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Dear Parents,

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Every day from now until school is out is packed with important wrap-up and celebration activities. I hope you have already made plans to attend your child's special events. Watch for updates regularly in your child's folder/planner.

WOW! I haven't asked, but I would be surprised if our staff hasn't gained some weight this week after all the wonderful meals provided by so many of you during [Teacher Appreciation Week!](#) How incredible to be so absolutely spoiled. We loved the great food, nice notes, comments and shows of appreciation; most of all, though, we love your children and thank you for sharing them with us every day! Thank you, [PTA Board](#), for overseeing this wonderfully uplifting week for our teachers!

As the year winds down, I especially want to thank our [2007-2008 Eagle Student Council](#) members and sponsors for the terrific job they have done! The council has worked hard and faithfully all year on our environment, school and service projects, fundraisers and spirit committees, and most especially, helping with announcements and serving as school greeters at special events. The Eagle Safety Patrol has been an invaluable help with maintenance of safety standards before and after school. I appreciate the great modeling and service each Student Council member has given at Ethridge this year. Thank you, Student Council! ♥

Today is the last day for students to check out books from our library. **All library books will be due next Friday** as we will begin packing everything and preparing to empty the entire building for summer renovations.

Enrollment/registration cards for next year should have been turned in by now. If you have any of either at your house, please send them on Monday. Also, *Boxtops* coupons are being counted, so send that collection to Mrs. Hill as soon as possible. THANK YOU for your constant support of Ethridge and our programs.

Speaking of books: our [yearbooks have arrived](#) and are being sent home with your child next Friday. If you purchased a yearbook for your child, please make sure your child's name is written *in ink* on the inside cover of his/her yearbook. (Yearbooks without names have a way of disappearing when brought back for signings!) Thanks for your help in this matter.

The weather seems to be warming – finally! While we are grateful for the pleasant days and hope to see more from now until school is out, please remember and adhere to the **dress codes for visitors/volunteers** in our building. Adult dress should fall in line with student dress requirements. (Briefly: no bare "middles" (women) or unbuttoned shirts (men); no spaghetti straps; no low-cut blouses; underclothes *and shoes* must be worn at all times; no short shorts; no inappropriate advertising slogans on clothing, etc.) Because children inherently and naturally look to the adults in their surroundings for appropriate modeling, we appreciate and thank you for your attention and help in this matter.

Please remember to [park vehicles in legitimate parking areas](#) when you come to visit. Besides the visitor parking in front and the staff lot in back of the school, the church has always been gracious to allow us to use their parking lot. If those places become filled, please remember, due to the placement of our sprinkler system in the grassy areas, to park only on paved areas in an orderly and considerate manner, keeping in mind that everyone needs to be able to exit independently. Do not block the drive-through lanes or the bus lane. Also, [please continue to pull as far forward as possible when dropping off or picking up your child](#). I wish (and I know you do, also) we could come up with a way to alleviate *all* traffic frustrations. If you have any suggestions for improvement for next year, please let me know ASAP so we can have a plan in place before that critical first day next year! I do so appreciate your cooperation and help with this matter in the past. Thank you!

TRAFFIC CONCERN during dismissals: **Be reminded that NO ONE should be crossing the street from Ethridge to the church parking lot except with the crossing guard at the corner of N. Colony and Ethridge.** Doing anything else causes unsafe conditions for drivers who are forced to dodge **jaywalkers** (who sometimes have our children in "hand"!) and for our children (who imitate your actions consistently!) Thank you to the 99% of you who always "do the right things!" In this regard, be aware that **The Colony Police** have dropped in again this week and have informed us that they **will be TICKETING offenses for speeding, jaywalking, stopping or parking in the fire lane, and seat belt requirements for children.** (Our visiting officer said, "No more warnings!")

Repeat notice: students are no longer allowed to "charge" lunches to meal tickets. If a student forgets lunch or money between now and June 6th, our cafeteria manager, Mrs. Wright, will make sure no child goes hungry by providing a drink and a sandwich. Please be aware, however, that she may only serve three alternate meals to a child. If your child owes money in the cafeteria, please make sure the deficit is paid before school ends and that they either bring a lunch or money to purchase a lunch daily. THANKS.

I know you won't want to miss our final PTA meeting and the third grade presentation, "[I Need a Vacation!](#)", 7:00 on Tuesday, May 20th. Make plans now to attend.

Thinking of advanced planning, make arrangements now, as well, for early student **dismissal (1:30) on the last day of school, Thursday June 5th.**

As always, thanks to our volunteers for their tireless efforts to help with the workload, as well as frequently providing those "special extras". Thanks, also, to each of you for the support, smiles, encouragement, and happy greetings so freely given. Send Eagle folders/planners back on Monday, and have a great family weekend!

Sincerely,

Linda Humphrey

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