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Erickson Express

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DEAR PARENT,



Attached to this Express is a copy of the 2010-2011 Student Placement Information form. If you are interested in submitting information that may be used for placement purposes, please complete the form and return it to Dr. Markgraf by Thursday, February 25. This form was developed during the 2008-2009 school year and implemented for this school year's placement. If you have any questions about this form, please phone Dr. Markgraf at 630-529-2223.

Do show you care about others through kindness, helping others, and living by the Golden Rule. Don't be selfish, mean, or cruel

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MAP – STUDENT GOALS

Staff members eagerly shared their goal setting experiences during a recent staff meeting. Goal setting varied from grade level to grade level but all plans included the idea of student involvement in goal setting.

Teachers have reported that students are taking the MAP testing experience more seriously and are learning about their responsibility in test taking. Students should not be pressured to take tests, but rather learn about the goal and purposes of test taking. Test anxiety is often a result of students not understanding the testing goal and purposes.

Staff members will next work on whole class MAP goals. The Erickson Elementary MAP team is to be congratulated for developing an excellent staff MAP website that encourages teacher understanding and goal development based on MAP results.

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ISAT

Students in grade 4 will be testing in reading, mathematics, and science. Students in grades 3 and 5 will be tested in reading, mathematics, and writing. Students in these grades will be ISAT tested beginning the week of March 1 through March 12. The tests are part of the IL Standards Achievement Test program, and are being given to all eligible students. The results of reading, mathematics, and science state tests will be reported to you on the School Report Card in the fall. We will review state test results along with other information to help us improve our school program. In addition, you will receive information about your child's performances on the state tests he or she took.

You can help your child do his or her best on the test by:

- 1.) making sure, if possible, that your child attends school on the days of testing;
- 2.) making sure your child gets a good night's sleep the night before testing;
- 3.) providing breakfast on the mornings of testing;
- 4.) reminding your child to ask the teacher questions if he or she does not understand the test directions;
- 5.) letting your child know that you have confidence in his or her ability to do his or her best; and
- 6.) advising your child not to worry about the test – just do the best he or she can.

Please call your child's teacher if you want additional information or have further questions about these tests. Students arriving late to school will not be admitted to a room with testing underway. Students will remain in the office until testing is complete. Students will be given opportunities to make up missed tests whenever possible.

Career Day

What do you want to be when you grown up? Student Council is sponsoring a Wacky Wednesday called "CAREER DAY" on Wednesday, February 17th. You may wear clothes that will let everybody know what career you want to have when you get older. Do you want to be a ...doctor? Teacher? Veterinarian? Athlete? Dress up in your future career!

Project Wisdom Quote of the Week

Every single one of you listening has the potential to do something truly great with your life. It may be that you become the greatest surgeon the world has ever known, or it may be that you become the greatest parent in the world. Either way, greatness is there...inside you.

Parents and teachers and counselors want to help you discover your greatness. Now listen to these words of wisdom:

Behind almost every great (person) there stands a good parent or a good teacher. *

If you let them, parents, caregivers, and teachers can help you become the best you can be, and, as always, you decide.

PTO News

The book fair is coming!

Get ready to feed your reading appetite-The Book Fair Diner is coming! Come one, come all, as we serve up our fantastic Diner Themed event in the Erickson main entrance front hall. On Tuesday, February 16th during the school day, the students will be able to shop at the book fair or fill out their wish lists. Families can shop Tuesday evening at Erickson from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm also. On Wednesday, February 17th there will be one last opportunity to visit the fair during the school day and purchase books from 8:00 am until 1:30 pm.

Don't miss this event, many of these are only available through Scholastic and there are selections for every age group available to choose from. There will be board books, soft and hard covered books, fiction, non-fiction, cooking & educational books. The selections are sure to be great! Shop and take your purchase home with you the same day! In very rare cases, some popular books get sold out. However, all ordered books will be delivered to students within a day of the back order.

Our next book fair event will be in May during Portfolio night. We hope to see you at the fair!

Parents, if you would like to help with the book fair, please contact Michelle Ingram at (630) 336-5039.



Events to Remember

Friday, February 12	10:00-11:00 2:00-3:00	KAM Valentine Parties KPM-5 Valentine Parties
Monday, February 15		Holiday-President's Day
Tuesday, February 16	8:00-4:00 3:15-4:15	Kindergarten Registration Market Day and Book Fair
Wednesday, February 17	8:00-6:00 11:45-12:40	Kindergarten Registration Hot Lunch and Book Fair
Thursday, February 18	8:00-4:00	Kindergarten Registration
Friday, February 19	8:00-4:00	Kindergarten Registration