



**Encouraging Everyone to Succeed**

# Erickson Elementary School

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Welcome back everyone and Happy New Year. I hope everyone had a great break and that everyone is refreshed and ready to work. January is a very busy month with lots happening.

We will be starting to skate on our rink next Tuesday (cross our fingers that the weather cooperates). A big thank you to

the Erickson Fire Department and especially the Geletchuks for flooding the ice numerous times over the holidays to make this possible. This will be a regular event taking place on Tuesdays and Thursdays, but feel free to use this rink at any time. We just ask that you don't leave any garbage behind. A permission form will be going home explaining the rules and expectations for skating. There is no cost to take part in this event.

Thanks to money received last year from the Chronic Disease Prevention Institute, we purchased some super saucers for our students to use on our sliding hill. Even with the lack of snow this year, our students have had lots of fun, and received some exercise in the process. Again, we consider our school a community gathering place and welcome people to come and use this hill whenever they choose. Be safe and get active!

Our school sign is finally here! A big thank you again to our sponsors and to Beatty's for drilling the holes and Rona for helping with their forklift. We hope this will be another way we can improve our communication with our community. On that note, next PAC meeting is Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012 here at the school.

Our school is taking part in a school-wide Bucket-Filling campaign. Our students will be recognizing each other for the great things that they do for one other. Coupons will be filled out and pinned to our "Big Bucket Bulletin Board". At the end of each week, a draw will be made and the winners will win a Friday Noon Hour with Mr. Edwards, either for a free gym, to watch a movie, or whatever the students choose. 10 students per week will be drawn, one week for our K-3's and the next week for 4 to 6's.

Our next Community Potluck Supper is on Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00. Have a great month and feel free to stop by any time.

Sincerely,  
Graham Edwards, Principal

**..we learn by teaching...**  
by James Howell

## BELL TIMES

- 8:55am—O'Canada
- 10:15am—AM Recess
- 11:50—Lunch / Noon Recess
- 1:50pm—PM Recess
- 3:15pm—Dismissal



Happy New Year! I hope everyone enjoyed the break.

Prior to the break the Kindergarten class learned all about Lena, as she was our first Star of the Week. This month we look forward to learning about Iverson, Robyn, Zoe, and Logan. Look for an "All About Me" poster that will be coming home prior to your child's special week.

Did anyone catch the Gingerbread Man? Prior to the break the K class were on a wild chase for the Gingerbread Men who hopped out of the oven leaving only clues for us to follow. In the end the Gingerbread Men escaped and left us only with some cookies to decorate and snack on.

In January we will be completing our look at the numbers 1 to 5 and moving onto Geometric Solids and Measurement late in the month.

As well, look for a Show and Tell Calendar that will be coming home. Each student has a day of the week that he or she can present an item to the class that matches the theme of that week. Please be sure to discuss with your child the item they are bringing prior to their "presentation." The class will be asking questions about the item that your child has brought.

Home reading books will continue to come home nightly. Please take the time to go through the book with your child as well as practicing the sounds in their sound books.

I look forward to hearing about what each student's snowman does at night this month as we write our 7<sup>th</sup> class book. I also hope that the "snowman weather" continues! Please ensure your child is dressed for the weather.

January book orders are due January 27<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. C



Happy New Year Everyone! What a great first day back from a fantastic holiday. Thank you very much for the lovely gifts and well wishes prior to the holiday, you're all very thoughtful.

The students started their day with a writing lesson from our Divisional Literacy Coach, Mr. Joe Stouffer and were excellent participants. He'll be joining us for a couple more days this week and again mid-January. We will be discussing and writing about Pets and the students have plenty to share on this topic. Ask them what ideas they have brainstormed for their writing piece.

In addition to focusing on writing in the classroom, we'll continue with our regular spelling program and literacy choices. Just a reminder to practice reading and writing the spelling words with your child nightly so they are confident and successful on the Friday tests." Just right" reading books will also be sent home nightly so be sure to have your child return them in their planners so they can be exchanged daily.

In Math we will continue with addition facts and learning about doubles and flips. We will be playing games with cards and dice to practice these skills and I encourage you to try the games at home as well.

In Science we'll continue to work on the five senses, and Social Studies and Health we'll also continue with the program "At My Best" to help every child thrive.

It's hard to believe its January it's been so nice, but please be prepared for colder weather it's on the way. Ski pants, toques, mitts, warm boots and coats will be a must later this week.

**Education is the  
movement from  
darkness to  
light.**

**~Allan Bloom**



Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a terrific Christmas break. Welcome back to Emma Catcheway. It's great to have you back in our classroom.

**Quick Tip:**  
Parents make  
the difference!

The new year brings new units of study in S.S. and Science/E.L.A. This week we started our Dinosaur unit by discussing and writing ALL the questions we have about dinosaurs. HURRAY!!!! We will be busy this month reading and re-searching the answers to the questions. Our S.S unit begins next week. We will be looking at the communities of Rolling River First Nation and Erickson. In Math, we continue working with numbers to 100 and continue to practise addition and subtraction facts to 18. Parents, please help your child check their planner for important notes and also help them practice their weekly Spelling words. Thanks.

We are really enjoying having Mr. Stouffer join our class. Mr. Stouffer is a "literacy coach" for Rolling River School Division. He has been helping our class with the Writer's Workshop area of the Grade 2 E.L.A. program. We can't wait to see what exciting writing activities he has us working on next week. Have a terrific week everyone!

S. Hall



National Red Scarf Day

January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012 is the Ladybug Foundation's National Red Scarf Day. We encourage everyone to participate by wearing red and bringing a monetary donation for the Foundation which seeks to diminish homelessness. We will be joining groups nation wide by walking a mile and learning about poverty and the issues around homelessness.

