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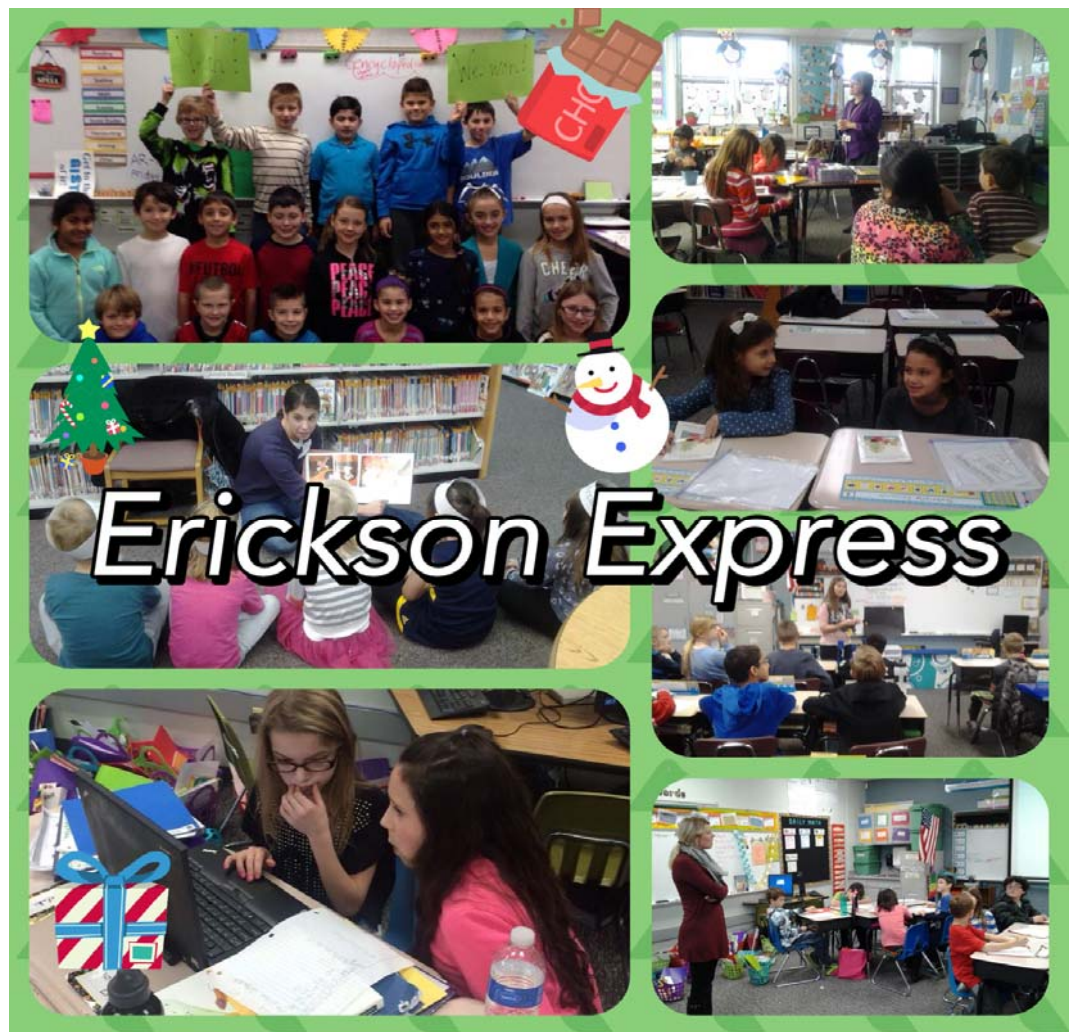
ERICKSON EXPRESS

DECEMBER 18, 2014



Character
Counts Quote
Of the Week:

*Accept responsibility
for the consequences
of your choices, not
only what you do, but
what you don't do.*



School Hearing and Vision Screening Schedule

On January 6, 2015 our students are scheduled for vision and hearing screening. Vision screening is conducted for all kindergarten students (who did not turn in an eye exam report) and all second grade students. Hearing is conducted on all kindergarten, first, second and third graders. Additionally, all special education students, transfer students and foster children are screened for both. Students with known hearing losses have a monitoring audiogram completed. Students with glasses will have their glasses checked (but not their vision). In addition, a parent or school staff member may request hearing and vision screening for a student by calling Mrs. Lents, school nurse. If you do NOT want your child screened, please notify Mrs. Lents by January 5, 2015. **Please note- vision screening is not a substitute for a complete eye and vision evaluation by an eye doctor.**

Parent Reminders

Parents, please note the following:

If your child's dismissal plans change, please send a note to the classroom teacher in the morning. Please contact the office before 2:00 pm if there is a last minute change in dismissal.

If your child needs to be picked up during the school day, he or she will not be called to the office until a parent or guardian arrives.

Please note, the drop off time for students in the morning should not be before 8:25 am. Adult supervision begins at 8:25 am.

If dropping a lunch off for your child, please have the bag or box clearly labeled with your child's name.

