

# Erickson Collegiate Newsletter

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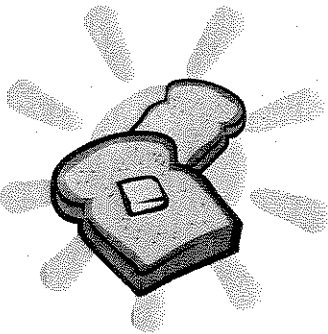
January 21, 2009

## *Breakfast program starting*

Early in February, Erickson Collegiate will be hosting a Breakfast program for all students, thanks to a grant from the Child Nutrition Council of Manitoba.

The program, which is open to all students, will be run each morning in the canteen

from 8:30 to 8:55. Muffins, toast, breakfast bars, fruit, juice and milk will be available. Donations are always welcome.



## **Panorama 2009**

### **Forecast:**

**30 cm new snow  
-2 degrees C with  
sunny skies**

**Typical expected high  
temperature**

**Departure Date:  
January 29, 2009  
at 6:00 am**

**Please be at the school no  
later than 5:45 am to start  
loading your equipment.**

## **FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE - JANUARY '09**

### **Monday, January 26, A.M.**

ELA 30S

SS/Science Alt.

Geography 20G

Science 20F

Math 10F

ELA 10F

Mathews

Storozynsky

Carefoot

Cornish

Sansom

Dalton

### **Monday, January 26, PM**

Applied 30S

Math - Alt.

Science 10F

SS 10F

ELA 20F (Midterm)

Robson

Storozynsky

Cornish

Sansom

Carefoot

### **Tuesday, January 27, AM**

Topics in Science 30S

Physics 30S

ELA - Alt.

Data 35S

ELA 10F

Math 10F

Robson

Cornish

Storozynsky

Sansom

Mathews

Branconnier

### **Tuesday, January 27, P.M.**

Biology 30S

Business

Cornish

Carefoot

### **Wednesday, January 28, A.M.**

Consumer 30S

Applied 20S

Applying ICT A

Storozynsky

Robson

Sansom

### **Wednesday, January 28, P.M.**

Applying ICT B

Sansom

## News from Mrs. Branconnier

Junior High students are busy getting ready for report cards. They do not write final exams, so will have regular classes next week.

Grade 7 & 8's have spent their last two gym classes cross country skiing. We have also booked a tubing day at Assissippi later in February.

Magazine sales will begin again in February, and Junior High's will be selling to the public. If you are interested in a magazine subscription, but have not been approached by a Junior High student, please contact Mrs. Branconnier at the school, 636-2605. Profits raised benefit the Junior High Student council and are used to fund activities such as the tubing and Camp Wannakumbac in June.

One more note, a Junior High Curling Bonspiel is being planned for Saturday, February 7th in Rivers.



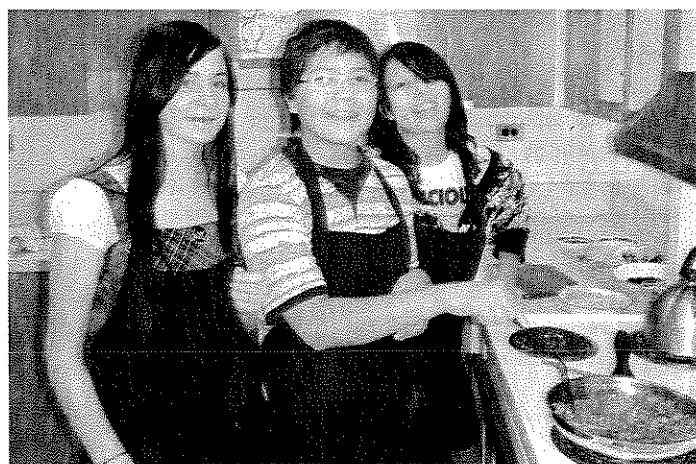
## And now in Ms. Selewich's room...

