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# Erickson Express

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DEAR PARENT,

The winter season has definitely arrived with temperatures in single digits and snow on the ground. Students do not line up outdoors or participate in outdoor recess when the temperature is ten degrees or colder.

Students are encouraged to button/zip their jackets, and to make sure they use their gloves, hats and scarves. The Erickson lost and found is filled with lost items, and students should always check for missing items especially during the winter months.

Students are often reminded to immediately report to their residence once exiting the bus during these cold weather months. Does your family have a plan in case your child is not able to enter his/her residence for whatever reason on any particular day?



*To none deny or delay,  
 right or justice.*  
 Magna Carta 1215

## EARLY RELEASE

The February 3 Early Release is devoted to Parent/Teacher meetings. Teachers will invite specific parents to this conference and any parent may request a conference also. The conference time is 2:00-4:00 pm on this date.

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## OZZIE READING CLUB



Erickson School will participate in the Ozzie Reading Club. The Club is a reading incentive program that awards students with a free ticket to a Kane County Cougar game as well as food vouchers for “hitting a home run by reading”. In order to qualify students in grades three through five must read, take accelerated reader tests, and earn a total of 20 accelerated reader points. Students in second grade must pass a total of 16 accelerated reader tests to qualify for the free ticket.

The Ozzie Reading Club will start the week of January 19th. Each classroom has an Ozzie Reading Chart and classroom teachers will be posting the Ozzie Reading Club points once a week. The Club will run until March 19th. All students who accumulate the required number of points or tests passed will be given a voucher to mail in for the free ticket and food coupons.

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## WACKY WEDNESDAY

On Wednesday, January 20th, Student Council will be sponsoring a SPORTS DAY for Wacky Wednesday! Wear your favorite jersey or team t-shirt that you like. It could be a football jersey from the Bloomingdale Bears, a Cubs baseball jersey, or a White Sox sweatshirt! Be a sports fan for the day!

### Book Swap is Coming!

The next Book Swap will be on Thursday, January 21st. Book Swap is a great way to trade in used books and get some different ones to read. Students should bring their used books to the Erickson lobby on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday morning (January 19th, 20th or 21st) from 8:30-8:50 AM. For each book brought in, the student will receive a ticket which can be redeemed for a used book at the swap on Thursday, January 21st, during lunch/recess time.

Books should be in good condition. Please do not bring cardboard baby books. If you have questions see Mrs. Kotche or Dr. Niemiec.

### Announcing District 13's Virtual Backpack

School District 13 is introducing a new tool for distributing information to parents which will help us "go green" by allowing approved non-profit community organizations to post flyers online instead of making and distributing hundreds of paper copies. Doing so, will also save the district and community members a tremendous amount of time and money.

Beginning in January 2010, you will be able to access the "Virtual Backpack" link located on the District website and view materials appropriate to your child listed by school and grade level.

We hope you find this tool helpful!

Project Wisdom Quote of the Week

On January 18th, schools, businesses, and government offices across the nation will close in honor of a great American leader, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

As a young person, Dr. King was an excellent student who studied hard. He loved learning. His love for learning made him a great teacher and minister. He taught the world by way of his example. He taught fairness, courage, and nonviolence. In honor of his birthday, let's remember his famous words, spoken at the historic March on Washington in 1963:

*I have a dream that one day in the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood.*

The best way we can honor this great human being and the hard work he did for people everywhere is to respect one another. Today, be kind and respectful to one another.

PTO News

BOX TOP UPDATE

We have received our first check for \$500. Our next deadline is February 28, 2010. Keep on clipping those Box Tops. Each bundle of one-hundred is \$10.00 for our school PTO programs. Thanks each and every family for your awesome effort. Send them into school anytime with your child. Thanks again.



Events to Remember

<b>Friday, January 15</b>		<b>Second Quarter Ends</b>
<b>Monday, January 18</b>		<b>Holiday-Martin Luther King Jr. Day</b>