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DEAR PARENT,

Curriculum Night is scheduled for Thursday, September 10 with programs at 7:00 and repeated at 8:00. Parents are encouraged to attend this evening's program to learn about your child's academic journey for this school year.

Your child's teacher will lead the program. This is not a parent/teacher conference meeting. If you have questions, please contact your child's teacher by phone, email, or a note. This is a parent only evening.

You will not need to sign up for Parent/Teacher Conferences in the gym this year during Curriculum Night. You will receive information in the coming weeks on how to sign up for conference time online. Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled for Monday, November 23 and Tuesday, November 24 from 2:00-5:00 and 6:00-9:00pm.

The PTO will host a bake sale in the school gym during Curriculum Night.

SCHOOL PICTURES

All students will have their school picture taken on Wednesday, September 9. You may wish to purchase pictures using the picture envelope sent home today with this Express.

There will be a scheduled retake on Thursday, October 29.

Peer Mediation

As part of the Peaceable Schools program concerning Conflict Resolution, the fifth grade students at Erickson Elementary have been given the opportunity to become Peer Mediators. This program has been in place for the past ten years in conjunction with the conflict resolution curriculum that is taught during Self Awareness classes. The fifth graders who will be chosen as peer mediators must complete an application process that was given to interested individuals this week. The deadline for turning in completed applications is Friday, September 11th. Students selected for this program will be trained in several after school sessions. The goal of the peer mediation program is for students to help fellow students solve conflicts they are having with their peers. The peer mediators will use a six-step process, which they have been trained in, to assist the students who want to try and work out their differences. If there are any questions, please contact Mrs. Noren, School Social Worker.



Character Counts Quote
Of the Week:
 Honest means...
 Playing by the rules-no
 cheating!
 Being trustworthy with
 other's property-no stealing!

Academic Excellence Award 2008

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Project Wisdom Quote of the Week

Our hearts almost always know the difference between right and wrong. We just need to listen. Sometimes it's hard to listen, especially when our heart is saying "This is wrong" while our mind is telling us "Everyone else is doing it."

Do you remember the root meaning of the word *courage*? It means "the heart". Next time others are trying to talk you into doing something you know you shouldn't, have the courage to listen to your heart. Then remember these words from Andrew Jackson, seventh president of the United States:

One person with courage makes a majority.

In other words, the whole group may be doing something wrong, but if you are brave enough to say, "Hey, this is wrong," then you rule.

So be a leader. Remember, when you're courageous enough to do what's right, you join the ranks of some of the greatest men and women in history.

FUN FAIR

The annual PTO Fun Fair is scheduled for Friday, September 11 from 5:30-7:30pm. There will be games to play in the gym, food to purchase, and a special raffle will also take place. We ask that all students be accompanied by an adult.

HALF-DAY INSERVICE

Students in grades 1-5 will be dismissed at 12:00 on Friday, September 18. Kindergarten afternoon students will follow their regular schedule. Staff members will spend the afternoon learning about the district's RTI (Response To Intervention) program that will begin this school year.



Events to Remember

Monday, September 7		Holiday-Labor Day
Wednesday, September 9		School Pictures
Thursday, September 10	7:00 & 8:00	Curriculum Night
Friday, September 11	5:30-7:30	PTO Fun Fair