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# Erickson Express

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*Respect means that we value all persons and live by the Golden Rule.*

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DEAR PARENT,

Parent teacher conferences are scheduled for Monday, November 23 and Tuesday, November 24. This year we will be using on-line scheduling of Parent-Teacher Conferences. Our on-line program gives Erickson parents their own access to times and availability using the PTC Wizard program.

**The sign up window open for scheduling your conference is from Tuesday, October 13 to Wednesday, November 18, 2009.**

1. Access **Erickson's Parent/Teacher Conference Wizard website**.
2. Follow the prompts through the sign up process ([PTC Wizard User's Guide](#)).
3. If you are having technical difficulty signing up for your Parent Teacher Conferences or if you do not have Internet access, please call our main office for sign up assistance at 630-529-2223.

It is your prerogative to sign up for conferences at your convenience. As in the past, Parent Teacher Conferences are set up on a first come, first serve basis, as computer sign up is time sensitive.

With on-line appointments, we hope you find signing up for conferences to be efficient and effective. As always, communication about your student does not have to be saved for Parent Teacher Conferences. We welcome having you contact our teachers any time you have a concern about your student's overall academic success.

## FAMILY PUMPKIN/WRITING NIGHT

Please see the attached flyer regarding the PTO Family Pumpkin Night scheduled for Thursday, October 22 from 6:30-7:45.

## HALLOWEEN COSTUME FORM

If you are interested in taking your child home on Friday, October 30 to prepare for the costume parade and parties, please see the attached permission form.

## BOOK SWAP IS COMING

Book Swap will be held on Thursday, October 22nd. Book Swap is a great way to trade in used books and get some different ones to read. Rummage through your book cases and find books that are too easy or have already been read. Students bring these used books to the lobby on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday morning (October 20, 21, or 22) from 8:30-8:50AM. For each book brought in, the students receive a ticket which can be redeemed for a book at the swap on Thursday, October 22nd.

All books brought in to swap should be in good condition. Please do not bring in any cardboard baby books. The actual swap will take place during lunch recess on October 22nd. If you have any questions see Mrs. Kotche or Dr. Niemiec.

## LORADO TAFT

Once again this year, the Erickson fifth graders will travel to the Northern IL. University Lorado Taft outdoor education facility. Staff members will accompany the students to the 3 day learning experience.

Students will sleep in supervised dorms and enjoy great food in the lodge dining room.

Students will learn about nature, early pioneers and native Indians from this region of IL. The Erickson PTO supports this annual event as well as our student's parents. The staff prepares weeks ahead of the trip to make sure accommodations, assignments, and lessons are coordinated with the Lorado Taft staff. Students should arrive at 8:00am on Monday, October 26 in order to sign in, pack supplies onto one bus, and to prepare for departure.

Students will arrive at Erickson on Wednesday, October 28 around 2:00pm. Parents are encouraged to pick up their fifth grader upon arrival back to school.

## Project Wisdom Quote of the Week

How many times have you heard this?

“Keep your shoes off the couch.”

“Wipe your feet before you come in.”

“Pick up those clothes from the floor.”

So, what's up with all of that? What's up is that your parents or caregivers are trying to teach you about respect. They want to teach you to respect all the hard work they had to do to buy the couch and to buy the clothes, and they want you to show some respect for all the cleaning and washing they've done so you can live in a clean home and wear clean clothes.

So next time you hear someone say “Keep your shoes off the couch,” remember that someone loves you enough to teach you about respect.

PTO

Attached to this Express are two spirit wear order forms. Please return the completed form/forms and payment made out to the Erickson Elementary PTO by October 23.

Our first General Mills Box Top submittal of October 31, 2009 is quickly approaching. It's time to turn those Box Tops into school to turn them into cash for the PTO. Last year we collected over 11,000 Box Tops which resulted in over \$1,100 for school sponsored activities. Thanks for collecting and cutting.



## Events to Remember

<b>Wednesday, October 21</b>	<b>11:45-12:40</b>	<b>Hot Lunch</b>
<b>Thursday, October 22</b>	<b>6:30-7:45</b>	<b>PTO Family Pumpkin Night</b>
<b>Friday, October 23</b>		<b>First Quarter Ends</b>
<b>Monday, October 26</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Fifth Grade to Lorado Taft</b>
<b>Wednesday, October 28</b>	<b>2:00</b>	<b>Fifth Grade returns from Lorado Taft</b>