



Erickson Elementary School

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Encouraging Everyone to Succeed

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- Grade 4—Ms. Debra Gaywish
- Grade 5—Mr. Frank Sokolowski
- Grade 6—Mrs. Colleen Warrington
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..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

Dear Erickson Elementary School Families,

Welcome back everyone and an extra large "welcome" to those families who are new to Erickson Elementary. I am very excited to be back working with our future leaders. Children are our greatest natural resource. We take seriously our responsibility to nurture, protect and develop children to their fullest potential and thank you for your trust in us!

We have a few staffing changes this year. We would like to welcome Lisele Lindsay, who is our new grade one teacher, Nancy Miller, our new secretary, and Melissa Gaywish, who is returning as an EA.

Last year at Erickson Elementary we experienced many successes and this year we will build on those. We will continue to focus on Literacy. Reading Recovery will again be offered to help our students close the gaps in reading abilities and we will continue with fulltime Kindergarten this year in order to better prepare our students for grade one. This year our division has hired a literary coach to help our teachers and students reach the goal of having everyone at reading level by the end of grade 3. Feel free to come and discuss some of these changes, we always welcome discussions around education.

We are very fortunate to have an active, dedicated Parent Advisory Council that supports the instructional and enrichment programs at Erickson Elementary. We invite you to join the PAC and participate in their monthly meetings which focus on topics of interest to our parents. What parents value or believe defines what is important to their children. When you value education and believe it is important, so will your children. Our partnership with you in this shared value is critical. Your child's education is our priority!

September will be a very busy time for us with a number of events taking place. Please note that your child may discuss our Fire Drills and Lock Down Procedures with you. They are part of our emergency preparedness program that we must practice to maintain the safest environment possible for our students. If you have any questions or concerns regarding these procedures, please call the school.

A reminder about dropping and picking up your children. If you are dropping off your child in the East parking lot, please pull past the sidewalk to accommodate our busses and please do not leave your vehicle there for an extended time. Other options are parking on the road west of the school and either coming in the kindergarten doors or our front doors. If you are picking up your child from school please do not use our East parking lot, as this is where our busses park. Feel free to park on the road west of the school and either access the building through the southwest entrance or through the front of the building.

Erickson Elementary School welcomes and encourages school volunteers. If you would like to volunteer, either as a regular helper, or just for an occasional field trip, there are some forms you are required to fill out. These forms don't cost anything, but do require some time. Please don't let this discourage you, because volunteering in your son or daughter's school can be a very rewarding experience.

To better communicate with the community, Erickson Elementary will be installing an information sign at the front of our school. Last spring we sent out requests of sponsorship to help cover the cost of the sign and to offer businesses/groups a chance to show their support. We had an excellent response, but are still able to accommodate people if they would like to purchase an advertisement spot on our sign. Give me a call if you are interested. We are hoping to have the sign up by the end of October.

I have very high expectations for all of our students because *I truly believe that our future rests on their shoulders*. Our students are our future leaders. I expect for all students to take responsibility for every action they take. Our staff, parents, and community members are all working together to make this an exciting, safe and outstanding school year for all! On behalf of all our staff, I welcome you to back to school.

Sincerely,

Graham Edwards, Principal



Welcome to all of the new Kindergarten students at Erickson Elementary! A big thanks to parents for taking the time to bring in their eager Kindergarteners last week to meet with me and tour the school and classroom. I truly appreciate and value the one on one time to communicate with parents and students prior to the students first day as a class.

This month the Kindergarten class will be focusing on the rules at school, how to play safe, and we will be learning all about each of the students in the class. We have started our "Growth Books" which will show student's growth and achievements throughout the year.

At the end of the month we will begin our theme on fall, focusing on colors, changes in trees, and patterning. Look for information at the end of the month in your child's planner on how you can support your child's growth in these skills through everyday activities at home.

Students will also be composing our first class book this month called "No Kindergarten." After reading David Shannon's book "No David" we will create our own story book focussing on the rules in Kindergarten.

This month we will also be practicing fire drills and intruder drills. Please speak to your child at home about these drills as often they are frightening and confusing for students.

Continue to check your child's planner nightly for messages, forms and due dates!

Thanks
Ms. Carlson



Our first school week has come and gone and we've had a great time getting to know one another. We have 17 very enthusiastic grade 1 students working hard to learn their new classroom routines. As a class we've established four very important "Happy Classroom Rules".

1. **Be a good listener!**
2. **Be nice to others!**
3. **Work quietly!**
4. **Do your best!**

In Language Arts we're building stamina for our self-read and are up to 7 minutes. Grade 2's invited us into their classroom to witness what a great self-read class looks like. We were very impressed with how quietly and focused all of the students were and are working hard to do the same. We've also learned three ways to read a book independently. We can read the words, read the pictures or retell the story. While the students are busy reading, Mrs. Lindsay gets to read with individual students or with a small group, it's great! We're working hard to practice our "Just Right" books at home too, so that when we work with Mrs. Lindsay we can read our best for her.

In Math we've started our Math Journals including our number of the day. We can't wait to get to 100 days of school because we'll be having a 100th day of school celebration.

In Science we're learning about Living Things and Social Studies our focus is "All About Me!"

For our first week of school, we've sure learned a lot!
Lisele Lindsay
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QUICK TIP:
Develop your child's
identity with love
and support.



Welcome everyone to another exciting year at E.E.S. There are 18 Grade 2s in our classroom- 8 boys and 10 girls. The first 3 days have been spent learning new classroom rules and routines, sharing stories about the summer break and beginning new units of study.

For the month of September, the Grade 2's will be working on an Apple Theme. The students have been asked to bring an apple to school. We will be using the apples for a Math activity and a writing activity.

