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Erickson Express

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DEAR PARENT,

The Illinois State Board of Education just released the names of the Illinois schools making the 2009 Academic Excellence Award. Erickson Elementary was named to the list of recipients.



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

Please see the attached letter from the State Superintendent of Education, Dr. Christopher A. Koch. This award requires three years of ISAT test scores at or above the 90% in reading and math at grades 3, 4, and 5. This honor is the direct result of working with students each day who come to school wanting to learn and willing to work. Students want to learn as a result of having the support of their families who expect their son/daughter to do their very best each school day. The students are challenged in the classroom by professional and dedicated teachers. This home and school collaboration is necessary for high achievement.

Congratulations to our students for their continued academic effort, to our parents for their valued support, and the staff for acknowledging the importance of learning.

Academic Excellence Award 2008 & 2009
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ISAT

ISAT testing will continue next week with regularly scheduled tests and make ups. Testing concludes on Friday, March 12.



CONGRATULATIONS

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Elizabeth Kakolires recently donated her cut hair to the Locks of Love for cancer patients. Elizabeth is congratulated for her caring manner and willingness to help others.

THIRD QUARTER

The third quarter of school concludes on Friday, March 19. Students in grades 1-5 will take home their report cards on Tuesday, April 6.

Smencil Fundraiser

Student Council will be selling Smencils! Smencils are gourmet scented PENCILS made from 100% recycled newspapers. There are 10 different scents! We will be selling Smencils on Monday, March 22nd, Tuesday, March 23rd., Thursday, March 25th, and Friday, March 26th during lunch periods for \$1.00 a pencil. Each pencil comes in its own Freshness Tube! Some of the money raised will be donated to an organization that Student Council votes on. Let your Student Council representatives know of any donation ideas you may have!

EARLY DISMISSAL

On Wednesday, April 7, students in grades 1-5 will be dismissed at 1:40. Kindergarten afternoon students will follow their regular schedule. Staff members will be learning about the recently completed math Consensus Maps.

Project Wisdom Quote of the Week

The following is a true story:

Once upon a time there was a family-a husband, a wife, and their two children. They lived in a small house with only one bedroom. They loved each other and took care of each other, and though it was crowded, they thought they were very rich because their house was filled with love.

One day the children grew up and married and had children of their own. Every winter holiday, they returned to the small cottage. At bedtime, the one bed, the overstuffed chair, and the sofa were full. The floors were filled with sleeping bags. Still the family loved each other and they thought they were very, very rich.

Why on earth did they think they were rich? After all, they lived in such a tiny little house. They were wise enough to understand this old German proverb:

Love can turn a cottage into a golden palace.

Today, remember that love is what makes a person truly wealthy.



Events to Remember

Friday, March 5		ISAT Testing
Monday, March 8		ISAT Testing
Tuesday, March 9		ISAT Make-ups Hot Lunch
Wednesday, March 10		ISAT Make-ups
Thursday, March 11		ISAT Make-ups