

Erickson Collegiate

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JANUARY 17, 2011

From the Desk of Mr. Lee....

Happy New Year to everyone! I hope that you had a wonderful holiday season. The break was timely and well deserved by students and staff, but as soon as we were back it was 0 to 60 in no time.

The Grade 12's wrote their English Standards Exam the first week back and they continue to write their other finals from January 24 – 28. During the week of January 31 through February 4 they are out on their final work experience, while Grades 9, 10, and 11 will be doing their final assessments for semester one courses. An exam schedule is located further on in this newsletter.

It is regular classes for the Grades 7 and 8's.

For all students in Grades 9 – 12, if they have any outstanding assignments they are expected to be at school to complete their work. Students that have incomplete assignments will be assigned to a room during the exam periods. Staff will be attempting to contact parents and guardians to notify them of their child's incomplete work.

Currently, students with incomplete work have lost their spares/ work periods or noon hours until they have finished their assignments. Should a student continue to

have incomplete work at the time of a field trip (i.e. a ski trip), a game, or a dance, that student may not be able to participate in that event. A student will receive an incomplete at the end of the semester, should she or he have outstanding assignments that target the essential outcomes of the course.

I need to take time to thank some people for organizing or supervising some excellent opportunities for our students. Mr. Mathews and his Grade 11 students worked with the elementary school in writing letters to Santa,

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ERICKSON COLLEGIATE

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Barry Lee

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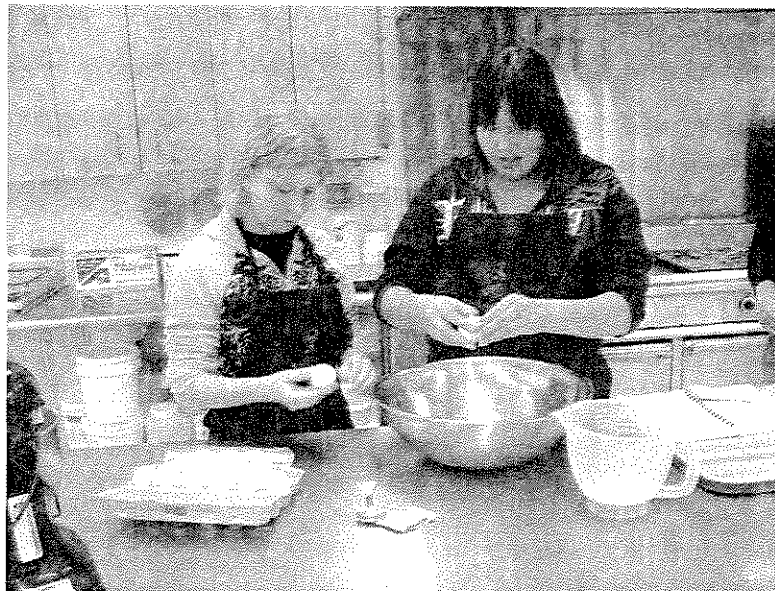
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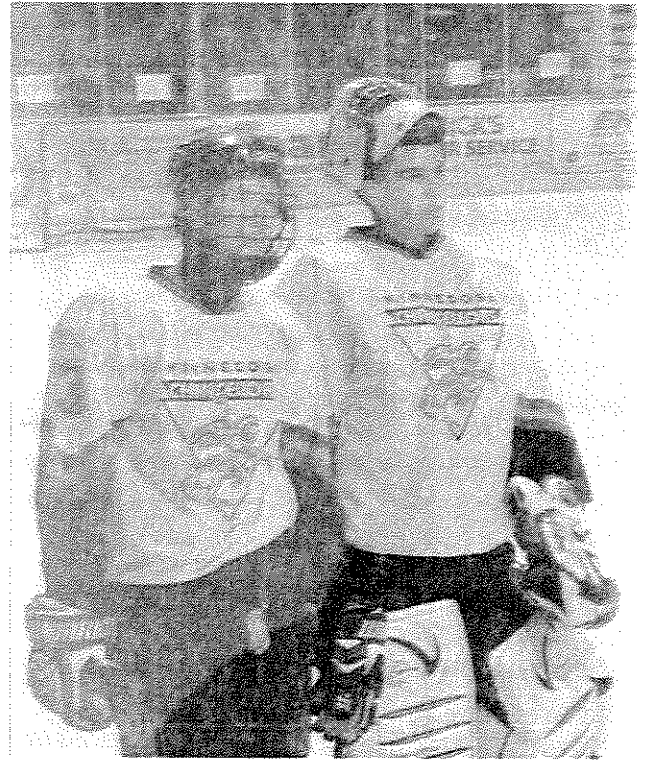


