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Dear Parents,

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Both May and June calendars, as we know them at this time, are available on the school website. Specific grade level news regarding Awards Presentations (first week in June) will be coming to you from your child's teacher, along with added or changing events as they occur, *so be sure to glance over all paper notices sent your way this month.*

We enjoyed being able to provide our [Volunteers' Luncheon last week](#) as an effort to thank our wonderful volunteers who make all things possible for Ethridge staff and children. Volunteers are the unsung heroes of a successful organization, and this luncheon is our opportunity to "sing *your* praises" for a change, because we do so appreciate all you have done (and continue to do daily) for our children. You are appreciated. ♥

Thanks to those of you who have responded to our need by volunteering to serve on our [PTA Board](#) next year! ♥ We especially appreciate our **returning** officers who will help get next year up and running with the continuity to keep us functioning without a pause or hitch.

NOTICE: During this time of year the [LISD Food Service Department](#) is challenged with recovering charges owed for meals provided by cafeterias. With thousands of dollars owed across the district, a "**No Charging**" policy was implemented for the remainder of the year **beginning May 6<sup>th</sup>**. (This means that students must bring money or have available credit on account to purchase a breakfast or lunch beginning on Monday. An alternate meal consisting of a sandwich will be served with a drink rather than allowing a charge.) If your child's cafeteria account is deficit, please bring it into balance as soon as possible. THANKS.

Request: Phone calls from outside school to students seem to have multiplied as the year goes on. Please limit your calls to your child (and thus, disruption to learning) to emergency status only. An emergency is defined as a situation that happens suddenly and requires immediate attention or action to resolve a critical need. Make after-school plans with your child before sending them to school in the morning, please. While we understand that plans sometimes change, our phone lines should not be tied up with *daily* calls for students. We appreciate your help in this matter. (Remember, as well: students are not allowed to access cell phones or beepers during class time.)

[Ethridge Field Day is just around the corner!](#) Lots of fun and friendly athletic competition will be the order of the day on [Friday May 16](#) (rain or shine. Thanks to staff, especially Coach Ingram, and parents who "make it happen" for our kids!

Thinking of outdoors: remember, please, to send your child prepared for outdoor activities on ALL days (from now until **school is out for the summer at 1:30 on Thursday, June 6**) with appropriate shoes and sun screen, hats, etc. (even if the day is cloudy!) We will enjoy outside recesses until this nice weather turns too hot – again!

"Lost and Found" items have grown into a mountain since March. We have everything from lunch boxes to coats, so please have your child "check and retrieve" if an item has been lost. We will be sending items to CCA that are not claimed by the last week of school. You, of course, are always welcome to come look through the collection as a "double-check" for lost items.

Please remind your child to return signed folder/planner on Monday and have an enjoyable weekend!

Sincerely,

*Linda Humphrey*