

Erickson Collegiate

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Welcome back from Mr. Lee...

Hello, everyone! Welcome to our new students and families, and welcome back to returning students and their families. I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer and, to our farming families, I hope that harvest is going well (despite the weather).

As many of you know, this is my first year at Erickson Collegiate and I am really enjoying being here. Prior to coming to ECI, I was vice principal at Rivers Collegiate for three years and principal at Elton Collegiate for six. My background is in Language Arts and I taught English at Neelin High School in

Brandon and in Bois-sevain. I have also taught on a Hutterite colony.

I have appreciated those parents, guardians, and community members that have stopped in to welcome me and to introduce themselves. I encourage others to stop in and say hello. This year, due to low numbers, we will not be having an open house. Parents and guardians are welcome to come to the school to visit anytime. If you would like to meet myself or your child's teacher, please feel free to phone and make an appointment to come and see us.

In terms of staffing, I would like to welcome back Mrs. Robson and Mrs. Boyd - both are returning from maternity leaves. Mrs. Robson is the new vice principal and she teaches History and Math; Mrs. Boyd teaches French and Art. We are also fortunate to have Mrs. Gray, the division's social worker/behavioral specialist, with us on Tuesdays and some Thursdays. We are also in the process of hiring another educational assistant for the school.

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Welcome back from Mrs. Robson...

Welcome back to the 2010-11 school year to students, staff, and parents! I am excited to be returning to ECI after being off last year on maternity leave. This year I am return-

ing not only as a teacher, but have also assumed a new role as Vice-Principal. I am looking forward to working with students and parents throughout the year in both capaci-

ties. If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact me by phone (636-2605) or email trobson@rrsd.mb.ca. I wish everyone a great year!

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Terry Fox run to be held at ECI...

The annual Terry Fox Walk/Run will be held on Thursday, September 30th in the afternoon. Participants in the eight kilometer journey will travel north from the school to "Lee" road, which they will follow until it intersects with the Trans Canada Trail. Students and staff will follow the trail until their return to school. Donations will be taken the day of the run, and those who donate will have their name entered in a draw for the 30th Anniversary Terry Fox T-shirt hanging in the office. Staff

wishing to share the Terry Fox story with their students can sign out the video from Mrs. McInnes in the Library.



The 2009 - 2010 Terry Fox Run on the Trans Canada Trail

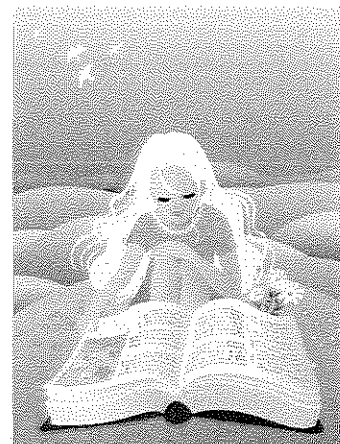
Library Links...

Welcome all students to the 2010/2011 school year!

Avast! There be a new ship o' Vampirates roamin t'seas! Check out the new vampirates book, "Black Heart", as well as 21 other new titles!

Reading club will continue in the Library on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:45 to 1:15. Read books, yearbooks, magazines, whatever you like! Hope to see you there!

Mrs. McInnes



And from your Student Council...

Student Council would like to Welcome Back everyone for the 2010-2011 school year.

We are very excited to start the year with some new faces on our team, including our new principal Mr. Lee.

Student council has started off the year by introducing school "Houses" (teams) to encourage school spirit. Each student has been placed in a House, with a corresponding House name, color, symbol, Captain, and Co-Captain. Each student will col-

lect points for their House, based on the following:

- Achieving Honour Roll
 - Participating in Intramural sports
 - Being part of a School Sports Team Dressing up for Spirit Days
 - Participating in Student Council Contests
 - Attending School Dances
 - Being a member of Student Council/TADD/Yearbook
- Other events as recognized
- At the end of each term, points

will be calculated, and the House with the most points will win a GRAND PRIZE (gift cards, parties, mini golf, fieldtrip; etc.)

Our first dance will be coming up soon; planning is in motion for a dance around Halloween. *(Official date to follow)*

Student Council is always looking for new people to join the team. So come out and show your support.

We're looking forward to a great year!

Ashley-Anne Schmidt

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The school year is off to great start and Erickson Collegiate is an extremely busy place. Mr. Allen, Mr. Carefoot, and Mr. Waterman have started volleyball with the senior students, and the juniors are going to be beginning shortly. Mr. Carefoot will also be taking a group of junior high students to Onanole for the divisional tournament. Mr. Waterman has had his Grade 12 Physical Education class out golfing and playing tennis, and Mr. Sansom has been busy getting the hockey season ready to go. Mrs. Frey had a fundraising event Friday, September 24 for the group going to Florida in May; people were treated to an evening stroll around Clear Lake on the Martese.

