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Dear Edwin S. Richards Families,

It's so nice to finally have had several warm, sunny days! We are rapidly approaching the dates for our Spring Celebration of Learning through the arts. This year our theme is flight, and students will demonstrate their understanding of curricular content through music and movement. Classes have been working with Boris Sichon (world musician) and Katie Warren (Triumph Acrobatics) to prepare a presentation called, 'From the Skies Through Eagle's Eyes'. Odd Divisions will perform on May 23rd at 1:00 pm and 6:30 pm. Even Divisions will perform on May 24th at the same times. Due to the seating capacity of our gym, we ask that extended family and other guests attend the afternoon performances so that we have adequate seating for parents in the evening. We are looking forward to seeing all of our students participate in this event.

Kite Day

This Thursday our students will be decorating and building their own kites which we hope to fly on that day. If the weather doesn't cooperate on Thursday we will keep kites at school and fly them on the next day that would be best for our mass fly. **We are still in need of parent helpers to assemble the kites. If you are able to help with this on Thursday, please let your son/daughter's classroom teacher know.**

- **Students will use felts to colour their kites. You may wish to purchase an extra set of markers for this activity so your son/daughter doesn't run out in the midst of decorating their kite.**

Grade 6 Parent Meeting

Tuesday, May 8, there will be a Grade 6 Parent meeting in the Library at 6 pm. (before the general PAC meeting).

Reminder of Classroom Placements

At this time of year many parents are already thinking about a new school year in the fall. One of the most common questions students have is about who their next year's teacher will be. Teachers spend a great deal of time in June on class configurations, taking several factors into account when arranging classes for the next school year. Sometimes it may be that a family is hoping to have their son or daughter placed with a specific teacher. Although we believe that teachers as professionals know which classroom situation or teaching style will serve a student best, if you feel that there is a valid educational reason why your son or daughter should be placed with a particular teacher, you may submit a request for September. We cannot guarantee that parent requests will be granted; however, if you wish to submit a request please send it to Mrs. Widdows **by May 15th**.



Dress Code

As the warm weather approaches and students bring out summer clothes, we ask that you review our dress code with your children and remind them that clothing should be appropriate to school. You can find the dress code in your child/ren's planner(s). Thank you for your support.

Seven Sacred Teachings Fence Enhancement Project

So far, we have three parent volunteers to help remove the existing salmon remaining on the fence and attach new animals. By Friday of this week, I'll be able to let you know what day we can get a small work party together to remove the salmon. It should take not more than two hours to remove them, depending on the number of volunteers.

The Adventures of Captain Starblaster

The date for our musical theatre production has been set for Tuesday, June 12th at 6:30 pm. This year's play, *The Adventures of Captain Starblaster*, fits in well with our theme of flight and is a rollicking good show. Join us as we watch Captain Starblaster and Colonel Chaos battle over the orb of power accompanied by a zany crew, Glaxonians, and Goofy Goons. Ticket order forms will be sent home very soon.

Grade 6 Baby Photos

Many parents have sent in baby photos for the Grade 6 slide show. If you have not yet sent one in, please send it as soon as possible. I would ask that all photos be sent in **by May 15th**.

May Dates:

The May calendar is being sent as an additional attachment to this email.

PAC Meeting May 8th @ 6:45 pm

Please consider becoming a member of our PAC. Some of our PAC parents have children who are nearing the end of their elementary school career and will be leaving ESR soon. It is their hope that parents will become involved so that we may continue with many of the hot lunch and fundraising projects that are currently in place. Becoming involved in our Parent Advisory Council is a great way to contribute. Children love to see parents in their school and becoming involved is a great way to support our school.

Outside Rainy Days

Living in a Coastal Rainforest means that we can experience many rainy days in succession during certain months of the year. Children need to be outside in the fresh air during rainy days just as they do when the weather is nice, so we will be outside on most days. *Please ensure your child arrives to school with clothing that is designed for play and the weather for those rainy 'West Coast' recesses and lunchtimes. Some students are coming to school without appropriate spring wear. Hoodies are simply not warm enough to keep out wind or water. Some intermediate students bring coats to school but don't put them on to go outside and then want to call home for warm/dry clothes. Please remind your children that it is their responsibility to dress appropriately when they go outside for recess/lunch. Thank you for your continued support.*

To move our students to a place where creativity, collaboration, leadership, and thinking skills go hand in hand to provide active, positive, and effective learning experiences.