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which I am sure, had a huge impact on the younger students. Mrs. Collyer and Mrs. Ferguson organized another wildly successful "Kids Can Shop" campaign. Students from the elementary school came to the high school to buy a Christmas gift for their parents or siblings for the price of whatever they could afford. The money raised was turned back over to the elementary school to support their foster child. It was heartwarming to see how much enjoyment the young students got and it was truly impressive to see how great the high school students were with them. Thanks to all those who donated to the "Kids Can Shop" program. After the elementary students finished their shopping, some of our students went to EES and helped them wrap the pre-

sents. Mr. Waterman and Mrs. Tiller cooked an outstanding turkey dinner for our students. I continue to be so pleased with their program and the quality of the meals provided for our students in such a small school. Thanks to the senior high student council for organizing a bus trip for our students to go cheer on our high school hockey guys as they took on Neepawa on the last day of school before the break. Mrs. Gray and the Students Making a Difference group organized another trip to the Samaritan House in Brandon to help prepare meals and hampers for those not as fortunate as some of us. Mrs. Gray and Mrs. McInnis could not say enough positive things about our students and how well

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Two of our Erickson players

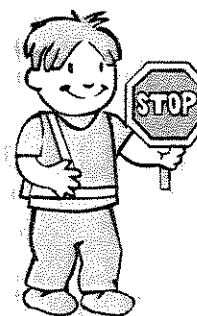


The "Lunch Hour Singing Group" planned a special birthday celebration for Mrs. Collyer.

Special thanks to Crystal for the cupcakes!

REMINDER TO PARENTS...

Please talk to your children about traffic safety and to be aware that vehicles often have a difficult time stopping suddenly on slippery streets.



Encourage students to use the patrols and if you are dropping children off, please obey all traffic regulations and be extra careful at all times in school zones.

**THE MANITOBA COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN
ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Eligibility: There are two scholarships worth \$750.00 each available to support students from Manitoba who are pursuing a career directly related to working with persons with exceptionalities. The individuals must be **entering or in a current full time** education or training program in a Canadian institution. The scholarship money will be given directly to the recipient upon verification of enrollment.

Applicant Information Form: Complete all sections of the applicant / school information form. Forms **must be legible**. Word processing format is preferred.

Current Resumé: Attach a current resumé. Be sure to include the following:

School Activities: Leadership positions and extracurricular activities in which you have been involved throughout your high school and/or post-secondary years. Indicate school(s) where the activities took place.

Community Activities: List the community activities in which you have been involved over the years and state whether they were voluntary or not. Special attention should be paid to activities that involve children and/or youth.

Essay: Essay must be double-spaced and in word processing format. Name and social insurance number must appear at the top of every page.

Academic Scholarship Essay (500-600 words): Since community and school activities that involve working with children and youth can be very influential in choosing one's future career, outline some of your proudest moments and biggest challenges that you have faced in your experiences. Discuss your immediate plans and outline your vision for the future after you have completed your post secondary education.

References: **Two references** are required for the academic scholarship. Reference forms are included in the package and should be given by the applicant to the individual completing the form. One reference must be an academic advisor or instructor. The other may be a personal reference but with the ability to address your current educational pursuits.

Academic Record: A certified transcript must be forwarded directly to the Scholarship and Awards Committee Chair.

Deadline: The deadline for the application and related supporting material is **January 28, 2011**.

