



ERICKSON EXPRESS

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Character Counts
Quote
Of the Week:

**A caring person is
thankful,
expresses
gratitude, and
forgives others.**

**ACADEMIC
EXCELLENCE
AWARD
2008, 2009, 2010**

Dear Parents,

Included with this Express is a copy of the 2012-2013 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 Monday, February 27.

If you have any questions about the placement form, please phone Dr. Markgraf at 630-529-2223.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Please take time to view the Kindergarten Registration flyer attached to this Express. Packets will be available in the Erickson office beginning on February 1. Packets may be returned on 2-21, 2-23, and 2-24 from 8:00-4:00 and on 2-22 from 8:00-6:00.

CHORAL CONCERT

The annual Erickson fourth and fifth grade Choral Production will take place on Thursday, February 9 at 7:00 in the gym. The students under the direction of Mrs. Kotche have been working for several months putting together this special presentation.

Students may come to the evening performance as long as they are accompanied by their parent or another adult.

PTO BINGO

The annual PTO Bingo Family Night has been rescheduled and is planned for Friday, March 9.

Bingo Night is from 6:30-8:00pm in the gym. All students need to come with their parent or a friend's parent. Refreshments can be purchased in the gym.

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ISAT

Students in grades 3, 4, and 5 will be given the ISAT tests beginning on Tuesday, March 6 and conclude on Friday, March 16. All students will be tested in reading and math, and fourth grade students will also be tested in science.

Results will be mailed home next fall.

ERICKSON YEARBOOK

The Erickson Yearbook is now on sale! For \$17.00 you can have a memory of your child’s school year that includes class pictures, clubs, and special event photos. The special yearbook envelope is going home this week. Checks should be made payable to Erickson School. Please include your child’s grade and room number. **There will be no extra books for sale at the end of the year, so please be sure to place your order now!**

PROJECT WISDOM QUOTE

Have you ever been sad and crying, and someone put his or her arms around you and said, “I know. I know. I understand just how you feel?”

Have you ever watched someone fall off her bike and hurt herself, and then thought, “Ouch! That really hurt! I know how that feels?”

When we understand how others feel, we are showing empathy. It sounds like a big word – empathy – but really it’s not. Empathy means that we know what it feels like to be sad or disappointed or angry or hurt. We understand what others are feeling, and because we understand, we are kind to them.

Start to notice when you show empathy, and notice when you are understanding...and then treat others the way you want to be treated.

EVENTS	TO	REMEMBER
Tuesday, February 7	12:00-12:50	School Store
Wednesday, February 8	12:00-12:50 2:00	Hot Lunch PTO Meeting
Thursday, February 9	7:00	Choral Concert

Click on link to view District 13 virtual backpack which contains additional information:
<http://www.sd13.org/drupal>



Student Placement Information

2012-2013

This form has been developed for parents to use as needed. The principal will consider the completed information prior to student placement in May. Student placement is a major responsibility for the school staff each year. Your input is appreciated and will be used along with a variety of other placement criteria. There is no requirement to complete this form. Complete this form only if you believe the information will assist with student placement.

Student _____ Current grade _____

List specific academic concerns. _____

List student-to-student concerns. _____

Explain what type of personality works best with your child. _____

What is your academic goal for your child? _____

What else would you like to share about your child? _____

Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return this form to Dr. Markgraf by Monday, February 27. This form will be treated confidentially.

Pre-School Screening

Bloomington School District 13
164 S. Euclid Ave.
Bloomington, IL 60108
630-582-5130



Pre-school Screening will be conducted in School District 13 on **February 16th and 17th** for all children between the ages of **3 and 5** years old. The purpose of this screening is to identify pre-school children who may have potential learning difficulties. This screening assesses gross and fine motor skills, speech and language skills, social – emotional skills, and vision and hearing skills.

This year the screening will be held at the Bloomington Public Library.

If you have a child of pre-school age and **live within the District 13 boundaries**, please call the District 13 Special Education office at **630-582-5130** beginning the week of **January 30th** to make an appointment for this free screening.

If you know of a family with a pre-school child who may not receive this information, please share it with them.

Our goal is to have all pre-school children participate in this screening. Research shows early intervention is important in helping children progress and achieve their potential. Please take advantage of this important service!

Samia Hefferan
Special Education Coordinator



2012 Kindergarten Registration

Children who will be five years old on or before September 1, 2012, are eligible for kindergarten during the 2012-2013 school year. Parents wishing to register their child for Kindergarten in District 13 schools should contact the elementary school they plan to attend.

DuJardin School, 166 S. Euclid covers the east side of the district; students on the west side of the district attend Erickson School, 277 Springfield Drive. If you do not know which school you should attend, please contact the district office at 630-893-9590. Kindergarten registration packets can be picked up at either school office beginning Wednesday, February 1st. Completed packets can then be dropped off at your child's school during registration on the following dates and times.

- February 21, Tuesday - 8:00 - 4:00 pm
- February 22, Wednesday - 8:00 - 6:00 pm
- February 23, Thursday - 8:00 - 4:00 pm
- February 24, Friday - 8:00 - 4:00 pm

Parents will need to bring the child's original birth certificate. In addition, parents who do not already have a child attending District 13 schools also need to bring one of the following documents for proof of residency from each category:

Category I

Real estate tax bill
Mortgage papers
Signed lease
Agreement of sale

Category II

Driver's license
Auto registration
Voter registration
Public Aid Card
Utility Bill (Gas, Electric, Water)

For more information, call DuJardin at 630-894-9200 or Erickson at 630-529-2223.

