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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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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.

ISAT Cont'd

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.

Below is the ISAT testing schedule:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>Grade 3</u>	<u>Grade 4</u>	<u>Grade 5</u>
March 2	8:50-10:20 12:45-2:00	8:50-10:20 1:00-2:15	8:50-10:20 1:00-2:15
March 3	8:50-10:20 12:45-2:00	8:50-10:20 1:00-2:15	8:50-10:20 1:00-2:15
March 4	8:50-10:20	8:50-10:20 1:00-2:15	1:00-2:15
March 5	8:50-10:20	10:30-11:40	1:00-2:15
March 8	8:50-10:20	10:30-11:40	8:50-10:20

FEBRUARY 26

Students will not be in attendance on Friday, February 26 as this is DuPage County Teacher Institute Day. Erickson staff will be learning more about the writing features in the new literacy program.

SCHOOL YEARBOOK

Attached to the February 4 Express was a Yearbook order envelope. Yearbooks will cost \$17 and orders need to be placed by February 19. Yearbooks will be delivered prior to the end of this school year.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Tomorrow is the final day to early register kindergarten students for the 2010-2011 school year. Registration will take place in the school office from 8:00-4:00

Project Wisdom Quote of the Week

The word *essential* means something you really need and cannot do without. For example, food is essential to our bodies.

Now I have a secret to share, so listen up. These words are from the famous children’s book *The Little Prince*.

And not here is my secret, a very simple secret; it is only with the heart that one can see rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye.*

In other words, we cannot see love, but it is essential-we cannot do without it. Did you know that some scientists believe that human beings really do have to have love to survive? What do you think?

So remember this: Love may be invisible, but acts of love are easy to see. Today, focus on the bare essentials of life. Show somebody some love. This is one secret you don’t want to keep.

PTO News

Box Tops

Our second submittal for Box Tops is fast approaching. Please have all of your box tops to the office by Wednesday, February 24, 2010. Thanks for saving and clipping.



Events to Remember

Wednesday, February 24	11:45-12:40	Hot Lunch
Friday, February 26		No School-Teacher Institute Day
Monday, March 1		Holiday-Casimir Pulaski Day
Tuesday, March 2		ISAT testing begins