****PLEASE see Mrs Collyer for Scholarship application**

Please complete and return all information via mail or email directly to:

Barb Melnychuk Scholarship and Awards Committee

The Manitoba Council for Exceptional Children

204-1181 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, MB R3G 0T3

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From the office of Mr. Lee...

the represented our school and their experience of volunteering. Mrs. Boyd and Mr. Carefoot took a group of junior high students to a Wheat Kings' game in Brandon; teachers and students told me they had a great time. As a fundraiser for the physics trip, Mrs. Frey organized a pancake breakfast – and I don't know how she did it – but she was able to have Santa in attendance! Thanks to all those who prepared the delicious dainties to sell. Mrs. Ferguson has organized an after school study group for our aboriginal students on Wednesdays; students can stay to get extra assistance or work on assignments that need to be done. Ms. Dalton deserves thanks for seeking out clothing donations and "opening" a store so that our students may shop for new-to-them clothes at rock bottom prices. Students operate all aspects of the store and the money raised goes towards funding other programs for Mrs. Dalton's students.

There are still lots going on at the collegiate. Mr. Cornish is working hard with the junior varsity boys' basketball team, and Mr. Allen and Mr. Waterman are currently doing cross-country skiing with the students. It also will not be long before b a d m i n t o n starts. As Band for the semester begins to wind down, that just means



Above: two of Mr. Cornish's basketball stars

that Mr. Mathews and the students are preparing for the band concert. Watch for further details as to when the concert is going to be held. Ms. McKay is in the planning stages of taking a group of students to Saskatchewan to participate in a treaty conference. And it won't be long before Mrs. Frey, Mr. Sansom, and the Physics students are off to Cape Canaveral. Mr. Carefoot and Ms. Dalton are taking the Grade 7 and 8 students to Ag. Days in Brandon, and then Mr. Carefoot is off in February with a group to Winnipeg for the Festival de Voyageur. Our students will benefit from all the snow we have had, as Mr. Waterman and other staff will be tak-

ing a group to Asessippi Ski Hill on January 19. Some of our students will also be going with Mrs. Collyer, Mrs. Soltys, Mr. Carefoot, and Mr. Waterman to Panorama, BC to do some skiing. And while graduation may seem far away, Mrs. Robson, Mrs. Collyer, and Mrs. Coulson are working with the students to ensure that event is going to be a fantastic celebration and a wonderful day. Mrs. Soltys has arranged for ACC representatives to come and speak to our Grade 11 and 12's.



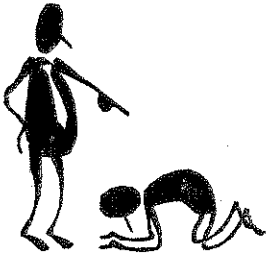
Just a quick thank you to some other people who go about quietly doing their jobs but seldom receive the recognition

they deserve. Our Resource teacher, Mr. Robertson, educational assistants – Ms Macksymchuk, Mrs. Priesinger, Mrs. Braschuk, Mrs. Lindsay, and Mrs. McLaughlin - have challenging positions but do a wonderful job with our students. Mrs. McLaughlin is also responsible for taking pictures for our yearbook and is at many of the school's events. Ms. McKay and Ms. Young do an awesome job at developing our students' sewing and craft skills by providing opportunities for them to make star blankets, mitts, dream catchers, and other items that are important to the aboriginal culture. Mrs. Deb McLaughlin and Della Robinson, our custodians, work hard and take pride in making our school look great. Thanks to our substitute teachers, particularly Mr. Wesley for whom the students show a great deal of respect. And to Mrs. Coulson, the friendly secretary who is willing to go above and beyond to assist students, staff, and parents, and who has greatly assisted me in my transition to Erickson Collegiate.

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You Can't Always Get What You Want ... Submitted by Mrs. Gray, Behavior Specialist

Every day, each of us face situations where we try to influence people to get what we want. Sometimes we want something concrete, like getting someone to share their lunch with you. Sometimes we want someone to behave in a certain way, like teachers who want students to get assignments done, parents who want kids to get their chores done, or youth who want their parents to let them go out on Saturday night. Sometimes it's something more abstract, like wanting someone to agree with your opinion. Regardless of which it is, there are 5 different ways that we can approach people in order to try to get what we want. Once you understand the 5 approaches, you'll have a better chance of choosing the right approach for the situation, instead of just the one that has become your habit.

