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Erickson Express

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Erickson Elementary School
 277 Springfield Drive
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DEAR PARENT,

Children who will be five years old on or before September 1, 2010, are eligible for kindergarten during the 2010-2011 school year. Parents wishing to register their child for Kindergarten in District 13 schools should contact the elementary school they plan to attend.



DuJardin School, 166 S. Euclid covers the east side of the district; students on the west side of the district attend Erickson School, 277 Springfield Drive. If you do not know which school you should attend, please contact the district office at 630-893-9590.

Kindergarten registration packets can be picked up at either school office beginning Monday, February 1st. Completed packets can then be dropped off at your child's school during registration on the following dates and times:

- * February 16, Tuesday - 8:00-4:00 pm
- * February 17, Wednesday- 8:00-6:00 pm
- * February 18, Thursday - 8:00-4:00 pm
- * February 19, Friday - 8:00-4:00 pm

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

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Parents will need to bring the child's original birth certificate. In addition parents who do not already have a child attending District 13 schools also need to bring one of the following documents for proof of residency from each category:

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Category I
 Real estate tax bill
 Mortgage papers
 Signed lease
 Agreement of sale

Category II
 Driver's license
 Auto registration
 Voter registration
 Utility Bill (Gas, Electric, Water)

For more information, call DuJardin at 630-894-9200 or Erickson at 630-529-2223.

TESTING DATES

The second quarter of the 2009-2010 school year is completed and we are into the third quarter. During the third quarter students in grades 1-5 will be taking the OLSAT test the week of February 1. Students in grades 3, 4, and 5 will be taking the ISAT tests beginning the week of March 1.

Third and fifth grade ISAT tests include reading, math and writing. Fourth grade ISAT tests include reading, math, and science.

OLSAT results will be sent home this school year. ISAT results will be sent home in the fall of 2010.

CHORUS CONCERT

The fourth and fifth grade Erickson Elementary chorus will perform on Thursday, February 11 at 7:00pm. Each year the chorus works many months to prepare for this annual event under the direction of Mrs. Kotche.

Mrs. Cherrie has worked with third grade students supporting the artwork needed for this event.

FEBRUARY 3 EARLY RELEASE

The students in grades 1-5 will be dismissed at 1:40 on February 3. Kindergarten afternoon students will follow their regular schedule. This Early Release is devoted to Parent/Teacher Conferences. Your child's teacher may be contacting you to set up a conference. Parents may also request a conference by contacting your child's teacher.

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 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!

SIX FLAGS SIX HOUR READING CLUB

The Six Flags Six Hour Reading Club is an exciting part of Read To Succeed, a free educational program designed to enhance language arts curriculum. Students in grades kindergarten through 5th grade are eligible to participate in this free program. All they have to do is complete at least six hours of recreational reading! Each student who accomplishes this goal is eligible to receive one free admission ticket valid at participating Six Flags theme parks. Reading for school or for homework assignments doesn't count, but most other reading does.

The reading log will be handed out to students in January. You must hand the reading log to your teacher by Friday, February 19th, 2010. There are NO EXCEPTIONS. Tickets can be redeemed from June 14, 2010 to August 15, 2010. The tickets will be sent home in the report card envelope with the final report card.

Don't miss out! Encourage your child to read for fun and reward them for their efforts! If you have any questions, you may contact Mrs. Grover.

Project Wisdom Quote of the Week

Great American legislator Barbara Jordan once said:

*If you're going to play the game properly,
you'd better know every rule.*

Ms. Jordan knew that understanding the rules is an important part of life. Rules can help keep us safe. Rules can protect us. Rules can turn chaos into order. For example, where would we be if we didn't have to stop at red lights?

Today, think about the rules we have here at our school, and as you do, ask yourself this: How does this rule make my school safer?...or...How does it help me make wiser choices?

Learning to appreciate rules is part of becoming a grown-up and a responsible human being.



Events to Remember

Tuesday, January 26		Report Cards sent home K-5
Friday, January 29	6:30-8:30	AR Night Out