Donations can be brought to school or online for team "Rolling River School Division" at [www.ladybugfoundation.ca](http://www.ladybugfoundation.ca) (click on the National Red Scarf Day link)

Let's help the foundation and celebrate all that we do to make a difference in the lives of others.

Thanks for your support.



I hope everyone had a happy and safe holiday. The start of a new year is always exciting. Hopefully it doesn't take too long for all of us to remember to write 2012 as the date instead of 2011! I was very impressed with how well all of the students at EES performed at the Christmas concert and with the number of family members and friends that came out to enjoy the show.

We have a new student in our class, Ocean. Welcome to EES Ocean! We are also pleased to have Mr. Stouffer, the divisional Literacy Coach, visit our school to work with the grade 1-3 classrooms in Writer's Workshop. We have also started a new unit in math and we will be learning new addition and subtraction strategies and how to work with larger numbers. In Social Studies, we boarded an airplane and flew to Cambodia to study their culture.

We are continuing with the Words Their Way program in spelling. New spelling words come home each Monday and the students are quizzed on 10 of the words on Fridays or the last day of the week. It is important that they work with these words at home and at school. At home, the students can write out their words, sort them by vowel sounds or blends, write sentences with their words in them, or have someone at home give them a quiz. The work that they do in spelling will also help their reading, as they will be able to find their words in what they read and find the patterns from their spelling in new words.

Please send in a box of Kleenex with your child. Our supply is vanishing quickly in this cold and flu season. Also, book orders are due on Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

Until next time,  
Miss C. Newton

### **Follow seven steps to help your child prepare for math tests Are you teaching your child how to solve problems?**

Studying for a math test can be challenging for students. But there are ways to help your child do her best. Here seven steps to take before your child's next math test:

- 1. Review what will be covered** on the test with your child.
- 2. Look through homework** and quizzes and make sure your child can work the problems.
- 3. Have your child work** the problems at the end of the chapter.
- 4. Have your child tell** you the steps she is following to solve a problem. Often, this will help her see a step she may have missed.
- 5. Suggest she use different colors** when working a problem with many steps.
- 6. Play "Beat the Clock"** once your child understands how to work the problems. Working quickly and accurately is important in math.
- 7. Help your child get in the habit** of checking her work before she hands it in.


 WELCOME TO GRADE 4

Happy New Year to everyone and all the best in 2012. The students are well rested and happy to be back at school with their friends.

We will be starting a new novel this week *Strange Lake Adventure*. We did the test on *Mice at Center Ice*.

In Math we are reviewing Unit 2 and will begin Unit 3 Multiplication and Division Facts.

In Health we are studying Nutrition and Exercise to stay healthy.


In Science we are studying Natural changes in the environment and Human changes.

All the students in grade 4 signed up for volleyball for noon hour inter-murals.

Please have your child dress for the weather as it is getting cold. Thank you.

Until next time.

Miss D. Gaywish



SKATING PERMISSION  
FORMS HAVE GONE HOME .  
IF YOU ARE WANTING  
YOUR CHILD OR  
CHILDREN TO PARTICIPATE  
IN NOON HOUR SKATING  
PLEASE SIGN THE PERMISSION FORM AND  
RETURN TO THE SCHOOL ASAP.

ALL STUDENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO  
HAVE SKATES, SKI PANTS, MITTS, AND  
THEIR OWN HELMET TO  
PARTICIPATE.  
“NO PUCKS OR STICKS ON THE ICE”

**Q:** My six-year-old son just can't seem to control himself. If I tell him to clean up his room or start his homework, he loses his temper. And he doesn't just get angry—he dissolves into a full-blown tantrum. It's at the point where I just let him do whatever he wants because I don't want the battle. His teacher says his behavior isn't much better in school.

**A:** No one in your family—and especially not your son—can be happy with his current behavior. Your child needs limits to feel safe. And while he's young, he needs you to set the limits so that eventually he can learn how to control his own behavior.

Helping your child learn self-control is a slow process. But it's not too late to start. Here's how:

- **Give him words** he can use when he is feeling strong emotions. If he gets angry, he can say, “It makes me angry to have to turn off the TV.” Using these words should work as a signal to himself to stop, take a deep breath and calm down.
- **Prepare him** for difficult situations. Tell him he may be disappointed, but it's time to turn off the TV. Then ask, “What should you do? That's right, stop, take a deep breath and stay calm.”
- **Model this behavior** as well. Say, “I'm upset because that man cut me off in traffic. So I am going to take a breath and stay calm so I am in control.”
- **Praise him** when he stays in control. Remind him he is showing mature behavior, and that you are proud of him.

—Kris Amundson, *The Parent Institute*



## JANUARY HOT LUNCH MENU

Monday- grilled cheese, fries, fruit

Tuesday- cheeseburger, veggies, puff wheat cake

Wednesday - perogie day

Thursday- chicken fingers, rice, pudding

Friday- Pizza day

There will be no pizza day on Feb. 3rd



### YOGA WEDNESDAYS

12:15PM-12:35PM

Mrs. Lindsay

Learn to relax your mind and your body  
to help you feel calm and quiet; and ready to  
learn.

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER;

**JANUARY 16—PAC MEETING AT 7:00PM**

**JANUARY 20—JUMP ROPE FOR HEART KICK OFF**

**JANUARY 31— RED SCARF WALK**

**FEBRUARY — I LOVE TO READ MONTH**

**FEBRUARY 9 — COMMUNITY POTLUCK @ 6:00PM**



**Don't forget to check your child's day planners every night for important information coming home on upcoming events and notices that are going on in our school!**