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# Erickson Express

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DEAR PARENT,

The annual Winter Break is scheduled from Monday, December 21 through Friday, January 1. School will resume on Monday, January 4, 2010.

The second quarter of school ends on Friday, January 15.



*To be responsible:  
Do your best  
Be prepared  
Work hard.*

## STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

Erickson Elementary students donated 420 canned food items given to the Bloomington Food Pantry. Our students can be proud of this special and worthy drive.

## AMERICAN INDIAN RESERVATION BOOK DRIVE

Erickson students donated 10 boxes of books this year. All books were mailed to an Indian Reservation school in Michigan. The spirit of giving thanks and sharing was evident once again this year during the book drive.

*Academic Excellence  
Award 2008*

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## PUBLIC ACT 96-131

On January 1, 2010, Public Act 96-131 goes into effect. The driver of any motor vehicle in a school speed zone or any IL road construction zone is prohibited from using a wireless/mobile phone while driving in that zone.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Recently, Gino Romano, Michael Iavarone, and Kevin Joyce played in the 90# Gold Football Super Bowl. The boys play for the Bloomington Bears. Congratulations to these boys for their hard work and dedication

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**Project Wisdom Quote of the Week**

Have you ever been jealous of someone because he or she has been successful at something? Have you ever said, “She just got lucky”? Listen to what famous football coach Darrell Royal says about luck:

*Luck is what happens when preparation meets opportunity.*

Lucille Ball, famous American comedienne, says it another way:

*Luck, to me...is hard work.*

To *prepare* means to get ready. Sometimes we make our own luck by working hard and getting ready for when a good chance comes our way.

So what’s the moral of the story? If you want to be lucky in life, you need to get prepared for what it is you want. So study hard. Get a good education and be prepared. You’ll be ready to meet Lady Luck when she knocks on your door.

**PTO MITTEN/HAT/SCARF TREE**

Once again this winter season, the Erickson Elementary PTO will sponsor the Mitten/Hat/Scarf Tree. Students may bring in new mittens, hats, and scarves to be placed on the lobby tree from November 30 through December 18.

On December 18, Girl Scout Troop 229 will assist with the packing of the donated items and delivery to the Bloomingdale Township for distribution to needy children.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Tammy Pistorio.

**STUDENT HOLIDAY PARTIES**

The PTO collects \$6 from each family to support the three holiday parties (Halloween, Winter Party, and Valentine’s Day).

This year, around 25% of the parents forgot to send in their party money. The PTO counts on the \$2 per party to cover the cost of treats, crafts, and supplies. Room parents often add funds out of their own pockets to supplement the parties. If the \$2 is not paid, the funds available for the party are limited.

If you forgot to send your money, please send \$4 (Winter Party, Valentine Party) to the PTO with your child’s name and room number.

Our students appreciate the school parties and the opportunity to socialize with their peers. Your support is most appreciated.



**Events to Remember**

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| <b>Thursday,<br/>December 3</b>  | <b>6:00-8:00</b>   | <b>Holiday Gift Corner<br/>Family Shopping Opportunity</b>                   |
| <b>Friday,<br/>December 4</b>    |                    | <b>Spirit Day<br/>Holiday Gift Corner -<br/>student shopping opportunity</b> |
| <b>Tuesday,<br/>December 8</b>   | <b>3:15-4:15</b>   | <b>Market Day-gym</b>  |
| <b>Wednesday,<br/>December 9</b> | <b>11:45-12:40</b> | <b>Hot Lunch</b>   |