Mrs. Dalton, Mr. Carefoot, and the junior high students have been busy, too. They are involved with the Mamopimink Project – a project of integration, understanding and appreciation of equity and social justice. A major focus is to have the students engaged in the exploration of what it is to be fair and just with regard to cultural diversity. This project also involves Brookdale School and last week our students skyped with Mrs. Selewich's Grades 5 – 8. There are also planned visits to each others' school. Watch for further details. The 7 and 8's were also part of "Clean the Shoreline" at Clear Lake last week. Our students have also attended Tanner's Crossing in Minnedosa for shops and home economics.

Mrs. McKay is offering a new

course this semester – Aboriginal Law. Mrs. Collyer is in the process of meeting with the Grade 12 students to review their credits. Mrs. Gray received a grant to do work with our students focusing on social justice and will be meeting with a group of students on September 27 to discuss different ideas. Mrs. Young has started her aboriginal cultural activities with students. Mrs. Soltys, the Career Preparation and Exploration Coordinator, is busy organizing the Grade 9's Take Your Kid to Work Day (November 3) and presentations from the Safe Workers of Tomorrow. Grade 11 students will go out on their work experience November 18, 19, and March 16, 17, and 18. The Grade 12's will complete their work experience January 31 – February 4.

Student Council has had an organizational meeting to discuss activities they would like to do with the students this year, and I also had the opportunity to listen to the Students Making a Difference (SMAD) group to hear some of the neat undertakings they would like to get involved with. Picture day is Wednesday, September 29 and we are also having our Terry Fox Run on the afternoon of Thursday, September 30.

I have been approached by Ms Denise Schmidt about the formation of a Parent Advisory Council and she has provided me with a list of required and interested names needed to get the process started. So, on Tuesday, October 5 at 7:30 p.m. we will be hosting an organizational meeting. It would be great to see a solid turnout to make

the PAC a go.

Prior to the PAC meeting, we will be having the first student and parent graduation meeting of the year. Your involvement in your son or daughter's graduation planning is desired; please plan to attend the meeting on Tuesday, October 5 at 6:30 p.m. Graduation is Friday, June 24, 2011.

Look for interim reports to be sent home about mid October. Students in Grades 7, 8, and 9 will be receiving them, as will any other students in Grades 10, 11, and 12 that are experiencing academic, social, or behavioral difficulties.

On Tuesday, October 19, the Grade 11 and 12 students will be travelling to Minnedosa Collegiate to attend presentations by various colleges and universities.

If you have been in the school, you will have noticed the new flooring at the entrance; it looks great. Watch for further changes!

A reminder to families: you may have on-line access to your child's attendance and reported marks. If you are interested in being able to do this, please contact Mrs. Coulson to provide her with the information she needs to be able to give you a password. Also, if your son or daughter is going to be away, please notify the school.

If your son or daughter needs to bring medication to school, please send a note or notify me explaining the circumstance.

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It will be stored in a safe place and given to the student as per instructions from the parent or guardian. Medication is not to be kept in a student's locker.

Students are encouraged to get a lock for their locker. They are not to leave valuables and money in their lockers or the change room. The school will provide a lock for any student requiring one.

Thank you to those parents and guardians that completed the URIS and other forms and returned them to the school. If you have not returned the forms, please do so immediately; the forms are important and provide us with necessary information regarding health and contacts, and they are also needed in order for your son or daughter to attend sporting events and field trips.

Parents and guardians and students are reminded that when they sign the division's Internet Acceptable Use form, they are agreeing to use our computers and the Internet for educational purposes only. If students are on inappropriate sites, they will lose their privileges. Please encourage your son or daughter to use the school computers and internet for appropriate educational reasons.

In our continued efforts to keep our school safe, drug sweeps may be conducted this year. Students, parents, and guardians are reminded that the lockers are the property of the school and may be searched at any time.

Only Grade 11 and 12 students have sign out privileges during

the school day. Grade 7 – 10 students are only allowed to leave the school grounds at noon break. If your son or daughter is a smoker, they are allowed to smoke in the designated area prior to school beginning, at noon break, and after school. Students are not permitted to smoke during their work periods/ spares.

