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Erickson Express

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*Our duty to be
respectful requires that
we treat others with
courtesy and
consideration.*

**Academic Excellence
Award 2008**

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DEAR PARENT,

The Erickson Elementary Halloween parade will take place at 1:00 on Friday, October 30. Kindergarten afternoon and grades 1-5 students will participate in the parade. Classroom parties will follow the parade at 1:30. All parties will conclude by 2:30.

Please do not park in the school fire lane if you plan to attend the parade and/or parties.

Students will be given time to dress in costumes after lunch on this day. Parents may also opt to take their child home for lunch on this day and return them to school by 12:45.

Please see the attached permission slip to be completed and returned to your child's teacher by Wednesday, October 28.

Students are not allowed to wear costumes home for safety reasons.

LETTER FROM DR. PERKINS

Please take time to read the attached letter from Dr. Perkins concerning the events of September 18 and September 21.

FAMILY PUMPKIN/WRITING NIGHT

Please see the attached flyer regarding the PTO Family Pumpkin Night scheduled for Thursday, October 22 from 6:30 to 7:45.

CONGRATULATIONS

Sam Galante is an Erickson third grader who worked along with his scout troop to support a worthwhile program this past year. Sam collected discarded metal worth \$54. The money was donated to the Lions Project Canine Companions.

Congratulations to Sam for a job well done and also his Erickson Boy Scout Troop.

STUDENT COUNCIL "DRESS UP" DAY

Student Council is sponsoring a Wacky Wednesday! "Dress Up Day" to be held on Wednesday, October 14th. Participate by wearing fancy clothes such as dresses, skirts, tuxedos, ties, and/or dress shoes! It will be a GRAND affair!

Online scheduling for Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent teacher conferences are scheduled for Monday, November 23 and Tuesday, November 24. This year we will be using on-line scheduling of Parent-Teacher Conferences. Our on-line program gives Erickson parents their own access to times and availability using the PTC Wizard program.

The sign up window open for scheduling your conference is from Tuesday, October 13 to Wednesday, November 18, 2009.

1. Access **Erickson's Parent/Teacher Conference Wizard website**.
2. Follow the prompts through the sign up process ([PTC Wizard User's Guide](#)).
3. If you are having technical difficulty signing up for your Parent Teacher Conferences or if you do not have Internet access, please call our main office for sign up assistance at 630-529-2223.

It is your prerogative to sign up for conferences at your convenience. As in the past, Parent Teacher Conferences are set up on a first come, first serve basis, as computer sign up is time sensitive.

With on-line appointments, we hope you find signing up for conferences to be efficient and effective. As always, communication about your student does not have to be saved for Parent Teacher Conferences. We welcome having you contact our teachers any time you have a concern about your student's overall academic success.

Project Wisdom Quote of the Week

A mosaic is a beautiful design made up of many, many small pieces of colored glass or stone. Have you seen one? Little pieces are carefully placed side by side until together they make a beautiful work of art.

Former President Jimmy Carter believes that Americans, living side by side, form a beautiful mosaic of human beings. Listen to his words:

We are not a melting pot, but a beautiful mosaic. Different people, different beliefs, different yearnings, different hopes, different dreams.

In other words, one thing that makes America so beautiful is that Americans come in so many different colors, shapes, sizes, and religions. It's what makes America not only beautiful, but powerful.

Without all our different colors, shapes, sizes, and religions, our nation wouldn't be as beautiful or as powerful. Today, think about the beautiful mosaic of human beings living in America.



Events to Remember

Friday, October 9		No School-Teacher Institute
Monday, October 12		Holiday-Columbus Day
Tuesday, October 13	3:15-4:15	Market Day
Wednesday, October 12	11:45-12:40	Hot Lunch