, Kaydence Van Dyke, Jackie Feikema, Ryan Pap

5<sup>th</sup> grade: Carson Rozeboom, Victoria Prins, Lydia Talsma, Addison Van Hill, Megan Rylaarsdam

7<sup>th</sup> grade: Elizabeth Eisma, Kylee Brands, Aidan Schaap, Makenzie Pap, Alexia Vander Pol

8<sup>th</sup> grade: Mason Hamm, Kathryn Prins, Madison Fick, Jarett Kuipers, Shaylee Van Essen

1. The Wellness Committee is hosting “Wellness Play Day,” an afternoon of organized games and activities for 1st through 4th grade students on Thursday, May 23. **Students are asked to wear their class t-shirts.** While parents are welcome to come and observe, there is no expectation of parent involvement. This special day is part of promoting a healthy school environment where physical activity, proper nutrition, and wellness are all valued!

2. The **2019-2020 ECES Calendars** are posted on the ECES website.

3. Your **TUITION AND HOT LUNCH** accounts should be paid in full by May 31 - refer to your JMC account for balances due.

4. Please pay any outstanding **MUSIC FEES** before the last day of school.

5. A \$20 donation per family is being requested for the Dutch Festival Food Stand by the ECES Dutch Festival Committee. If you haven't already, please send with your child to school by Wednesday, May 22. Thank you!

5. Students are asked to wear their Class T-shirts for their **CLASS TRIPS AND WELLNESS PLAY DAY**.

6. On the last day of school, Friday, May 24, we will dismiss at 12:00. All busses will run as usual in the morning, but **ONLY THE HOLLAND AND LUVERNE BUSES WILL RUNNING AT THE NOON DISMISSAL**. Please make early dismissal transportation arrangements accordingly.

7. **Reminder from the Music Room** - All parents of band students will receive an email from Ms. Miller with information regarding instrument summer care and next year's band program. Ms. Miller will be offering private lessons over the summer so if you're interested, contact her at katherinemiller @swmch.org.

## **YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO BE INFORMED AND VOTE**

**WHO:** ECES & SWMCH Society Members  
**WHAT:** Annual Society Meeting of **BOTH** schools  
**WHEN:** Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>  
**WHERE:** All taking place at ECES

**SCHEDULE:**

6:30-7:30 ECES Society Meeting  
7:30 Joint vote on updated Articles of Incorporation by ECES and SWMCH Societies  
7:45 SWMCH Society Meeting

The established Articles of Incorporation that will be voted on are available to read through the link posted on the schools' websites – [www.swmch.org](http://www.swmch.org) or [www.edgertonchristianschool.org](http://www.edgertonchristianschool.org)  
Prior to each separate society meeting, the Foundation committee from each school will conduct its business meeting. We look forward to your attendance and your support of the schools and the Christian education your children and grandchildren are receiving!

## Greetings from ECES Parents' Club!

As we end another school year, we hope you and your family take time to reflect on what a blessing it is to receive quality Christian education at ECES! We have a few items we want to draw to your attention:

1. This year, we will be voting for new **Parent's Club Board members using Google Forms** (like we did last year!). We are grateful to Melissa Prouty & Tanya Talsma who have served the last three years on the board. Thank you to Jody Schaap & Christa Blom (Treasurer) and to Renee Krosschell & Kelly Kroeze (Vice President) for being willing to serve and allowing their names to stand on the ballot.

**To vote, click on the link below** and follow the directions. Each parent is encouraged to vote.

The ballot will remain open through **TODAY, Friday, May 17**. <https://forms.gle/RJ5XbmCrqmXvLFUj9>

2. **Room Parent volunteers are still needed.** If you are interested in filling this need, please contact one of the following: please contact Tanya Talsma (507-442-3554), Shelly Nibbelink (507-920-7946), Angie Swyter (605-310-9417), Melissa Prouty (605-695-2341) or Tricia Prins (605-988-4665).

3. **School Cleaning will be here soon! We are trying a different approach this year to hopefully have a better turn-out and get the job done more efficiently! Watch for more information to come.**

4. **We are using [SignUp.com](https://signup.com) again this year to sign up for the Dutch Festival Food Stand shifts.** We need volunteers to prepare, operate, and clean-up the food stand on July 11-13. THANK YOU to everyone that has already signed up to work a shift! **There are 118 families and 118 shifts to fill. We already have 69 of the 118 shifts filled – so only 49 left!** To make this fundraiser a success we need every family to help out. Please note, grandparents or other supporters of the school are welcome to volunteer as well. As we get closer to the Dutch Festival we will be calling on families that have not yet signed up to work a shift – so if you haven't already signed up, please click on the link and sign up for a time that works best for you! If you know you are not going to be able to work a shift, please find a family member, grandparent, high school student looking for service hours or other ECES supporter to sign up and work a shift for you!

**Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:**

1. Click the link to sign up on [SignUp.com](https://signup.com). <https://signup.com/go/nHsYDmi>
2. Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like.
3. Sign up! It's easy – you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on [SignUp.com](https://signup.com).

Note: [SignUp.com](https://signup.com) does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to

use your email address, please contact Tanya Talsma or Shelly Nibbelink and they can sign you up manually. **Your help and support are greatly appreciated throughout the year!**

If you have questions or comments about any of the above items, please contact Tanya Talsma (507-442-3554), Shelly Nibbelink (507-920-7946), Angie Swyter (605-310-9417), Melissa Prouty (605-695-2341) or Tricia Prins (605-988-4665).



**The Summer SCRIP Schedule** is attached and posted on the ECES website. There are 5 dates this summer that SCRIP orders will be processed. For your last minute needs, Cash and Carry will be available in the office, Monday through Thursday, approximately 8:00am to 12:00pm.

Southwest MN Christian Circle 11 invites you to their annual Memorial Day PANCAKE BREAKFAST on Monday, May 27 from 7:30 - 10:00 am. In addition to hot pancakes served right off the griddle, there will be sausages, juice, milk and coffee. Free will donations are gratefully accepted.

**SUMMER EATS MINNESOTA Food Program:** Summer Eats Minnesota serves free healthy and delicious meals during the summer. It's open to children up to age 18. No registration required. See the attached flyer for more information!



**SPREAD THE WORD! Kingdom Kids Preschool** for 3 and 4 yr olds is now open for enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year. Please stop by school for a form or you can find it online at [edgertonchristianschool.org](http://edgertonchristianschool.org) under Kingdom Kids. **If you know of others who do not currently send their children to ECES but may be interested in preschool information, please let us know.**

#### **Hot Lunch Menu May 20-24**

Monday – Grilled Cheese, tomato soup, fresh veggies, fruit cups

Tuesday – Cook's choice, "What's On The Bun?"

Wednesday – Super Nachos, lettuce, cheese sauce, fresh veggies, apples/oranges

Thursday – Spaghetti, peas, lettuce, pears

Friday – Picnic! Hot dogs, chips, fresh veggies, fresh fruit

## **MAY**

- 20 Safety Patrol: Gavin & Ayden  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Trip
- 21 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Trip  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Trip
- 22 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation
- 24 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!  
EARLY DISMISSAL 12:00
- 31 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade "Day On The Farm"

## **JUNE**

- 4 ECES & SWMCH SOCIETY MEETINGS