Grade 7 Social Studies students are currently studying Global Development. The first unit will focus on Development and Global Citizenship. Students started off the unit by reading *If The World Were A Village* by David J. Smith. Through this story, students imagined the world as a village of 100 people. Students discussed various aspects of the world from this perspective.

In this unit, students will also analyze and discuss items such as 'The Poverty Cycle' and begin to look at Basic Human Rights including Children's Rights and Responsibilities.

Grade 8 Social Studies has just completed a mini unit on Ancient China. Students have a test this week.

The next unit is Ancient Greece. Students will be learning about Greece's Geographic setting, Greek history, Early Beginnings, The Trojan War, the Spartans, the Athenians... just to name a few topics. Students will end off the unit with the Ancient Greek Olympics. All Grade 8 students will be participating in the Olympics.



*Junior High's at Shops*

## Mr. Robertson & Ms. Dalton...

Grade 7 students are currently working on newspaper articles and advertisements in ELA class. Students created their own newspaper article using the W-5 organizer. The articles were very interesting and students had fun with their topics (see page 5 for samples).

In science we have just started our third unit Thermal Energy and Heat Technology.

Grade 8 students are currently working on Zines. Zines are writing packages that are set up in magazine style and encompass different writing styles including narrative, descriptive, persuasive, and expository. Students also create Zine content using different genres as poems, travelogues, collages, cross-words, slogans, jumbles etc. Students have been enjoying this project (back page for magazine covers).

In science we are currently working in Unit 3 - Light & Optical Instruments. Reflection and refraction of light is our present topic area.

Our next reporting period is coming up in early February and reports concerning student progress will be sent home at that time. So keep up the great work 7's and 8's.

## Christmas pizza party



*Shinayne Quewezance, Grade 8, hosted a Christmas pizza party for friends before the break.*

# ERICKSON BONSPIELS



## Erickson Junior Bonspiel

Saturday February 14, 2009  
Three Games Guaranteed/Canteen Available  
\$20 Entry  
Contact Scott Gray to enter at 636-7733

## Erickson Annual Mixed Bonspiel

February 27 - March 1, 2009  
Four Games Guaranteed  
Minimum One Woman per Team  
\$100 Entry  
To enter contact: Scott Gray 636-7733 or Melvin Johnston 636-2485

### **Community Dinners**

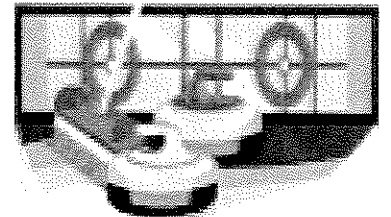
Adults \$9.00    12 & Under \$4.00    Preschool Free

#### Menu

Friday Ham and Scallops  
Saturday Turkey  
Sunday Roast Beef

## Erickson Ladies Bonspiel

March 13 - 15, 2009  
Three Games Guaranteed  
Banquet - Saturday Night  
\$100 Entry  
To enter contact: Scott Gray 636-7733 Melvin Johnston 636-2485



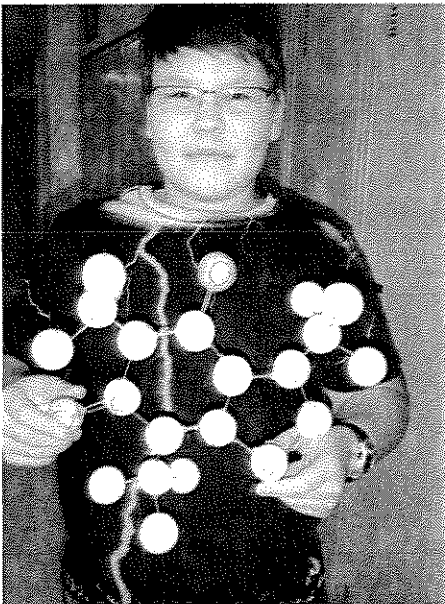
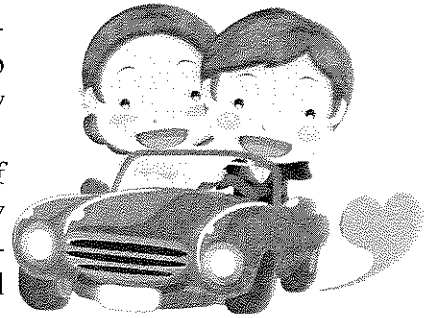
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## New Driver Survey