April 7, 2015 Consolidated General Election - Four terms on our seven-member Board of Education will expire in April 2015 – those of Mr. Terry McKeown, Ms. Tamara Peterson, Mrs. Susan Lancaster, and Mrs. Linda Wojcicki.

With the passage of HB 2418, the Board secretary is no longer responsible for School Board elections. Therefore, nominating petitions must be filed with the Election Authority (DuPage County Election Commission). Filing materials may be accessed via their website: www.dupageco.org/election/.

The first day that prospective candidates may circulate nominating petitions for signatures is September 23, 2014.

Click on link to view District 13 virtual backpack which contains additional information:

<http://www.sd13.org/drupal>

CHARACTER COUNTS!

VIDEO OF THE WEEK



Each week students watch a short video on Monday and hold a one to two minute discussion related to Character Counts! Click on the link above to view this week's Character Video.



[Questions to discuss with your child\(ren\)](#)



Who is your everyday hero?

What makes them your hero?

Erickson Elementary School and Chess Scholars present an Afterschool Chess Club with Professional Instruction

Develop your child's intellect through the royal game of chess! Current research has shown a strong link between chess and academic performance in a variety of areas, including mathematics and language arts. Also, chess has been proven to enhance motivation, concentration, focus, social skills, and creativity. Open to grades 1-5.

Winter Session: 7 classes on Mondays, 3:30-4:30 pm.
January 12 - March 16, 2015. No class on 1/19, 2/16, 3/2.



Please like us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/ChessScholars> !

Please visit our website at www.ChessScholars.com !

No previous knowledge of chess is necessary. Each class will consist of a fun interactive teaching period and guided practice time. **Both new and returning participants are welcome** and will get to the next level under the guidance of an experienced Chess Scholars coach. There will also be a chess competition with prizes and a pizza party towards the end of the session! Each child will receive a participation medal and a chess keychain.

For further information, please contact Chess Scholars at 847-482-9999 or at info@ChessScholars.com.



To sign up for the chess club, please fill out the form below and **MAIL IT** with a **\$77.00** payment to Chess Scholars, 2209B Lakeside Dr, Bannockburn, IL 60015 by Fri, Dec 19, 2014 (postmark date).

Please make checks payable to: **Chess Scholars.** No refunds will be made, unless there is insufficient enrollment. No confirmation will be sent. It's the parents' responsibility to remind the children about the classes. Registrations sent after 12/19 will incur a \$15 late fee and will be admitted on a space-available basis.

Name _____ Grade _____ Phone _____

Emergency Contact Person _____ Emergency Phone _____

Address _____

Chess experience _____

Email _____ First-time participant? Yes No

Pizza and soda will be served on the last day, as well as Pepperidge Farm Chessmen cookies on some other days.

Please list any relevant allergies: _____

Dismissal Options (**please circle one**) 1: Parent pick-up 2: Kids Place 3: Walk home

Have a Joyous Holiday Break!



BLOOMINGDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS



DR. JON BARTELT
Superintendent

DR. EVONNE WAUGH
Assistant Superintendent

December 15, 2014

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Beginning January 12, teachers, parents, and students across Illinois will have an opportunity to participate in the third annual statewide Illinois 5Essentials Survey. As a parent, this opportunity will allow you to share your thoughts on the important elements of school effectiveness in a survey about your child's school.

The Illinois 5Essentials Survey will be administered online by UChicago Impact at the University of Chicago on behalf of the Illinois State Board of Education. The survey gathers data related to five indicators that can predict important student outcomes, including improved attendance and larger test score gains. Research in more than 400 schools has shown that schools that were strong on at least three of these indicators were 10 times more likely to improve student learning gains in math and reading.

These five indicators that affect and predict school success are:

- Effective Leaders
- Collaborative Teachers
- Involved Families
- Supportive Environments
- Ambitious Instruction

All teachers and 6th through 12th grade students will be responding to this survey. 5Essentials Reports will be generated for schools if their teachers and/or students meet the response rate threshold of 50 percent. These reports will be sent to schools and districts in May 2015 and will also be included in the State School Report Card. Additionally, your district has chosen to provide the optional 5Essentials parent survey. **If at least 20 percent of Erickson Elementary School parents complete this survey, a parent supplement will also be generated.** The parent data will not be reported on the State Report Card.

Your participation in the parent portion of the survey will help us understand the conditions at your child's school and guide improvement. Your identity and survey responses will be kept completely confidential and will never be connected to you or your child.

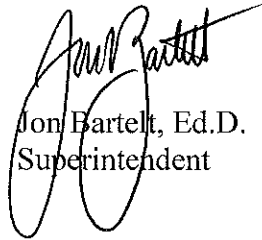
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The Illinois 5Essentials Survey will be conducted January 12 through March 13, 2015. To take the survey please visit <https://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois-pilot/> and select the appropriate survey to begin.

For more information about the Illinois 5Essentials Survey, or to view 2014 Reports, please visit <https://illinois.5-essentials.org>. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact 5Essentials Client Services at 1-866-440-1874 or 5essentials@uchicago.edu.

Sincerely,



Jon Bartelt, Ed.D.
Superintendent