Change in Dismissal Time: First - fifth grade students will dismiss at 2:45 pm starting Monday, October 5, 2020. This change will be for In-Person & Full Remote students.

In-Person Learning: In-Person Learning will begin for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd grade students on Monday, October 5, 2020. Grades 4th & 5th will begin Tuesday, October 13, 2020. Click here to view important information related to Erickson Elementary School’s Return to Learn Plan.

➢ Monday, October 5, 2020: 1st, 2nd, & 3rd grade students return to In-Person Learning
➢ Tuesday, October 13, 2020: 4th & 5th grade students return to In-Person Learning
➢ A-Schedule students will attend Monday & Thursday
➢ B-Schedule students will attend Tuesday & Friday

Certification Process: Parents will need to certify students each morning. We will ask parents to certify their child(ren) by 8:00 am. Any student that arrives at school without being certified will be sent to the nurse’s office.

Arrival Procedures: Students may arrive at Erickson anytime after 8:25 am. Students will go directly to the classroom using the designated door located on the map. We ask all students to be at school, in their classroom, by 8:40 am. Preschool - 2nd grade parents may use the Front Parking Lot to drop off students. 3rd - 5th grade parents should use the circle drive and follow the arrows to drop off students. Parents who wish to walk their student to the door should park in the Side Parking Lot. Parents are required to wear a mask. Parents should not get out of the car when dropping off in the circle drive or front parking lot. No Parking in the Front Parking Lot. No parents and student should walk in the front parking lot.

Dismissal Procedures: Students will be dismissed from the building at the designated locations on the map. Bus Riders & 1st grade will be dismissed at 2:42 pm. Bus riders will use the front door for dismissal. 2nd - 5th grade students will be dismissed at 2:45 pm. Afternoon Preschool & Kindergarten will follow their normal procedures from the first week of school. Parents should social distance themselves when picking up students. Parents are required to wear a mask.

➢ We encourage parents to use the grass area around the side parking lot to stand and wait for students. Let your child know where you will be located for dismissal.
➢ The Circle Pick-Up procedure will extend around the building.
➢ Parents are NOT ALLOWED to use the front parking lot during dismissal. The front parking lot is reserved for busses.
Celebrate Citizenship: Join the Bloomingdale Community and celebrate Citizenship on Tuesday, October 6th. Please wear PURPLE on Tuesday and show your support for Character Counts! We will announce the 2020 Character Counts! Youth Recipient during morning announcements on Citizenship Day. Erickson Elementary School nominates one fifth grade student to receive the award each year.

MAP Testing: MAP testing has started in many grade levels this past week. Students in 1st - 5th grade will take the NWEA MAP Growth Assessment for reading and math in the coming weeks. We will administer the MAP to 3rd, 4th, & 5th grade next week. All students will take the assessment remotely. We will administer the MAP to 1st & 2nd grade In-Person/Remotely between October 5th - 16th. Please reach out to the classroom teacher for specific testing dates & times.

From the Technology Department: If you need assistance from the Technology Department, please use the following link to request support: Technology Support. If technology support is needed immediately feel free to contact the classroom teacher or office (630-529-2223 or phaugens@sd13.org).

Related Services: Erickson Elementary School offers related services to students who qualify. We did want to extend their knowledge and expertise to all Erickson Families. Please use the following hyperlink to check out resources and information from the Erickson Elementary Related Services Team: Erickson Elementary Related Services

Flyers & other Information: Click here to access additional flyers and information from organizations outside the Bloomingdale School District.

NOTE FROM THE NURSE: Parents, We are unable to accept photographs of medical documents. Please scan, fax, or drop off hard copies of medical documents to the school. Thank you!
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Student Material Pick-Up: We will host our fourth Student Material Pick-Up on Wednesday, October 7th from 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm.

All grades, except fifth grade, will have items for parents to pick-up. Preschool, kindergarten, first, second, and third grade pick-up will only be for FULL REMOTE students. Fourth grade will have student material pick-up for all students.

Students with a:
- last name that begins with the letter A-M will pick up materials from the front parking lot
- last name that begins with the letter N-Z will pick up materials in the side parking lot
- Parents will pull up to either area and a bag with learning materials will be brought to the car
FALL FUNDRAISER: We once again partnered with Charleston Wrap for our fall fundraiser. We are unable to host our regular events, but we are still supporting our staff and students. Although the school year looks different, the goals are still the same. We hope you will help to support us! See attached flyer. ONLY ONE WEEK LEFT!

MASK LANYARD: The PTO will be providing every student with an Erickson mask lanyard to wear around the neck to help masks from being dropped on the floor or lost during lunch, recess or other brief mask breaks. Teachers will hand these out on the first day back to school.

SUPPLY POUCH AND KINDERGARTEN BAG: If you are returning to school in the next few weeks and are in need of the 9-½”x 11-½” Supply Pouch or a Kindergarten Bag, these can be purchased on PushCoin in the webstore.

AMAZON SMILES: Last quarter we received $70.41 from AmazonSmile. Help us raise funds by logging into into AmazonSmile everytime you shop on Amazon. Follow the link to our page: smile.amazon.com/ch/56-2673745 or save AmazonSmile settings in your Amazon account. Thank you!

TEACHER WISH LISTS: The PTO funds the teacher wish lists each year for items needed for their classrooms. Each unit submits a wish list between $300-$500. This includes each grade, fine arts, speech, social work, special education, library supplies, and library eagle awards. The total for the wish list is approximately $5,000.00 each year.

