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DEAR PARENT,

ISAT



To be caring means to show love, regard, and concern for the well-being of others.

**Academic Excellence
Award 2008**

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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.

ISAT Cont'd

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

CHORUS CONCERT

The fourth and fifth grade concert under the direction of Mrs. Kotche, presented a wonderful program for students during the school day and parents during an evening performance recently. The Character Counts! themed program featured students singing and delivering positive messages.

The fifth grade tech crew supported the performance throughout the program.

The third grade scenery club under the direction of Mrs. Cherrie, did a wonderful job creating various posters and art to support the performance.

SPELLING BEE CLUB

A number of Erickson students participated in the district wide spelling bee club. Most recently the district spelling champion was chosen to represent District #13 in the next round of the National Spelling Bee.

Congratulations to fifth grade student Ryan Staine for winning the district level contest. A list of all participants is displayed in the office window.

Project Wisdom Quote of the Week

When you crave something, you want it badly. Have you ever had a craving for something that just wouldn't go away...like a craving for chocolate or a craving for pizza? We all get cravings from time to time, and that's okay. What's not okay is when we constantly crave things we don't have...when we spend too much time craving more clothes or craving new shoes or craving a new video game or the latest cell phone.

Now listen to these words:

*It is not the man who has too little,
But the man who craves more, that is poor.**

To be poor means not to have enough. So in other words, if you are always wishing you had more, no matter how much you have, you will never think you have enough and will think you are poor.

Today, focus on what you have instead of what you don't have. You may be surprised to discover that you really do have enough.



Events to Remember

Friday, February 26		No School-Teacher Institute Day
Monday, March 1		Holiday-Casimir Pulaski Day
Tuesday, March 2		ISAT-grades 3,4,5
Wednesday, March 3	11:45-12:40	ISAT-grades 3,4,5 Hot Lunch
Thursday, March 4	2:00	ISAT-grades 3,4,5 PTO Meeting
Friday, March 5		ISAT-grades 3,4,5 Spirit Day
Monday, March 8		ISAT-grades 3,4,5