



**Encouraging Everyone to Succeed**

# Erickson Elementary School

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September was a great month at Erickson Elementary School. The weather was fantastic, and there was a lot happening in the school. October is shaping up to be a very busy month as well. I would like to take this time to invite Erickson Elementary families out to our **Open House/Harvest Meal** which will be taking place on **October 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm**. This year we are doing things a little bit different than last year. We sent notes home requesting that families bring in their favourite dish, whether it is a main dish, salad, or a dessert. We are also requesting, in the name of sustainability, that families bring their own plates and cutlery. Coffee or juice will be provided. This will be a chance for you to have a great potluck meal, and meet your child's teacher. I hope everyone is able to make it out, it will be a great time.

Our milk program is well under way, and is proving to be very popular again this year. We have 18 students signed up for our milk program which costs \$10.00 for 20 milks. This works out to only \$.50 per milk. If students are not signed up for the program, they can still purchase milk each day at \$.75. A big thank you goes out to our grade 6 students for helping make this program happen.

As you know, swimming lessons were a huge success last year at Erickson Elementary School. Our parent advisory council was gracious enough to pay for the transportation costs (just over \$1900.00) associated with our school swimming lessons through fundraising. Our parent advisory council has been very busy fundraising for a new playground structure so this year, Erickson Elementary School has offered to be responsible for the fundraising for the swimming transportation costs. One of the major fundraisers that we will be doing is with Peak of the Market. We will be selling bags of vegetables for \$10.00, with \$5.00 from each bag going to the school or \$20.00 for a bag, with \$10.00 going to the school. This is a great value, and it is going directly to help our students get to swimming lessons. We will have a sample bag at our Open House on Thursday evening.

On the fundraising note, PAC is having a Beef on the Bun at the Credit Union on October 20<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 to 1:30.

With winter just around the corner, it is important we are prepared for some of the nasty weather that Mother Nature throws our way. To that end, we are requesting that all parents provide a contact in case of a school closure. If you have any questions regarding this, please feel free to give me a call.

Volunteers and visitors are always welcome at Erickson Elementary School. If you are visiting or volunteering, it is division policy that you stop by the office and sign in so we are aware of who is in the building in case of emergency.

Have a great October, a festive Thanksgiving weekend, and stop by anytime or give me a call if you have any concerns.

Sincerely

Graham Edwards

**..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



Wow! September really flew by! I can't believe it is already October!

Kindergartens worked hard last month learning the rules in school. We have practiced for a fire drill, intruders, and now are able to read our daily schedule. Kindergarten students wrote their first class book called "No Kindergarten!" and welcomed fall by making beautiful hand print leaves. We were also able to go on a leaf hunt and participate in the Terry Fox Walk. Please turn in your Terry Fox pledge sheets and dollars as soon as possible.

This month Kindergarten will be starting patterning and sorting, our first unit in the Math Makes Sense program. Please look for a letter coming home shortly for activities that you can do to support these concepts at home.

We have also started to learn letters and the sounds they make in the Jolly Phonics Program. Your child will be bringing home a sound book nightly to practice. Please ask your child what the letter's name is, and what sound it makes. Practice all letters included in the book every night. Your child will be using these letter sounds in their daily writing at school.

Please continue to check planners nightly for notes in the front pocket and on the day of the week! October's book orders will be due on Thursday Oct.20<sup>th</sup>.

**Dates to remember:**

October 10<sup>th</sup> – No School – Thanksgiving

October 20<sup>th</sup> – Book Orders Due

October 21<sup>st</sup> – No School – Inservice for Teachers

October 31<sup>st</sup> – Halloween – Note coming home later in the month

Thanks

Ms. Carlson



Read! Read! Read!

Our literacy choices are in full swing. Our Daily 5 choices include: Read to Self, Read to Other, Word Work, Independent Writing and Listening to a Reading. We're very thankful to the volunteer grade 6 students who join us every day for 10minutes to listen to us read, its fun and helping us stay on task.

You'll also notice that your child brings home the same text for several days in a row. It's very important for us to give them the opportunity to read familiar text that can be read easily. This allows children to "pull things together," focus on meaning, build fluency and phrasing in their reading. Please notice the new blue bookmarks going home too with helpful advice to guide them through their readings.

Last week's Terry Fox Run was held on such a beautiful day, we enjoyed the community path walk and I'd like to thank Dawson's Mom, Amanda McLaughlin, for joining us. I would certainly welcome any volunteers at anytime to join us in our learning adventure.

Tomorrow night is the Open House and I look forward to meeting you and having the students show off their classroom.

**QUICK TIP:**

Develop your child's  
identity with love  
and support.



Everyone in Grade 2 has settled in nicely and our classroom routines have been established. Thank you for helping your child with their weekly Spelling words and please continue checking and signing your child's planner. Our "Home Reading" program began last week. Please help your child by reminding them to keep their books in the large ZIPLOC bag to help protect them when they are being transported to and from school. Ask your child about what a "GOOD FIT" book is and please do continue listening to your child read. This is GREAT!!!

