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Erickson Express

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DEAR PARENT,

The winter season is upon us and the weather becomes even more important in determining if the district schools are open or closed. Specifically, the amount of snow fall and extremely low temperatures can have an impact on the school schedule.

If a snow fall requires the schools to be closed, you will receive a Connect Ed phone message prior to the start of the school day. You need to keep the school office updated on your phone number changes (home, cell, work). The district web site (sd13.org) will also feature a message stating that the schools are closed. School closing information can also be found on specific network news sites (CBS, NBC, ABC, Fox, WGN), television news programs, and on many local radio stations.

If students were in attendance and the weather conditions resulted in any potential closing, you would be notified by the Connect Ed system and the district policy would be followed.

Students line up indoors on all days when the wind chill is 10 degrees or lower. Students need to dress appropriately during the winter months.



*Responsible people
 show self-control and
 always make safe and
 fair choices.*

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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.

Miss Mitchell

As you know, Miss Mitchell retired at the close of the 2008-2009 school year. Of course, Miss Mitchell's retirement did not mean she would not be involved with students. Each Monday, Miss Mitchell volunteers to work with students during the entire school day. Miss Mitchell also sponsors a second grade Great Books group.

Erickson is fortunate to have an educator the quality of Miss Mitchell volunteering to work with students on a regular basis.

Project Wisdom Quote of the Week

Many people heard Maya Angelou at the inauguration ceremony of President Clinton. She recited her famous poem "On the Pulse of the Morning." Listen to her words:

Each new hour holds new chances for new beginnings.

Think about that. We may have made a poor choice an hour ago, but we can learn from that mistake and choose to make a better choice now.

We can choose to seek help if we have a problem. We can choose to be more honest with ourselves and the world around us. We can choose to love and not hate. We can choose to work hard at being the best we can possibly be.

Is there a part of your life you would like to change? Today, remember Maya Angelou and be the best you can be by grabbing a hold of "new chances for new beginnings."



Events to Remember

Wednesday, December 16	11:45-12:40	Hot Lunch
Friday, December 18	10:00-11:00 2:00-3:00	AM Kindergarten Parties Holiday Parties
Monday, December 21		Winter Vacation begins
Friday, January 1		Winter Vacation ends
Monday, January 4		School resumes