



Erickson Elementary

February 1, 2010

February 12-Pancake Breakfast—8-10 a.m.

Donations will go to Haiti Fundraising.

February 15-Louis Riel Day—NO SCHOOL.

February 17-Jump Rope for Heart

February 22-Divisional Inservice-NO SCHOOL.

February 24-Parent Group Meeting-7 p.m. at the school.

Book Fair Is Coming

February 16-19 is the week of our Scholastic Book Fair which is being held in the school library. There will be a variety of books ranging from primary to teen and adult selections. There are always lots of great books to pick from at reasonable prices!

The book fair will be open during school hours and a special Family Night is planned for Wed.Feb.17. The shopping hours will be 3:30-8pm. This is a school fundraiser where we get a % of our profit and are then able to buy books and resources for the library and classrooms. We hope to see you and your families at the fair throughout the week!

Skating

Skating will continue once a week for the month of February. The dates are as follows:

Feb. 3, Wednesday, Feb. 11, Tuesday, Feb. 16, Tuesday, Feb. 25, Thursday

Good Day Everyone

There have been many activities occurring at EES in relation to fund-raising for Haiti. We will have the final count after our Pancake Breakfast fund-raiser on February 12, 2010. Pancakes and sausages will be served between 8 – 10 AM. We are accepting donations of syrup and butter for that day. If you can spare some time in the early morning hours of Thursday, please give a call to the school. The cost of the Pancake breakfast will be donations, as all the money raised will go to Haiti restructuring efforts. Thank you to everyone for all the support and encouragement we have received – staff, students, and community have been fabulous.

Please note - The Pancake Breakfast is intended to be a **community event** to raise money for Haiti. ALL community members are invited and encouraged to attend, whether or not they have children in the school. Please invite your friends, family and neighbours. Since this is a community event, we strongly encourage parents to attend, however, we do understand that this may not be possible for all families. If you are unable to attend but wish for your child(ren) to have a pancake breakfast, please send a donation with your child and a community volunteer will take your child to the breakfast.

Kindergarten News

February brings birthday wishes to Jaylyn and Kyla who are turning 6. Our Valentine's Day party will be on Feb.12 in the morning. Watch for a letter with all the details!

This month we will be writing, reading and talking about friends. We will count to 100, count sets to 10 in different ways and do some patterning. Science will be about mixing colors to make new ones.

Our home reading is going well and the sound books are getting filled up with stickers. Keep practicing!

Water bottles aren't coming regularly to class. Please make sure your child has one all the time as it is healthier than the class water fountain!

See you at the pancake breakfast.
C.Topham

Grade 1 New

Hard to believe it's February already. How time flies when we are having fun. Congratulations to the students that have read 100 books from September till now. Keep up the reading, these are the books we are going to start and try read 100 books by Earth Day April 22, 2010

This week the students will begin having 10 spelling words to study.

This month we are having Jump Rope for Heart, Valentine's Day and 100- Day Celebration and also Ground hog day. Is it going to be 6 more weeks of winter or is Spring just around the corner?

We still need 2 litre milk jugs or 2 litre pop bottles.

Have a great week!

Until next time.

D. Gaywish

Grade 2 News

At last it is February, always a great month at E.E.S. There are so many exciting events and study projects coming up this month. The students will soon begin a dinosaur research project and will have a choice of 3 ways of sharing their learning.

Watch for special notes in your child's planner regarding the Valentine's Party, the 100th Day Party, the Pancake Breakfast for Haiti and a Jump Rope for Heart informational note. Wow, what a busy month we have ahead of us.

This week the students will be setting a reading goal for February in celebration of "I Love to Read Month". The reading log homework sheet has also changed format for this month. Please encourage your child to try and reach their goal and help them with the record keeping.

Have a terrific week everyone.

S. Hall

Gr. 3 Newsletter

We are continuing to explore India. We had a guest speaker (Florence Carter) come to the class to talk about India. We learned a lot from her and from the many objects and displays she brought along to share with us. We were very impressed with her "doll" collection. It was interesting to see all the different types of clothing in India.

We will be finishing off the math unit of addition and subtraction. There will be a unit test soon.

This month has many special events: Valentine's Day, Jump Rope for Heart, 100th Day, and Book Fair. Please look in the day book for upcoming notes about these events. Continue to read at home every day.