This week the students will be finishing their "APPLE ADVENTURE" stories. I can't wait to hear if "Astronaut Apple" makes it back to earth or if "Mr. Apple" gets out of the flower patch?????

A special thank you to Mrs. Shindruk for sharing the apples from her tree with us. They were DELICIOUS!!!

2 Reminders: Please bring your Terry Fox pledges in A.S.A.P. and Scholastic book orders are due this Wed., Oct. 5.

See you at Open House this Thursday.

Have a terrific week everyone and Happy Thanksgiving to all.

S. Hall



*Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!*



### **FROM THE GUIDANCE CORNER....**

WELCOME BACK EVERYONE!! It is so good to see such smiley faces again! I can't believe how much everyone has "sprouted – up" over the summer months!

For those of you that don't know me... I'm Dana Hanson the Guidance Counsellor. I am only at the school "Half-time." This year, I intend to be at the school on Days 1, 3 and 6. This does change once in a while, due to meetings and other events, but Nancy, our new secretary should always know my schedule. If you are trying to connect with me or track me down, just leave a message with her or email me and I will get back to you as soon as I can. My office is situated within the main office (across from the Principal's office.) Please feel free to talk to me anytime.

My role as School Counsellor is to provide a wide-range of services including counselling, prevention, guidance education and coordination. This may include individual or group counselling, teaching of social skills or guidance lessons within the classroom, a small group or school-wide. It also may offer social, emotional, mental, and / or behavioural support to students and families and involve coordinating student needs with school staff and/ or other service providers as needed. Guidance counsellors assist students in crisis situations, link students or families to resources when needed, participate in team and school planning, etc.

Anyone can make a referral. Students may refer themselves, teachers, staff, parents, guardians and/or outside agencies may also make a referral to the Guidance Counsellor. Please feel free to call me at the school or contact me by email should you have any questions or concerns. I look forward to another great year with everyone!!

Dana Hanson, B.A., B.S.W., R.S.W.

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*"Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind."*



The grade 3 class has had a very busy first month of school. We have been learning our classroom routines and expectations, as well as some of the roles that we play in our school. The Grade 3 class is responsible for collecting, sorting, and placing recycling items in the bins at our local recycling depot. So far the students have been doing an excellent job!

In math we have been working on our patterning unit. We should be finishing this unit up in the next couple of weeks. Be on the lookout in your child's planner for a notice regarding a unit math test. In ELA we have been learning the procedures of Daily 5, as well as enjoying many quick writing activities. We are beginning a new spelling program this week. There will no longer be words written in your child's planner - instead they will be in an envelope in the pouch. Students will be tested every week on only ten of the words in the pouch. They will not know ahead of time which ten words they will be, as the idea is to learn the pattern of the words, rather than memorize the words themselves.

Amber Sawchuk



Another season of skiing is fast approaching. The Riding Mountain Nordic Ski Club will once again offer Bunnyrabbit (3 to 5yo), Jackrabbit (6 to 9yo) and Track Attack (9 to 12yo) ski programs to help young skiers develop the skills necessary to enjoy cross country skiing and outdoor winter physical activity. This year, the Riding Mountain Nordic coaches will start the program earlier than previous years with some dry-land activities. The sessions will once again be held in Wasagaming on Saturdays from 10 until noon with about 3 weekend events (2 away). We will be holding a registration/information session on October 15th at 10AM at the Friends of Riding Mountain National Park's Learning Center at the junction of Columbine and Ta-Wa-Pit. If you have kids in the 3-5yo age, we'd appreciate your help with the younger kids. You can contact the coaches for more info. They are Sebastien Marcoux (848.7473, spoooux@gmail.com) and Kurt Mazur (636.7759, m@goinet.ca).

## NEWS FROM THE PAC (Parent Advisory Council)

### QUICK TIP:

Develop your  
child's identity with  
love and support.

The EES Parent Advisory Council has had its first meeting of this year. We are a group of parents that are interested in all things related to our school. Being a parent or a guardian of a child at our school makes you a member of the EES PAC. Our executive board consists of an assortment of positions – President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Fundraising Coordinator and Members at Large. We also enjoy the participation of our Principal and a Staff Representative.

Our Annual General Meeting will occur on Monday October 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at the EES Library. At this meeting, we will hear nominations for the executive positions and those positions will be filled by vote. We are always looking for interested individuals to attend the meetings, learn about what is going on at our school, have input into issues that face the school, staff and children. And we tend to have a lot of laughs along the way. Please come join us! If you are interested in an executive position, please call the school and they can put you in touch with one of the current board members to answer any questions you may have. We'd be really happy to welcome some new members!!

For more information regarding our activities, please check out our website at [eespac.wordpress.com](http://eespac.wordpress.com).

**The Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday October 17, at 7 Pm in the EES library. Everyone is welcome!**



## WELCOME TO GRADE 4

This month has been very busy hope everyone is settling into the routines of our classes and school. We were sad to see Jewel Paul move to Port St. John in B.C.. We wish her good luck at her new school. We were also sad to see Ms. T. Robinson move to Onanole school.