Our division is part of a southern Manitoba consortium that promotes and invites international students to study in our schools. A major key to attracting foreign students is the host family. If you are interested in hosting an international student and would like more information, you can call me or you can visit www.studymanitoba. It would be great for our students and community to have a foreign student attend Erickson Collegiate.

I encourage you to be involved in your daughter or son's education. If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please phone or stop in to see me. Please support our Parent-Teacher Conference days; your attendance would be greatly appreciated. I thank those students, staff, parents/ guardians, and community members that have welcomed me. I appreciate it. I look forward to working with the Rolling River First Nation, Erickson, Onanole, and Sandy Lake communities to strive to continue to make Erickson Collegiate a great place for our students.

Have a great year and I look forward to seeing you at various ECI activities.

Barry Lee, Principal

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

**Students interested in going to
Waywayseecappo to play baseball on
SEPTEMBER 29TH**

**Please sign up at the office and leave a
contact number.**

*If enough interest is shown by Sept. 28, RRFN Councillor,
Gil Shorting, will make arrangements*

Students participate in Great Canadian Shore clean up ...

On Thursday September 23, the grade 7 and 8's from ECI joined the students of Onanole Elementary school in Clear Lake to take part in The Great Canadian Shore Clean up. It was a great afternoon with lots of interesting things being found.

Shore clean - up stats...

Number of participants: over 100 including students from Onanole Elementary & Erickson Collegiate, local community volunteers and RMNP staff

Kilometres of shoreline cleaned: 7.3

Total litter collected: 100.6 kg (so far - there were several heavy items that were flagged and left until we can retrieve them)

Garbage: 70.3 kg (30 bags)

Recyclables: 30.3 kg (12 bags)

Notable items found:

- 5 pairs of underwear
- oven rack
- Stool
- Eyeglasses
- 3 flip flops (singles, no pairs)
- 2 wallets
- Boogie board
- Bag of dog poop
- Lots of dock parts

Interesting occurrence: A mink followed one group along the Lakeshore Trail. He remained at a safe distance but the kids got to have a very good look at him, and he sure kept a close eye on us!



Shore clean-up participants

Student Recognition Program new to ECI ...

This is a new program that was developed to recognize the hard work and dedication that our students put in to not only to their academic studies, but their surrounding communities as well. Every student in the school is eligible to apply for recognition. Points are awarded in four different categories: Academics, School Related Activities, Community Activities, and Community Volunteer. Students must complete the forms and submit them no later than **Friday June 10th, 2011** to Mrs. Robson in order to be consid-

ered.

Points have been assigned to each sport, activity, and service listed on the form. Points will not be awarded if the information given by the applicant is incomplete. Points will be tabulated by Mrs. Robson and Mr. Sansom, with awards being given out at the undergraduate and graduate award ceremonies in June.

Gold 48+ points in a minimum of 4 categories

Silver 36+ points in a minimum

of 3 categories

Bronze 24+ points in a minimum of 2 categories

An application form was given to each student and explanation was given as to how the program works. Students are encouraged to fill out their forms throughout the year. If parents or students have any questions please talk to either Mrs. Robson or Mr. Sansom.



Rolling River School Division Board of Trustees

2010 Election Notice of Nominations Filed – Acclamations

The following table summarizes the nominations filed for the position of Rolling River School Division School Trustee.

All nominees are acclaimed as elected.

No elections will be held for Rolling River School Board Trustee.

Ward #	Description of Ward	Trustees Acclaimed
1	Towns of Douglas , Forrest and Rapid City and area (<i>including property in the RMs of Cornwallis Elton and Saskatchewan</i>)	Shelley Livingstone Dan Mazier
2	Towns of Rivers, Oak River and Cardale and area (<i>including property in the RMs of Daly, Blanshard and Saskatchewan</i>)	Carole Black Lawrence McFarlane
3	Town of Minnedosa and area (<i>including property in the RMs of Odanah, Minto, Saskatchewan, and Harrison.</i>)	Ken Cameron Michael Davis Loreen Jackson
4	Towns of Erickson, Sandy Lake and Onanole and area (<i>including property in the RMs of Harrison, Strathclair , Park and Clanwilliam</i>)	Crystal Erickson Terry Maduke
5	Rolling River First Nation	No Nominations received

No nominations were received for WARD 5 – Rolling River First Nation.

In consultation with the Chief and Council of Rolling River First Nation, the Rolling River School Division Board of Trustees will appoint a Trustee to represent Ward 5.

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS!

ECI PAC Organizational Meeting

October 5, 7:30 at ECI.

ECI Music Project seeking donations...