The week of February 9th, Mr. Edwards will be distributing an MPI new driver survey to Grade 10 students, with parental consent. The purpose of the survey is to collect data related to the knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors of today's new and upcoming drivers. Participating students will be asked to complete a similar follow-up survey in April or May. A prize draw for students who complete the survey will be offered as incentive.

All information collected during the survey will be held in the strictest of confidence. No personal information will be used as part of reporting any of the findings in order to ensure the privacy of the participants. A summary of findings will be made available to participants and their legal guardians upon request.

Prior to being able to participate in the study, students require the consent of a parent or guardian. Mr. Edwards will distribute the consent forms. Students who have consent to participate in the survey must return their signed form to the school.



*As part of her Chemistry class, Leah McKay constructed a molecule under the helpful tutelage of her teacher, Mr. Cornish*

### DRIVER ED - SPRING SESSION

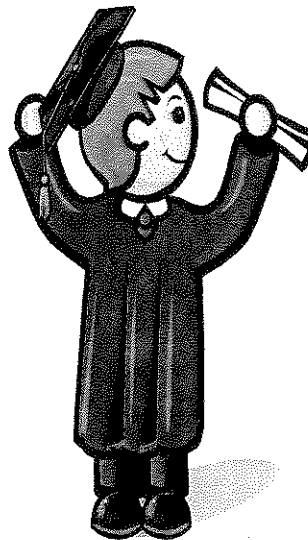
The next course of Driver Education is slated to start mid March. Students who will be 15-1/2 years old by the end of April should sign up if interested. Those that have signed up already should see Ms. Selewich about starting the Identification process. Each course needs a minimum of 16 students to hold a class. Any questions can be directed to Ms. Selewich at (204) 636-2605 or (204) 867 3167 or visit [www.mpi.mb.ca](http://www.mpi.mb.ca).

Note to Fall/Winter Students - Please complete your Driving Log and submit it to Manitoba Public Insurance within the 9 months to ensure completion of the course.

Denise Selewich  
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## Grad Update

- Grad Fundraising Fees of \$50 are Due February 2nd. If you were not at the December meeting please contact Mrs. Robson if you need clarification.
- Baby pictures for the slideshow need to be brought in ASAP and given to Mr. Sansom.
- Grads not returning for semester 2 please make sure to leave contact information with Mrs. Robson
- We will be doing the Loppet fundraiser on Saturday February 28th. Further information to follow. All grads are expected to participate in this fundraiser so please book the time off work.



- **Monday February 9th, 8:45 - 9:15, Josten's will be here for ring viewing and ordering. \$40 deposit required.**

- Watch for the next parent/grad meeting near the end of February

# From the Guidance Office

The third week of January has been has been observed as National Nonsmoking Week in Canada, for more than thirty years., which runs from January 18-24.

- Smoking has been the #1 cause of fire deaths for decades
- Fires caused by cigarettes and other smoking materials are preventable
- Tobacco use is the most significant cause of preventable disease, disability, and 37,000 premature death in Canada every year.

Recognizing that quitting smoking is a process, a measure of success is when smokers manage to cut down on the amount of cigarettes/cigarillos they smoke .

Here are a few strategies that can be used to cut down on smoking:

1. Smoke only ½ of the cigarette.
2. Make your car and home smoke free
3. Enlist the support of your family, and friends—tell them that you are quitting so they won't offer you cigarettes or smoke in front of you.
4. Delay the time between each cigarette.
5. When you are craving a cigarette, try to wait 15 minutes.
6. Chew gum or crunchy foods(i.e.:carrot sticks)
7. Keep yourself busy and your hands occupied.
8. Track your cigarettes so you are aware of exactly how much you are smoking and under what circumstances
9. Avoid coffee and any other triggers that you link with smoking.
10. Change your morning routine— try to stay occupied and busy. .

