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Erickson Express

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**Character Counts Quote
Of the Week:**
Honest means... Playing
by the rules-no cheating!
Being trustworthy with
other's property-no
stealing!

**Academic Excellence
Award
2008 & 2009**

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DEAR PARENT,

The Erickson staff is excited to begin the new school year and from all initial indications, the students are equally enthusiastic.

Our first few days have gone well overall. Parental support is always appreciated.

Currently, Erickson has an enrollment of 427. Erickson has four sections of kindergarten and fifth grade. All other grade levels have three sections each.

Mrs. Volkman has returned to Erickson at the third grade level. Ms Abate is one of the morning kindergarten teachers once again this school year. Ms Guerine from DuJardin is one of the afternoon kindergarten teachers. Mrs. Ocuto, from Westfield will work each morning at Erickson supporting the specials unit. Ms Bridges moved from the fourth grade to fifth grade level this year. Mrs. Vaughn has returned to her role as the building speech/language pathologist this school year.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school office at 630-529-2223 with questions.

CURRICULUM NIGHT

Please join us on Thursday, September 16 from 7:00-7:45 or 8:00-8:45 for Curriculum Night. Parents will have an opportunity to learn about the upcoming school year directly from your child's teacher.

Curriculum Night is designed as a parents only evening. Your cooperation is appreciated.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT DAYS

The first Wednesday of each month, except for March is scheduled for School Improvement with a 1:40 dismissal for grades 1-5. Kindergarten afternoon students will follow their regular schedule. September 1 is the date for the first School Improvement Day this school year.

EXPRESS

Each Thursday, Erickson prepares a new Express newsletter for our parents. This year, the August 26, September 2 and September 9 newsletters will be sent home.

After September 9, the newsletter will be emailed to our parents. Email addresses were provided on the student registration form. If you wish to have the newsletter sent to another email address than the one listed, please notify the school office.

You can also access past newsletter issues on the district website's Erickson Elementary page.

SCHOOL PICTURE

All students will have their pictures taken on Monday, September 27. Attached to this newsletter is a copy of the school picture order form. Picture purchases are optional. If you choose to order pictures, send the completed picture information with correct payment on September 27.

2011 E.A.G.L.E. AWARD NOMINATIONS NEEDED

Lightening Thief...Knuffle Bunny. Diary of a Wimpy Kid. Ladybug Girl. What do all these books have in common? They won the E.A.G.L.E. Award! This is your change to nominate your favorite books for the sixth annual E.A.G.L.E. Award.

Mrs. Grover and Dr. Niemiec will be accepting nominations from students in all grade levels for the very best books that they have read during the last year. Once students have submitted their choices, a list of EAGLE award nominations will be posted. From now until May, students will have opportunities to read the nominated books. In May, Erickson students will vote on their choices for the EAGLE award. A special celebration announcing the winners will take place in May

But we need your help! The students of Erickson need to nominate books for this award! Attached is a flyer on the Erickson Eagle. Please have your child fill out the form by writing down his or her favorite book and grade level and submit it in the EAGLE box in the library. The deadline for nominations for the 2011 EAGLE Award is Friday, September 9th!

If you have any questions please call Dr. Niemiec or Ms. Grover at 630-529-2223 or email Ms. Grover at hgrover@sd13.org

PROJECT WISDOM QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Did you know that every year farmers make a choice. They say,

*We have a choice: To plow new ground or let the weeds grow.**

In other words, they either go to their fields, plow the ground, and plant seeds, or they just sit back and watch the weeds grow. Those who do their work and plant seeds have food to feed their families. Those who don't, have nothing but a field of weeds.

So what's that got to do with you? It's simple: You have a choice, too. You can plow new ground this year at school, plant seeds of knowledge and wisdom, and then harvest all the rewards of a good school year, or you can just sit back and let the weeds grow. What's it going to be?

*The Virginia Department of Agriculture publication.

PTO MEETING

The first PTO meeting for this school year has been rescheduled for Thursday, September 9 beginning at 2:00 pm in the band room. All scheduled PTO meetings are listed on the district calendar.

PTO – ENTERTAINMENT COUPON BOOKS

Entertainment Coupon book sale has started (8/27-9/7) The price of the book is \$25 this year. Please remember to bring back sample book to school if you do not want to purchase it. Any questions, please call Lisa Cozzi at 630-671-1959.

PTO – FUN FAIR

The annual Erickson Elementary Fun Fair is scheduled for Friday, September 10 from 5:30-7:30. There will be a silent auction this year with great donations to date.

If you are interested in donating to the silent auction, please phone Mrs. Frank at 630-479-8011. All profits go to support the Erickson Elementary students.

BOX TOP KICK-OFF

It is time to bring those General Mills Box Tops we have been collecting during the summer to school. Attached to this letter is the list of participating products. Some new items are “Avery Office Suppliers” products, and “Land O Lakes” butter and spread products. Our first submission date of October 31, 2010 is fast approaching. For more information and a list of participating products, you may view their website, “Boxtopsforeducation.com” Thanks for collecting and reading the attached letter.



EVENTS TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, September 1	1:40	Dismissal (1-5)
Friday, September 3		School Spirit Day
Monday, September 6		Holiday-Labor Day
Thursday, September 9	2:00	PTO Meeting
Friday, September 10	5:30-7:30	PTO-Fun Fair