



Bloomington SD13

Erickson Express

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DEAR PARENT,

Next week's Express will be the final one sent home in paper form. Beginning Thursday, September 16, the Express will be emailed to each household. If you do not have an active email account, please notify the office and a paper copy can be sent home.

All past newsletters can be accessed at www.sd13.org under Erickson School.



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

SCHOOL PICTURES

All students will have their pictures taken on Monday, September 27. The order form was sent home with last week's newsletter. If you choose to order, please complete the form and return with payment on picture day.

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 parent's only evening. Your cooperation is appreciated.

**Academic Excellence
Award
2008 & 2009**

GREAT BOOKS PROGRAM

The Great Books Program will be offered for students in grades 2, 3, 4, and 5. The Great Books Program was developed to enable students to read, interpret and discuss classic short stories. Volunteer parents facilitate the lunch time sessions with small groups of interested students. Each group meets for ten sessions. The students read the short story at home and come to the group meeting prepared to discuss the literature selection. Parents are encouraged to read and talk about the story at home with their child. The Great Books Program is designed to enhance a child's critical thinking skills.

Students were given permission slips for the program in their classrooms. Since reading and interpreting literature is a social activity, students are encouraged to sign up with friends. The permission slips are due on September 10th. Groups will then be formed and the first session for the program will be on Monday, September 20th.

If you have any questions please contact Dr. Niemiec at 630-529-2223.

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Peer Mediation

As part of the Peaceable Schools program concerning Conflict Resolution, the fifth grade students at Erickson Elementary have been given the opportunity to become Peer Mediators. This program has been in place for the past eleven years in conjunction with the conflict resolution curriculum that is taught during Self Awareness classes. The fifth graders who will be chosen as peer mediators must complete an application process that was given to interested individuals this week. The deadline for turning in completed applications is Friday, September 10th. Students selected for this program will be trained in several after school sessions. The goal of the peer mediation program is for students to help fellow students solve conflicts they are having with their peers. The peer mediators will use a six-step process, which they have been trained in, to assist the students who want to try and work out their differences. If there are any questions, please contact Mrs. Noren, School Social Worker.

Project Wisdom Quote

We've all heard the story of the boy who cried "wolf". He lied so many times that when the wolf was really after him, no one believed him. The boy lied one time too many and suffered a serious consequence.

Aristotle, great Greek philosopher, once said,

Liars, when they speak the truth, are not believed.

If we expect people to believe us, we have to earn that trust by always speaking the truth. If we tell lies-if we "stretch the truth"- we may not be taken seriously when it really counts.

The ancient Sumerians said it this way:

If you lie and then tell the truth, the truth will be considered a lie.

PTO NEWS

The Erickson Elementary PTO will meet on Thursday, September 9 at 2:00.

The annual PTO Fun Fair is scheduled for Friday, September 10 from 5:30-7:30. A new vendor has been contracted and new games will be available for the students to play.

The Fun Fair will feature all sorts of delicious food, so bring the family for dinner.

A Silent Auction will be held in the music room featuring many outstanding items. Call Mrs. Frank at 630-479-8011 if you have items to donate for the Silent Auction and/or if you can volunteer your time at the fun Fair. (see attached flyer)



EVENTS TO REMEMBER

Friday, September 3		Spirit Day
Monday, September 6		Holiday-Labor Day
Thursday, September 9	2:00	PTO Meeting
Friday, September 10	12:00-12:50 5:30-7:30	Fun Fair early ticket sale Fun Fair