On September 21<sup>st</sup> we joined the high school, Onanole students and did a shoreline clean up in clear Lake. It was cold but we found many interesting items. Most of the items are dangerous to the wild birds and animals.

On September 27<sup>th</sup> we had our pictures taken and also our roof top picture of all the students in the school.

On September 29<sup>th</sup> we went on the Terry Fox walk. The grades 4-6 students went from the Viking Ship on to the Tran-Canada trail to #10 south. It was a beautiful day for a walk.

In Math we are working on Addition and Subtraction Equations and patterns.

In L.A. we are reading a novel Alisons Ghost.

In Science we are studying Bird Migration.

In Social Studies we are working on the Map of Canada putting on the provinces and capital cities.

News done by:

Owen Brandon and Lucas Beatty

Miss Gaywish



## Fundraiser INFO

Our school is making a **HEALTHY CHOICE** and fundraising by selling **Top Quality Manitoba Grown Vegetables!**

The Healthy Choice Fundraiser offers great profit margins for our school.

**We keep \$5 for every \$10 bundle sold and \$10 for every \$20 bundle sold.**

Those are great returns, but that's not all, with this fundraiser we're also...

- 🌱 Promoting healthy food choices
- 🌱 Getting fresh veggies at or below supermarket prices thanks to Peak of the Market who's distributing and delivering the vegetables at cost
- 🌱 Supporting local Manitoba farmers
- 🌱 Supporting your school's nutrition policy
- 🌱 Learning about new recipes using Manitoba vegetables from [peakmarket.com/recipes](http://peakmarket.com/recipes)


**Vegetables are conveniently sold in bundles & come in a recyclable shopping bag**

**Bundle A \$10**

**3lb Carrots**  
**3lb Yellow Cooking Onions**  
**5lb Red Potatoes**

**Bundle B \$20**

**5lb Carrots**  
**1lb Parsnips**  
**3lb Yellow Cooking Onions**  
**10lb Red Potatoes**  
**1 Head Green Cabbage**



## WELCOME TO GRADE 5

We are continually getting further and further along in the school year. The month of September has flown by and lots of exciting school activities have taken place. We are finishing up units in various classes.

Please remember to send gym clothing. Some still do not have all their gym clothing. Please check the planner daily, it has all kinds of classroom and school information and reminders put in it daily. Feel free to leave messages from home in the planner as well.

Frank Sokoloski

**Q: My son wants a cell phone. He says his friends all have them. I'm worried that he's not old enough for the responsibility. On the other hand, I would feel safer if I could call him. How young is too young? And how can I help him use technology responsibly?**

**A:** A cell phone can provide peace of mind and help your child learn to be responsible—if you stay involved and monitor his phone use carefully. Unsupervised cell phone usage can lead to many problems, including poor school performance. Consider these suggestions:

- **Explain that having a phone** is a privilege, not a right. With your son, review school policies involving cell phone use.
- **Start with a basic phone** without a camera, to avoid any chance of sending inappropriate photos.
- **Ask your cell phone carrier** to disable text messaging and Internet access capability until your son is ready. Review and use the parental safety controls.
- **Keep the phone charger** in your room, not his, so you can monitor his usage.
- **Talk about costs** and review the bill with your child at the end of each month.

As your son proves to be responsible, add text messaging—and discuss cyberbullying. Consider having an unlimited texting plan to avoid extra charges from incoming texts. Remind your child that his text messages may be forwarded to or viewed by others. When he reaches middle or high school, you'll know if he is ready to have phone Internet access.

—Kristin Amundson, *The Parent Institute*



Hello parents, students, and community members! Thank you to the parents who have been checking planners and signing them.

We have been working hard to settle in to the routines of stations and daily school life. The first group of 10 grade 5/6 students went to the care home last Thursday to meet the residents and tour the care home. Students will be visiting the care home every second school Thursday, with all students in both rooms having the opportunity to participate. We had a presentation on the 28<sup>th</sup> from local RCMP about drug safety. Students were given a book to review and share with parents, as well as an interactive DVD. There is a website given in the front cover of the book which students can access to write a quiz based on the information in the book. When the quiz has been completed successfully, the students receive a password to enter draws for prizes. Please take a few moments to discuss the information in the book with your child. We are also participating in Student Vote on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. To prepare for an informed vote, students are working through a booklet in class. There is homework for each lesson which involves discussing some politics at home with parents and guardians.

We are sad to say goodbye to Dawson, who is moving away. We'll miss him tremendously and wish him all the best.

As always, feel free to stop in for a classroom visit, email, or call any time!

Colleen Warrington

## **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER;**

**OCTOBER 6th—OPEN HOUSE/HARVEST POTLUCK at 6pm**

**OCTOBER 10th—NO SCHOOL / HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

**OCTOBER 21st—NO SCHOOL / PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY**

**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!**



**PICTURE DAY ORDERS ARE DUE BACK TO THE SCHOOL BY OCTOBER 13th.**