



Welcome: Paola Gardner



ERCS is happy to welcome Paola Gardner as our new K-2 teacher. Paola and her husband, Calvin, will be moving to Grass Valley in August where Paola will begin her teaching career, while Calvin will be completing his theology degree at Weimar Institute.

As Paola completed her degree and credential program, she was also working as a long-term substitute teacher in both the public and SDA school systems in Thousand Oaks and Glendale. She also remained active in her home church with community outreach ministries and as a Pathfinder leader. ERCS is thankful to God for His leading and we are thrilled to welcome Paola to Echo Ridge.

ERCS 2020-2021

Our reopening plan has been approved for regular school hours, 5 days a week, and the first day of school will be **Wednesday, August 19**. We have a very bare bones calendar right now but plan to add to it soon.

We hope to keep things as normal and stress free as possible for everyone. Each student is required to bring a clean facemask each day, but will not have to wear them all the time.

Temperatures will be taken each morning before students enter the classroom, and we strongly suggest that you take their temperature before leaving the house. If your child has a fever of 100° or above, they are required to stay at home until they have been without a fever for at least 72 hours.



MUSIC LESSONS

Teacher Hafdís is offering music lessons on campus as well as online. She has been successfully teaching online since March and continues to find innovative ways to make the online lessons stimulating and productive.

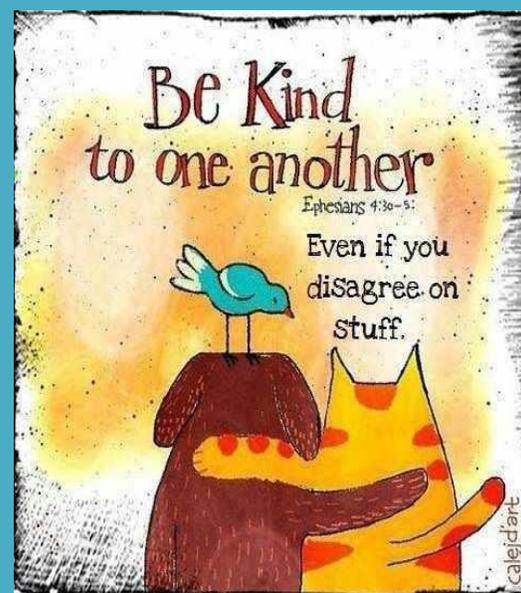
This year's music students will have the choice of piano, flute, guitar, violin and recorder lessons. For the younger grades piano or recorder is recommended.

Please **see attachment for an application to sign your child up by August 21st**.

Calendar

August 2020

19 - First Day of School; Wednesday
19-21 - Minimum Day, School out at 1:00 P.M. Wednesday - Friday



July Birthdays

MOLLYANNE - 7/30

Mollyanne will be a new student in the K-2 classroom in the fall – **welcome**, Mollyanne, and **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

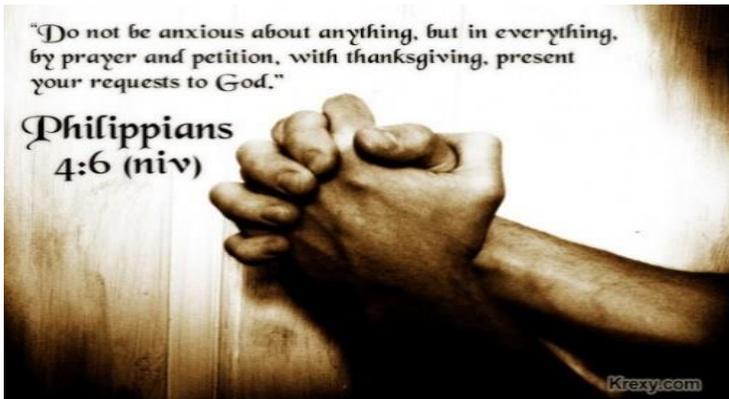


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Hot Lunch

We would like to offer hot lunch twice a week, but need one or two volunteers who could organize, shop, serve and clean up. In order to stay within county health guidelines, we will need to serve each lunch individually wrapped, and possibly have them brought up to the classrooms. If you are available one or more days a week and would like to help, please let us know.



Ways to Get Involved

This year we have lowered our required **Parent Participation Hours (PPH) from 50 to 25**. Now we are looking for volunteers to take on some jobs for the school year. Taking on one of these positions for the school year will ensure that you get all those hours taken care of. If you are unable to complete your PPH, you will be required to pay \$15 per hour, up to \$375.

