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# Erickson Express

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DEAR PARENT,

The 2009 fall math and reading MAP results will be mailed tomorrow for students in all grades. MAP data is used by the staff when forming groups, identifying students for interventions, and assisting staff with planning lessons.

Students currently in grades four and five will have their 2009 ISAT scores mailed home as well. The 2009 School Report Card will be online in the next week. The School Report Card lists the Erickson scores as compared to all students in the state.

These two data sources are helpful along with knowing each learner as an individual. This year, the Erickson staff is spending in-house staff development time learning about the newest thinking on individual learners as well as the significance of classroom assessments.

In the coming weeks, pre assessments will be a topic for all staff members. Pre assessments enable a teacher to plan based on the student's background knowledge.

## School Grounds

At sometime on October 9th, 10th, or 11th the grounds around District 13 schools will be fertilized. After the application of the fertilizer these areas will be marked with a small sign. It is recommended that you and your families avoid these areas during the application process. If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact Greg Leyden at 630-582-5188. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Kids For Character Club

Kids for Character Club is now forming for the current school year. This club is open to any 3rd or 4th grade student to promote the CHARACTER COUNTS! Program in our school. This program is part of a national coalition to strengthen the character of America's youth and build character for a better world. Interested students were given a permission form earlier this week and need to complete and return it to school by Tuesday, September 29th. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Noren, Club Sponsor.



**People with Integrity:**  
*Don't do anything they think is wrong. Don't lose heart if they fail.*

**Academic Excellence  
Award 2008**  
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## Stranger Danger

Many people are taking advantage of the last warm weather days and enjoying the great outdoors. The Bloomington Police Department wants students and parents to be aware that some unscrupulous individuals seek the warm temperatures as well, in which they monitor the school and playground area where today's youth gather. It is strongly encouraged that children and young adults avoid contact with unfamiliar individuals who may ask for directions, attempt to provide gifts/money, or engage in any conversation. "Stranger Danger" talks apply to everyone, no matter the age or physical size of a person. The Bloomington Police Department also encourages that if an encounter with a suspicious person and/or vehicle occurs, notify our agency as soon as possible once safety has been established. Any questions or concerns regarding this information, please contact Officer Dawn Odoi at (630) 529-9868.

Have a wonderful fall season!

## Fifth Grade Peer Mediators Chosen

Congratulations to the following students for being selected as Peer Mediators at Erickson this year:

Alanna Buttitta  
Nikki Cannata  
Abigail Dean  
Alaina Hanke  
Athena Kakolires  
Jolanta Kuczynski  
Paige Larson  
Ammara Qureshi  
Madison Szczerba  
Sabrina Twardzik  
Lea Vicari  
Lauren Widlowski  
Alternate-Jas Singh

## Congratulations

Recently Andrea Colantonio was recognized for her unselfish hair donation to support the Locks of Love program. Another Erickson student, Camille Gismondo also donated her hair supporting a friend with cancer.

Congratulations to Camille for her unselfish support of another human being. September is Children's Cancer Awareness Month

## Project Wisdom Quote of the Week

How many of you have heard the word *virtue*? Virtue means goodness.

There have been many heroes in the world who have shown us what virtue looks like-heroes like Mother There'sawho took care of so many sick and hungry people. And there are characters with virtue in our stories, like *Belle in Beauty and the Beast*. She was good enough and brave enough to risk her life to save her father.

There's an old American proverb that says:

*Without virtue, happiness cannot be.*

In other words, we cannot be really happy unless we try to be good. So how do we learn to live good lives? One important way is to study the lives of heroes. If you want to be a person with virtue, ask your teacher or librarian to help you pick out a book that can help you learn about people with virtue.

## PTO News

PTO Gift Wrap and Frozen Food Fundraiser is underway! Do your Christmas shopping early! Check out the wide variety of quality gifts and gift wrap! Save time this holiday season and buy the prepared meals and cookie dough! Email all your out of town relatives...They can order any non-frozen items on-line. Your participation is greatly appreciated! Each and every child benefits! Sale ends October 5th... \*Note: Frozen food items go on separate order form.

Call Judy Kaiser with any questions at 630-307-7552



## Events to Remember

<b>Saturday, September 26</b>	<b>6:00-8:00PM</b>	<b>50 Men who Cook Fundraiser</b>
<b>Thursday, October 1</b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>PTO</b>