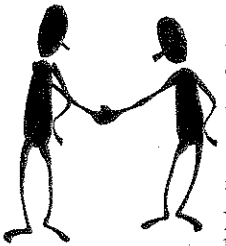


Approach #1 The Punisher

The Punisher forces. Punishers yell, threaten, hit, or call names. We tend to use this position when we are tired, or at the end of our ropes because it's quick and easy. The downside, it hurts relationships. If you punish someone too often, they will likely decide they don't want you in their life anymore.

Approach #2 The Guilter

The guilter will use phrases like "I thought you were smarter than that", "I'm so disappointed in you" or "I thought I meant more to you than that". Guilters may turn on their tears to make you feel bad enough that you give in. It seems a bit nicer than a punisher, but in the long run, feeling guilty all the time is no fun, and we tend to want to avoid people who lay guilt trips on us.



Approach #3 The Buddy

The Buddy tries to convince you to do what they want because you have a good relationship. "Do it for me!" is the standard Buddy phrase. While this approach tends to be more successful than the Punisher or the Guilter, it sometimes leaves people feeling betrayed if they do something for someone else, and the other person doesn't do the same back for them. Another pitfall is that sometimes a buddy will convince us to do something that we know isn't right, but we do it to try to maintain the relationship.

Approach #4 The Monitor

The Monitor is very matter of fact about situations. The monitor will say what they want, and outline what will happen if they get it and if they don't. Parents tell kids if they do their chores, they'll get allowance and if they don't, they'll be grounded. One friend tells another that they agree to work on a project with them, that they will give them control over the choice of topic. People make their decisions in this position based on what the reward will be for them, or what the consequence might be if they don't. Unlike the previous positions, there is little emotion about this – it's simply a choice. Because of this, there is less possibility of damage to your **relationships with others in this approach.**



Approach #5 The Manager

The Manager asks lots of questions. Managers explain their point of view, but also try to understand the other person's point of view. They understand that different people see things in different ways, and that that's right for one person may not be right for someone else. Managers look for win-win situations – where everyone can leave the situation satisfied. Often the result is a solution that neither person initially thought of.

Which approach do you usually take?

UNCLE CARL'S

January Menu

"Classic Menu" items include: Soup, Salads, Cheeseburgers, Hamburgers, Chicken Burgers, Pizza Pops, Subs, Sandwiches

WATCH FOR SPECIALS!

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	3 X-MAS BREAK	4	5	6 CLASSIC MENU	7 PIZZA DAY	8
	10 CLASSIC MENU	11 BUT WRAPS + FRIES OR CLASSIC MENU	12 CHICKEN FETTUCCINI	13 CLASSIC MENU	14 PIZZA DAY	15
	17 CLASSIC MENU	18 1 PCO ml A BAG	19 SKI ASSESSIPAI	20 CLASSIC MENU	21 PIZZA DAY	22
	24 CLASSIC MENU	25 CHICKEN FINGERS + FRIES OR CLASSIC MENU	26 PREGGIES	27 CLASSIC MENU	28 PIZZA DAY	29
	31 CLASSIC MENU	1 CLASSIC MENU	2 CLASSIC MENU	3 PIZZA DAY	4 NO SCHOOL	5

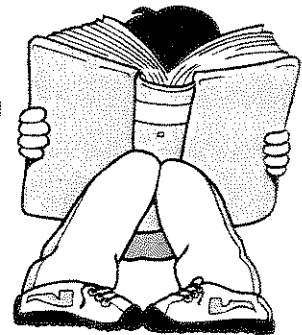


Physics Group volunteers and their new friend, Santa made an appearance at Santa Day in December.