1. Garden: Do you like gardening? Our school garden needs some TLC; clean it up, show the students how to plant, and come a couple of times a month to garden with the students.

2. Front Entrance/Gate:

We would like to keep the top of our driveway looking spiffy, so this person would sweep/blow and pick up any trash around our gate and sign.

4. Hot Lunch Director: This person plans the menu, shops, and organizes hot lunch volunteers.

5. Hot Lunch Volunteer: Prepare, serve and cleanup after hot lunch one or two days a week.

6. Fundraising: Our main fundraisers for the year are: See's Candies (November), Spring Fundraiser (TBD-February), and Nature's Vision (Spring). A person in charge of fundraising would help organize each (or one) of these, as well as possibly organize others.

7. Outside Bulletin Board: Keep the bulletin boards (outside and in the gym) seasonal by redecorating them once a month.

8. Yearbook: This could be a person or a team of people who work on building the yearbook throughout the year.

If you are interested in taking on any of these jobs, please let Louise know.

Smart Tuition

Our 10-month payment plan through Smart Tuition is changing slightly. In the past the first payment was due on Sept. 1, and the final payment on June 1. This year **the first payment will be due on Aug. 19** (the first day of school). Each month after that, the payment will be due on the **first of the month**, with the final payment due on May 1. For those who have not yet paid registration fees, they will be included with the first Smart Tuition payment.

Supply Lists

The following pages contain the supply lists for each classroom. Along with these supplies, all students need to bring:

- 2 rolls paper towels
- 5 reusable Masks (or one box disposable)
- 2 box tissues
- 2 personal hand sanitizer
- 2 container clorox wipes
- 1 water bottle

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K-2 Supply List

- 1 Backpack (no tote bags, must be a zippered backpack)
- 1 Box Regular Pencils (12-24)
- 2 Dry Erase Markers
- 1 Box Colored Pencils (12-24)
- 1 Box Crayons (24)
- 1 Box Glue Sticks (12)
- 1 Bottle Elmer's Glue
- 2 Watercolor Paint Sets
- 1 Water bottle - to bring each day
- 1 Extra set of clothing for emergencies (doesn't have to be uniform, just modest and should include a shirt, pair of shorts/pants, underwear, and socks- all labeled with first name)
- 2 Boxes Ziploc Baggies- sandwich size
- 2 Large Erasers
- 1 Pad of Post-It notes

Initials should be on personal items. First name should be on clothes tags. The other items will have initials added as we take them out to use.



Mrs. Filipp's Supply List Grades 3rd, 4th & 5th

Supply List	# Needed
Glue Sticks	3-5
Elmer's Liquid Glue	1-2 bottles
Ruler (in. + cm.)	1
Scissors	1
Large Erasers	2
Wide Rule Paper	2-4 packs
Pencils/ Pencil Box	Lots!/1
Highlighters	2-4
Pencils + Colored Pens	Lots!/3-5
Crayons/Markers/Colored Pencils	1-2 sets
3x5 Cards	100
Subject Folders	8-10
Optional Supplies	# Needed
Calculator	1
Post-it Notes	4-5 Pads
3 Ring Binder	1
Graph Paper (4 th -5 th Grade Only)	1-2 packs
Favorite Version of the Bible	1



Classroom Supply List
“Pandemic Special Edition”
2020-2021 School Year Grades 6-8

Please label each personal item possible with a permanent marker for quick returns at school. This saves so much time, money, and stress. We will have extremely limited sharing of group items this year so your child will need to keep almost everything at their own desk. Remember, items need not be new. Using last year's is good for the budget, is eco-friendly, and gets rid of clutter at home. Or send new to school and keep old supplies in their homework “office” space. Because of storage constraints, I have tried to pare my list down to only those items we use over and over. However, a few items have been added this year due to the pandemic and not having time to sanitize items like staplers in between each use. I am so sorry! In nearly all cases, the cheapest school supplies are perfectly fine. For my own family, I always bought a lot of extra paper, glue sticks, and pencils in August when they are nearly free so I didn't have to keep buying them all year long. Keep these at home. Your child is asked to write down what they need to bring from home in their agendas. Ask often. Optional items are great to have but do take up extra space. Think carefully before sending them along, and certainly don't send all of the optional items!