Source : (Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (camh)

**DID YOU KNOW February 16 - 20, 2009 is Manitoba Inclusive Education Week!**

Mr.Carefoot is working toward his Master of Education in Counseling and has recently been certified to deliver the Not On Tobacco seminar which can help students quit smoking. If any students are interested in quitting smoking please see Mr. Carefoot or Mrs. Collyer as a ten week session will be offered in the early spring.

The “Lungs for Life” program is a recognized smoking prevention program for Grade 4, 5, & 6. The program covers the respiratory system, short term effects of smoking, ingredients in cigarettes, reasons to stay smoke free, how to deal with peer pressure, and how to say “no”. Visual Aids and interactive activities make the program interesting and informative. We are proud to advise that 4 of our grade 12 students have successfully completed the training and are currently offering the presentation to students in the elementary schools. The students are supervised by ECI's guidance counselor and students are eligible to count the presentations hours toward those required in the grade 12 Phys. Ed program.

## A quick update in the Career Prep. and Exploration program

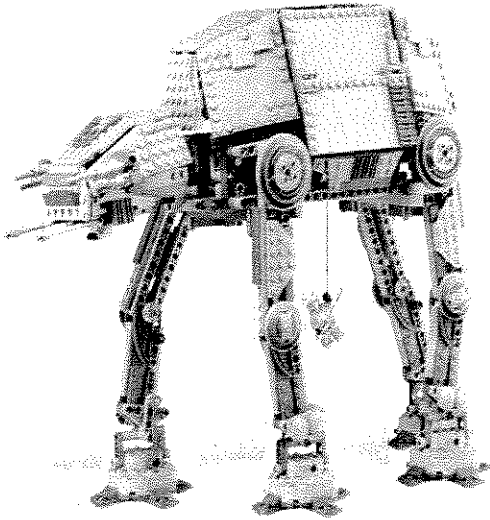
With the end of the semester now here, our grade 12 students are set to go out on their Career Placements. Most of our students chose to participate in this beneficial week and have a terrific week lined up. The assignments for this week will be due on February 20<sup>th</sup>.

The grade 11 students had an interesting time at their career placements and from their assignments have gained great knowledge into future possible career choices. I have marked all of their assignments; however I am still waiting on a few of the students to hand their journals in. So if you are one of those grade 11 students still hanging on to your journal, please get it into me as soon as possible.

I have booked the Career Symposium in Brandon for our grade 10 students, this will take place Wednesday, March 4. Look for some information to come home sometime in February. This should be a fun and informative afternoon for all the students.

*Marlies Soltys, Career Development & Explorations Coordinator*

## War Breaks Out in Lego Star Wars Land



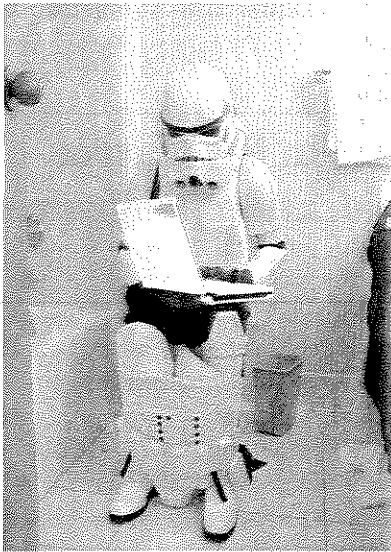
By Trent Pugh

The world of Lego is dealing with corruption after many battles between the republic and the rebellion. The damage left behind is phenomenal. It left many people homeless. The battles are still going on today. The rebellion's demands are just too high. They are demanding 1 000 000 Lego studs-studs the republic doesn't have. The reason this all started is because a platoon of storm troopers was caught infiltrating the cantina on Tatooine, The planet of the two suns. Some very famous Jedi are involved in these battles but thankfully none have died-yet. Some of them include: Obi-Wan, Mace Windu, Kee-adi-mundi, and ploo-koon. So far the death toll is estimated 10237. The chancellor is negotiating with the lord of the sith. The chancellor hopes to have this worked out by next month. This has been a very serious issue through the past few years in Lego star wars land. One of the problems with