ROLLING RIVER FIRST NATION

STUDY GROUP

Wednesday
at ECI from
3:30 - 5:00



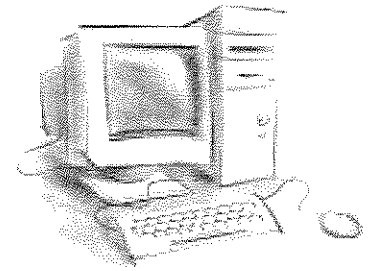


COMPUTER CLASSES

At

Minnedosa Adult Learning Centre

1. **Intro to Computers**: This introductory computer course will cover Windows 7, the Internet and Microsoft's Word, Excel, Publisher, and Power-Point.
2. **Advanced Word**: (Prerequisite Intro to Computers)
3. **Advanced Spreadsheets**: (Prerequisite Intro to Computers)



Computer classes start the week of January 17th, 2011.

Cost is \$25 for each 10 session course.

Call : Val Gawel at 867-2519 to register or for more information

WELCOME BACK, HOPE EVERYONE HAD A SAFE AND HAPPY NEW YEARS!

**HAPPY
NEW YEAR**

Student Council is ready to get busy for a successful 2011. School clothing will be in next week; students will be receiving their order in a sealed bag with their order form. Please return any incorrect orders to Ashley-Anne with your order form.

Our grant money was received January 5th for the school pride project, so it's time to start on our outdoor rink! Any parents who are willing to help out on the flooding of the rink these next couple weeks, please contact the school. Also, any families who have extra hockey equipment (i.e. goalie equipment, helmets, skates, sticks, etc.) are asked to consider donating them to the school.

Reminder: **helmets are mandatory** on the rink.

We hope to have the rink up and running within the month.

Do our bad luck, the Winter Formal was cancelled due to snowy weather, increasing our record to 5 cancelled dances due to weather in the last two years. Hopefully Mother Nature will cooperate with us this time and we will have a dance in early February!

Thank-you to everyone who dressed-up for our ECI Spirit Week before Winter Break. Alpha won the week with 24 points!

Happy New Year,
Ashley-Anne Schmidt
Student Council President

More from the desk of Mr. Lee

I would also like to say thank you to our students. I have heard so many positive comments about our school this year and just how friendly and welcoming the students are. And as I get to know them better, I appreciate them for just how bright, skilled, and/ or talented they are. They take pride in their school and their sense of volunteering and citizenship is commendable. There are students at ECI that are going to make a difference in others lives and society. It makes me proud to be principal of a school with such fine young people.



Future Graduate of 2011 being measured for her gown

Other notes:

- Our students participated in a national youth smoking survey
- There will be a divisional trip to France in April 2012. I held a brief meeting with students this past week, and there will be an informational meeting for parents and guardians of Thursday, January 20 at 7:00 p.m. at the school.
- The departure of our students during a recent snowstorm in which the divisional buses were called off went smoothly. I appreciate those

people that come to pick up the students and I also appreciate those billets that housed our students for the night. As we still have lots of winter left, I remind you to listen to the radio stations beginning about 7:00 a.m. regarding bus cancellations and school closures.

Students and parents are reminded that the next graduate parent meeting is on Tuesday, February 8 at 7:00 p.m. Mrs. Coulson has asked students for their full names (the ones that will appear on their diploma), and she has also taken their measurements for the caps and gowns. Also check our website for further information. We have asked the graduation chairs, Laura Ferguson and Dusty Pratt, to provide us with updates.

Please encourage your daughter or son to prepare for final exams. The exam schedule is in this newsletter. You will also find a timetable for the second semester. Report cards will be sent home during the first week of second semester that begins February 7.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your daughter or son's education, please call the teacher(s) or me.

Respectfully,

Barry Lee

Mrs. Collyer will be meeting with all Grade 12 students before the end of January to discuss post secondary plans, graduation credit requirements and scholarship options.

Study Manitoba School Divisions Seeks Homestay Families

Over the past year, Study Manitoba has welcomed 12 students from Mexico, Japan, Brazil, Vietnam and the Slovak Republic. Friendships were made and cultures united. The feedback from these international students shows they truly appreciate the opportunity to learn and live with true Canadians.