REMNDS TEXTS: With remote learning, getting PTO Remind texts are now more important than ever. Never miss an announcement or important deadline. Click on the following link to sign-up: remind.com/join/ptoer

PTO IS ON TWITTER: Don’t forget PTO is on Twitter! Follow us at @PTOErickson for announcements, reminders & pictures.

BOX TOPS: Now is the time to download and support the PTO just by scanning those receipts!
Dear Parents
(of elementary school aged kids)

When your kids come to school we will have to help them open LOTS of the things you pack for lunch. **PLEASE HAVE THEM PRACTICE OPENING THINGS BY THEMSELVES.**

These are EASIER to open. If I help them open it, I won’t be putting my hands on parts that will go in their mouth.

- flip top water bottles
- bento box/or tupperware
- ziplock bags
- reusable sandwich bags
- twist off snacks

These are HARDER to open. If you send these PLEASE have them PRACTICE opening it. If I help them open it, I will be putting my hands on parts that will go in their mouth.

- milk carton
- juice box w/straw to put in it
- lunchables have MANY packages to open inside of it
- yogurt tubes
- individual chips/snacks
- twist off drinks

If your kiddo can open everything in their lunch, it means less time waiting with their hand up, more time eating and less germs!! (even though we are washing our hands and disinfecting)
Miss Kougias, the school counselor at Erickson Elementary School is available for social emotional support for students. Below is an explanation of why and how a counseling referral can be made for your student. If a referral is made for social emotional support, Miss Kougias will be in contact with the referrer.

Who can refer.
- A child may refer themselves.
- A teacher/staff may refer a student.
- A parent/guardian may refer his/her child.

Reasons for a referral.
- You have concerns with your child’s attitude toward school.
- You have concerns with your child’s academic growth.
  - You have concerns with your child’s relationships with peers at school.
- You have concerns with your child’s personal development.
- You have concerns with your child’s reactions to changes within the family that may be affecting his/her learning at school.

Why should it be done:
- Provides students with more one on one help, support, and intervention
- Increases specificity of interventions and supports and tailors them to the student
- Increases privacy for the student
- Removes the student from the situation or circumstance to discuss solutions to it
- Reduces anxiety and pressure on student
- Provides the student with the full attention of an adult
- Makes student feel secure
- Allows an adult to give a student undivided attention

When should it be done:
- When students are over emotional and cannot calm down in an appropriate and brief amount of time
- When a student’s needs are greater than those the teacher can provide in the classroom setting
- When a student requires more support and attention to address or solve a problem, issues, etc
- When students need more specific and individualized help, solutions, and plans to address issues
- When a student needs more privacy than a teacher can provide in the classroom

How should it be done:
- Complete the referral form below based on the who is referring and contact by Miss Kougias will be made.
October 6th 2020: Wear Purple

Celebrate Citizenship Day in Bloomingdale on 10.6.2020

Citizenship
Follow laws and respect authority. Strive for the well-being of your community. Protect the environment and participate in democracy.

So remember to wear Purple on Tuesday October 6th 2020 to support the Bloomingdale Character Counts Coalition!
Dear Erickson Families:

We hope everyone is healthy and doing well in these trying times. It’s time for our annual Fall Fundraiser and while the kids are not in school yet, we still anticipate a need to raise funds for a variety of things including teacher wish lists, virtual classroom parties, our scholarship program that awards two high school students with a $750 scholarship and some other expenditures that normally come up. We are also hoping to plan some virtual events for our families since we cannot host our traditional in-person events. We have once again partnered with Charleston Wrap, in the past this is one of our biggest fundraisers and the only time we ask families to sell something throughout the school year. If you are able, please participate so we can continue to fund a variety of things at Erickson.

Each year we do get asked if instead of selling can a flat donation be made directly to the school. The answer is YES! We understand that some families may not have the time or desire to sell items from the catalogs but still want to support the various causes at the school so we always welcome direct donations. You can make checks payable to Erickson Elementary PTO and as a 501c3 organization we can provide a letter for tax purposes.

Just a reminder that the sale runs from September 24th - October 8th and will all be handled online this year.

Thank you for all of your support and efforts in these trying times to make sure the PTO and Erickson are doing everything we can towards a successful 2020/2021 school year.

If you have any questions, please reach out to our Fall Fundraiser Chairperson Katie Jezak at ktjezak@gmail.com. And as always, THANK YOU again for your support!

Sincerely,

Jessica Lynch
PTO President - Erickson Elementary
FALL FUNDRAISER:
Check off your holiday gift list
Help us reach our fundraising goal!
Click below
Charleston Wrap fundraising

Sale Starts
THURSDAY SEPT 24TH!

*Surdy, double-sided wrapping paper
*Personalized items make wonderful gifts!
*Many useful kitchen items
*Automatically entered in raffle for free Charleston Wrap items after your first sale!

ALL SALES WILL BE VIRTUAL THIS YEAR
Simply go to charlestonwrap.com to register your child!
Organization ID: 11127

SUPPORT ERICKSON PTO!
Money from sales will be used for virtual holiday parties and more!!

Help us reach our fundraising goal!
Check-off your holiday gift list and give back!

Have you registered yet? Register now!
Organization ID: 11127
www.charlestonwrapstore.com