the republic is that stormtroopers keep retiring. They were battle-ready 40 years ago and the average one has a lifespan of 35.7 years. Some of the Jedi are starting to get old too- good thing there are all the young padawans to take their place in the Jedi council. I hope these battles will end soon for the sake of all of the Lego men and women that keep losing their homes due to explosions, but most of all I hope they will end soon for the sake of the children.

## Stormtrooper Retires!

By: Daniel Lovegrove



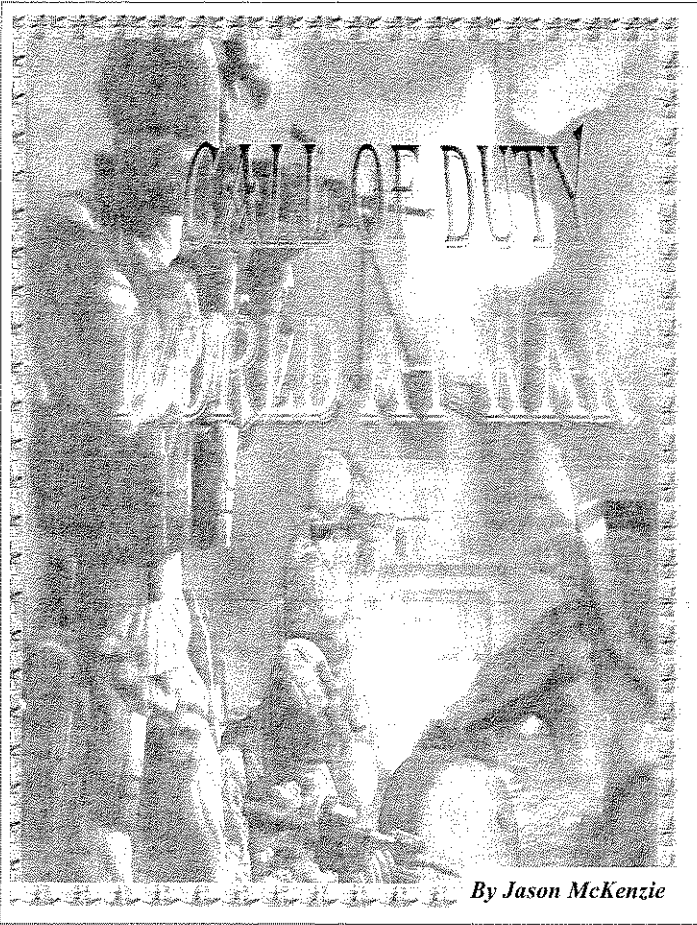
Last Friday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> Stormtrooper unit# 597 retired after a 25 year career. He won 4 medals including war hero and marksman. He was the longest serving stormtrooper ever! He is also the first stormtrooper to have a laptop and create a game on it. He injured his leg in the battle of Kashyyyk. He said "George Lucas worked me too hard, so I quit. But I wasn't really quitting because he also told me it was time to retire." People said they even noticed on the T.V. when they were watching the movie that one of the stormtroopers stood out on the set! He was the beloved captain of squad# 78. The stormtroopers of squad# 78 say they will never have a leader good as unit# 597. He retired at age 47. No one will ever experience the awesomeness and action of having this stormtrooper on their TV.

## RRFN Study Group

Tuesday, January 27th, 3:30 - 5  
At the school with Mrs. Ferguson

## Yearbook Request

Any great, or not so great sketches, either in pen, pencil or other, can be submitted to Mrs. McLaughlin for scanning for the upcoming book. Sign your name on the bottom right hand corner.



By Jason McKenzie

# Sports



- Hockey
- Soccer
- Volleyball
- Basketball
- Football



By: Chloe McKay