Do you have instruments or sound equipment sitting around in your basement or garage gathering dust? The ECI Music program will gratefully accept donations of almost anything musical (especially guitars and elec-

tric keyboards). Currently we have no need for electric organs, although we will accept any type of keyboard (regardless of age or size). We are also trying to build a collection of percussion instruments (hand percussion

and kit drums). ECI is continuing to develop the capabilities for recording student music, so we are also looking for older stereo amplifiers and speaker donations for a permanent control room. Please contact Mr. Mathews for more information.

HOMESTAY FAMILIES ARE THE HEART OF OUR INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

Create new relationships

Become ambassadors for your community

Offer guidance and understanding

Learn about another culture to an international student

Become a home-stay family with Study Manitoba School Divisions. We're looking for families with a healthy lifestyle that are active in their local community.

Students stay from 4 to 10 months. Families are paid \$600 per month to foster a welcoming and supportive environment for teens, age 13 to 18, who are seeking academic and cultural experiences in Canada. The families of international students see our communities and school system as an opportunity for their child to learn Canadian values and traditions while receiving a solid and well rounded education. International students return to their home country with ideas and ideals that support intercultural and social exchange and development. Be part of something great!

APPLY ONLINE AT WWW.STUDYMANITOBA.CA



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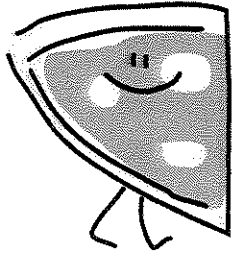
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Study Manitoba is a joint initiative of the following school divisions:





Uncle Carl's October Menu

All items available Monday - Thursday

CHEESE BURGERS

CHICKEN BURGERS

PIZZA POPS

SUBS

TURKEY SANDWICH

EGG SALAD SANDWICH

FRIDAY - PIZZA DAY

October 13th - PHYSICS FUNDRAISER

TACO IN A BAG

Neighbouring Divisions Collaborate on Equity and Social Justice Project

Grade 7 and 8 students from Erickson Collegiate (RRSD) and Grade 5-8 students from Brookdale Elementary School (BPSD) have begun a ten month equity and social justice project sponsored by the Manitoba Teachers' Society. The project is entitled Mamopimink "Gathering Together".

Collaborating teachers, Mary Dalton and Clayton Carefoot (Erickson) and Denise Selewich (Brookdale) have received a grant of \$800 for this MTS Equity and Social Justice Initiative.

By exploring the history and diversity of culture, it is the objective of the project for students to discover the similarities of all people and to appreciate and tolerate the differences.

Throughout the school year, students will engage in activities to explore customs, beliefs, traditions, history, art, music, and dance through the integration of all subject areas in order to find that commonality. Projects will include:

September - Discovering Self/Community via Skype

October - Discovering tradition Through Quilting

November - Worry Dolls and Dreamcatchers

December - Legends and Storytelling

January - Student Led Conferencing

February - Speaking Out For Rights and Freedoms

March - Appreciating Art

April - Expressing Self through Dance

May - Food

June - Celebrating Friendship

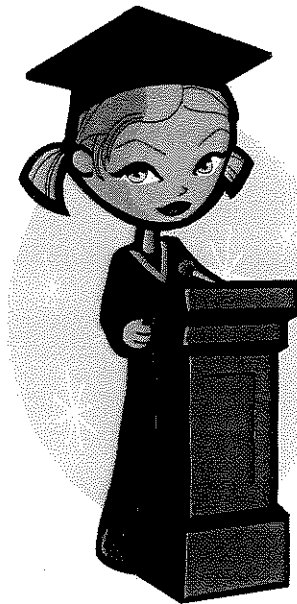
Each monthly activity will allow students to discover just how similar their global village is in which they live. Students will update the communities with monthly updates on this project. Please feel free to contact the schools to learn more about this project.

Update on Grad 2011...

There will be a meeting about grad 2011 for parents and students on Tuesday October 5th at 6:30 pm.

Grade 11 students are starting their first fundraiser for grad 2012 - Sunsweet Chocolate Bars. Students are required to sell 2 boxes of bars at \$2.50 a bar. Students need bring in a cheque for \$120 for the bars. Families may choose one of the following options: a. Have the school cash the cheque immediately and keep the money that you collect from selling the bars OR

b. Have the school hold your cheque until the bar money your student collects is returned to us, at which point we will return your cheque. Regardless of the option chosen all cheques will be cashed on *October 8th*.



CAUTION FEES

Several students have outstanding caution fees that must be dealt with as soon as possible.

If there are outstanding caution fees students may not be able to participate in some extracurricular activities and events.

See Mrs. Robson if you have any questions.