Mrs. K. Klassen

Grade Four

We have started our t-shirt project in Art and some of the shirts will be coming home this week. If you haven't sent a t-shirt to school it is not too late just send a plain white cotton t-shirt to school as soon as possible.

Practice the times tables at home. We practice them at school as well. We are presently on the 4 and 5 times tables.

A reminder to parents to check the planner daily. The planner can also be checked on line on our website.

Frank Sokoloski

Grade 5 News

A big congratulations to the Grade five students on their excellent Social Studies presentations on the First People of Canada. We are now learning about the first Europeans to venture over to Canada.

Due to the recent tragedy in Haiti we have also taken time to look at the news coverage of the aftermath of the earthquake on CBC.ca. This week in English Language Arts we will begin looking at "Make Change: The Ladybug Foundation Project" that was developed by a young Winnipeg citizen, Hannah Taylor, who was concerned with issues of poverty and homelessness in her city. While exploring her project we will continue to look at the issues that many of the Haitians are now forced to deal with.

Parents please be asking to see your child's planner and initialling daily as students are writing in reminders for deadlines, tests, as well as problems that may have occurred during the day.

Grade 6 News

In ELA we are just finishing up our Maniac Magee novel, we just had a spelling test, and we have a grammar test on NOUNS on Tuesday, February 2nd. In Math we are working on greatest common factor and least common multiple. We did a Factors and Multiples question set using the smart response device. It is an electronic device that you can use to answer questions on the smart board. In Social Studies we are working on a Treaties unit. In Science we are working on a Space unit. We work in the computer lab to complete our science work. Our virtue of the month is Consideration. We visited the care home on Thursday and made Valentine's Day cards. The residents really enjoyed our visit.

By: Viktor and Brendyn

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART!!

Jump Rope for Heart will be happening this month on Feb. 17th during the last two periods of the day. Anyone is welcome to attend and participate. More detailed information about this day will be coming home soon. We will be having a "Kick off" to get students excited about it on Feb. 8th during morning assembly.

GUIDANCE PROGRAM -

- 1. Classroom Presentations:** Part of the Guidance Program involves offering classroom presentations on various social skills as a means of education, awareness, skill building and prevention. I will be visiting each classroom throughout the year, addressing a variety of topics. Feel free to call me if you have any questions about these activities.

Kindergarden: We learned the difference between “Tattling” and “Telling.” We watched a video titled “I’m Telling.” It would be great if you were able to help your child practice what they have learned. We learned that there

are three times when we should always tell an adult what is happening.

They are: **1. When something dangerous is happening.**

2. When someone is hurt.

3. When you have tried to solve the problem yourself and have not been able to find a solution.

We also spent some time talking about how we can try to solve problems on our own. For example, if someone is not following the rules, we can remind them, or if we want to be included in a game, we should be friendly instead of tattling on others.

Grade 1: We have been learning about “How to deal with Angry feelings.” It is okay to be angry, but there are several ways to help us calm down so that we can think more clearly, to prevent hurting others, ourselves or property. Ask your child what works best for them. We watched a video titled “10 things to do instead of hitting.” We have also read books about feelings.

Grade 2: We have discussed “How to Stop a Bully.” We watch a video of kids talking about their own personal experiences and sharing how they effectively dealt with different situations. We introduced the HA-HA-SO strategies. Ask your child and see if they remember what this stands for. We will also be talking more about what too as a “by-stander.”

- 2. School-Wide Activities:**

Our school “community groups” work together monthly on various activities and concepts related to virtues, restitution, etc. As a whole school, the students decided that Erickson Elementary School

“BELIEVES IN:” **1. Respect 2. Acceptance 3. Leadership.** These behaviours have been reinforced acknowledged through our PBIS (Positive Behaviour in School) program that is happening. We are currently working on a school logo and have received great ideas from students.

- 3. Mentorship Program:**

We are working with the Highschool to offer a mentorship program, in which highschool students are involved in volunteering here at EES. Some students will work Individually with students, some will work in groups, some of the highschool students will be offering classroom presentations to our older grades and some will help with planning fun events. It is a great opportunity for all students involved! Now that the second term has started at the highschool, we will be starting this month!

Please feel free to call should you have any questions or concerns. I am at the school on Days 2, 3 and 5. Thank you !!

Dana Hanson
School Guidance Counsellor