The second semester is fast approaching and we are now receiving applications from students who wish to enroll in our international student program. Homestay families are required for placements starting in February and beyond. Currently, we are seeking to immediately find homestays for three students. Please consider opening your home or sharing this information with a family you feel would be good community ambassadors. See attached student profiles for more information about these students and contact our office: email – rhonda@studymanitoba.ca or call 483-6252 if you have any questions.

Please visit our website at www.studymanitoba.ca to find out more about homestay family guidelines and to apply online.

Home Country: Brazil

- Female student enrolling in grade12 for one semester, wishes to graduate in Manitoba
- No siblings
- **Allergies:** cannot have pets due to allergies
- She wishes to attend the program to improve English skills, experience living in another country with people who have a different culture.
- **Describes herself** as shy, outgoing, organized, likes to talk, likes to study, friendly
- **Family style preferences:** likes small children, grandparents in the home are ok, likes children aged 6-12, prefers other young people in the home. Must have a non-smoking home with no pets due to allergies.
- **Personal/Academic Interests**
- She likes going to parks, shopping and skiing, listening to music, surfing on the internet and photography.
- Her favourite course at school is History because she likes to know what happened in the past.
- She has studied English for 4 years.
- She doesn't play sports much, but does like volleyball.





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Highly skilled and technology-trained health care professionals are in high demand.

Learn more about how you can become part of Manitoba's health care team by training in Nuclear Medicine Technology.

The Winnipeg Regional Health Authority in conjunction with the Brandon Regional Health Authority and SAIT Polytechnic are offering an:

INFORMATION SESSION

Wednesday January 26th, 2011

Health Sciences Centre

Room: GH304

820 Sherbrook Street, Winnipeg

@ 07:00

For information on Nuclear Medicine Technology or the information session contact: 787-3848

Health care professionals are in high demand across Canada.

To learn about SAIT health care programs visit

www.sait.ca/health

Grad Update

Hard to believe that first semester is almost over, and that some of our Grade 12 students are at the point of leaving us. Here's a look at what the grads have been working on.

Cap and Gown measurements were completed this week, and they will be sent in to the company for ordering in the near future. Jennifer Workman was selected as the grad picture photographer by the class. Parents were given her information at the last grad meeting, but if you are missing that please contact Mrs. Robson. Students have also chosen their theme for this year's grad: "Stepping Stones". The decorating committee will now be working towards putting together a decorating scheme. A big thanks to Meghan, Kristen, and Stephanie for their hard work putting together the clothing order. The hoodies and sweats look great, and the class is wearing them all the time.

For those students who are leaving us early, please make sure to see Mrs. Robson and leave contact information with her. Also, we need baby pictures from all grads – they need to be brought in to Mr. Sansom for the slideshow as soon as possible.

Some dates to keep in mind:

- January 18th at 12:30 there will be a meeting for all grads
- January 22nd is the first date for grad photos.



Kyle Wozney was the proud winner of a Star Blanket made by Jasmine Amyotte. Jasmine made the blanket and raffled it off as a fundraiser for the Panorama Ski Trip.

Please make arrangements with Jennifer Workman at 848-2025 if this is a date that will work for you. Other dates TBA in April and May.

- Next grad/parent meeting is Tuesday February 8th at 7pm. Safegrad planning is going to begin.
- March 1st, Keith Thomas from Safegrad Manitoba will be coming out to speak to parents about Safegrad and address any concerns students or parents may have.

Grade 11 Fundraising

The Grade 11 class still has several boxes of chocolate to sell: this needs to be completed to turn a profit. If your student has yet to sell their two boxes, please send a cheque to the school for \$120. This cheque will not be cashed as long as the money for the bars is brought back in to the school. Also, if your student has sold theirs already, and you can help sell more it would be much appreciated. Talk to Mrs. Robson if you have any questions.

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NOT ON TOBACCO

Mr. Carefoot will be running a ten session workshop on how to cut back on the use of tobacco.

The sessions will be starting in February.

If you would like more information please see

Mr. Carefoot or contact him at the school.