Required Items

- Bible in an easy-to-understand translation
- Sturdy backpack to hang on back of chair or place under desk (wash often)
- 1 high-quality three-ring binder, at least 1 ½ inches thick (Zippered is best for less organized students who just shove things in instead of using the rings UNLESS they are not willing to zip and unzip it to store their work; it adds an extra step in the organizational process but keeps things from falling out if used properly.) This needs to come back and forth between home and school EVERY DAY.
- 8 subject dividers (slash pockets optional) inserted into binder and neatly labeled Notes Home, Bible/HW (for handwriting), English, History, Math, Reading, Science, Spelling
- College-rule paper (wide-rule IF student has been diagnosed with dysgraphia), inserted behind each subject divider & 6 spare packages to keep at home
- 3 composition notebooks (50 cents at Walmart) neatly labeled in Sharpie with name and Bible Journal, Science Notes, and Math Notes (may use last year's math notes if not full) These are not full-sized notebooks and do not have spiral bindings.
- 1 personal paper punch with three-ring binder holes, placed in front of binder
- 1 personal stapler plus extra staples
- 1 pack graph paper inserted in binder behind the Math tab
- ___ 100 index cards (ruled on one side, blank on the other side) with rubber band or pony tail holder to keep together)
- ___ #2 pencils—buy lots; send several at a time (Fidgety students waste a lot of time with mechanical pencils; avoid these if child is distractible. If sending mechanical, however, also buy plenty of #2 lead refills.)
- ___ Small hand-held pencil sharpener with piece to catch and hold shavings if using regular pencils (important as using our shared pencil sharpeners will be off limits for now)
- 1+ extra pink eraser(s)
- 2 plastic pencil cases for personal items such as ear buds, calculator & extra pencils at table or desk
- 1 package of cheap red grading pens—keep at least two at desk, spares at home
- 2 or more fat dry-erase markers in black
- 1 ruler with both inches and centimeters
- LOTS of standard sized sticky notes with extras to use at home
- 4 glue sticks
- Scissors (Dollar Tree brand are fine.)
- Personal set of colored pencils in container (not Dollar Tree brand; the leads break)
- Small cheap calculator such as Walmart's \$3 version (label!)

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- 1 pair cheap (\$3-\$5 at Walmart) earbuds in labeled container (pill bottle or Pez dispenser?) OR labeled earphones for use with iPads, laptops, and audio players (Our two pairs of earphones will not be shared for now.)
- Antiperspirant deodorant (so I don't have to be The One to tell your child about their body odor problem—welcome to middle school!)
- PE shoes for Mondays-Thursdays (may be worn as regular school shoes)
- Refillable water bottle with name on it (Very important as drinking fountains are off limits for now.)
- Regular Sharpie marker in black (NOT Dollar Tree brand—they explode!)
- 1 Dollar Tree (or other brand if you want it to last for more than a few uses) hoola hoop in a color your child prefers with their name on it
- 1 dry erase eraser or soft cloth or old sock in a zipper-topped plastic baggie

ALSO please refer to the schoolwide list provided by Mrs. Filpps regarding masks and disinfecting products. Our class has many packages of tissues left over from last year so for our classroom you only need to send a labeled personal tissue box for your child's desk. We have enough for later on if and when we are allowed to share supplies again. The cleaning wipes, however, are greatly needed! These will be used very frequently. Masks will be worn several times per day for limited time periods.

Optional Items (choose a few or none as needed)

- Any medications your child may need to take for menstrual cramps or allergies throughout the year in a baggie with a signed and dated note telling their name, your name, what dosage they should take and under what circumstances as well as your legal signature. I can keep them in the classroom, give the package to them, go over the instructions, and watch them self-administer.
- Unscented hand lotion as your child will be washing their hands at least five times per day and will likely get dry hands as a result. A small bottle that you can refill at home is fine.
- Personal female hygiene products
- 1 or 2 washed or new playground ball(s), of any type, with your child's name on it if they want to shoot hoops, etc. (I will provide a labeled dishpan container for each child who wants to bring their own ball(s) to play with. Sigh...Let me know if they need one via text message. I am happy to do so!)
- 1 white art eraser for more serious artists
- Calligraphy felt tipped pens
- Whiteout (only for organized perfectionists who won't use as "paint")
- 1 plastic or durable cardboard pocket folder to insert into binder front to place all completed homework in to return to school
- 2nd plastic or durable cardboard pocket folder to insert into binder front to place all redo papers in to take home
- Franklin (or other) spell-checker for students with dyslexia
- Folders or pocket tabs for Spanish and History classes (I do not teach either.)
- Personal set of markers