A reminder to parents to please sign and/or initial your child's planner every day. The planner is a terrific way for us (parents and teachers) to communicate. Also, please feel free to call me if you have any questions or concerns.

Our weekly Spelling/Word Work practise began this week. The students have their words in their planners. Please encourage your child to practise the words by:

- saying the words on the list
- using the words in a sentence
- writing them on a piece of paper

The Spelling tests will be on Friday of each week.

Our home reading program will begin in September. Watch for a special note in your child's planner later this month.

Have a terrific week everyone.

4-H Meeting at E.E.S.

Our 4-H Multi-purpose Club will be having an organizational meeting. 4-H is an international youth and volunteer organization. Anyone who is the age of 8-19 years old as of January 1st of 2011 may become a 4-H member. Our club meetings will be once a month from October to April. If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a 4-H member or would like to join 4-H again this year, there will be an organizational meeting on Monday, September 19th at 7:00 p.m. at Erickson Elementary School.

***PLEASE NOTE: 4-H is a child/parent partnership, therefore parents MUST attend ALL meetings with their child/children.

S. Hall

"The optimal way to value your child: Discover your child's assets and strengths and spend time encouraging and emphasizing them."

**Kevin Lemman
Psychologist**



Hello and welcome back to school! I hope that everyone had a fun filled summer vacation! I am very excited to have an awesome group of Grade 3 students this year. So far we have been doing some introductory activities in our classroom. We have started our ELA program Daily 5, are just beginning our patterning unit in math, and will be beginning our science and social studies units this week.

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Our first week of school we welcomed student teacher Ms. Kienas to our classroom. She joined us for just a few days, and will be returning for five weeks in October.

In Grade 3 we use our planners for spelling words, notes home, and reminders to students on homework, upcoming events, or reminders of items or ideas that they need to bring with them to school. Please remember to check your child's planner for any of these reminders, and feel free to use the planners as a way to communicate with me. I look forward to working with the Grade 3 students for the remainder of my time this year.

Amber Sawchuk
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EES Pride Wear information will be coming home at the end of the month. Please make sure you check your child's planners for ordering information!



**THE MILK PROGRAM HAS
STARTED!
CHOCOLATE/WHITE MILK
BEING SOLD EVERY DAY!**

\$0.75 EACH

\$10.00 FOR 10 MILKS



HOT LUNCHES HAVE

STARTED!

**HOT LUNCHES will be
served**

Monday thru Friday at

\$4.00 per meal.

Or you can purchase a Food Card

\$15.00 = 5 meals

or \$30.00 = 10 meals.



Welcome to new students and teaching staff. The weather has been very good the first week of school.

We have 16 students in our class. Our first week we practiced fire drills. Every second Friday we are allowed to chew gum in the afternoon we think this is awesome. We had gym with our new gym teacher Mr. Edwards. We started on our first Unit in Math, Science, and Spelling and we did art today.

We the grade 4's are enjoying being on the other side of the school.

By: Amanda McKay

Aiden Sam

Ms. Gaywish



I would like to welcome everyone back. I hope everyone had a great summer.. We have 15 students this year in Grade Five. Please make sure that gym clothing comes next week. Gym clothing is required.

Please read and sign our Daily Planner. The Planner has all the news and events that are happening in our classroom as well as any homework that might need to be done. Feel free to respond back to the classroom through the planner.

Frank Sokoloski

Grade 5 News

In school we are doing Social Studies, Science, Reading, Math, Math Skills, Poetry, and Spelling.

We are doing some things with the Grade Six class.

Kids in our classroom had lots of fun this summer. Jenna went to Cape Breton, that is by Nova Scotia. She also went to PEI, New Brunswick, and South Dakota. Amber went to Vancouver to get heart surgery and it went well. Elizabeth went to Nova Scotia. Trinity said she had the best summer ever. McKenzie went traveling. Madison went camping a lot. Meagan went swimming, camping and played with her friends. Jude and Jeremiah had an awesome summer. Kody says his summer was the best best ever. He did lots of awesome things. Rene said he played lots of video games and had lots of fun playing outside. Alex had a great trip to the USA. He says he will tell us all more about it later. Sekoya says she had a wonderful summer and just was a kid having fun. Kiera did lots of swimming. Cassidy did lots of things with horses and had a very very good summer. We are doing some fun activities with the Grade 6 class this year. It looks like it is going to be lots of fun.

Amber French and Liz Preisinger

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Kevin Leman
Psychologist



Hello and welcome to a new school year! I have called each family just to say hello and answer any questions you may have about the school year so far. If you didn't get a chance to speak with me on the phone last week, please feel free to contact me any time to discuss any question or concerns you may have, assignments, student progress, or to let me know your child will not be in school. My home phone number has been recorded in the contacts section of your child's planner. I also check my email regularly and can be contacted via the email link provided on the Rolling River School Division website. A very warm welcome to our new students Matthew and Noah.

Parents, please check your child's planner every evening and initial it to let me know you have done so. I check the students' planners each day to see if there are any messages from home.

I am very excited about the organization of the grades five and six instructional time this year. We are still settling in to routine and getting the system up and running. I encourage you to come visit our school to see our day in action! Students in grade 5 and 6 will be taught by Mr. Sokoloski and myself, except for Music, Phys. Ed., and Saulteaux. Each student will be working towards meeting the curricular outcomes of his/her grade, however, instruction will be happening in small group settings rather than a whole class approach.

The following is a note taken from our Math Makes Sense program about the first Grade Six unit:

Your child's class is starting a mathematics unit on patterns and equations. Patterns occur in nature, art, and many everyday activities. They can be described using numbers, words, symbols and models. Equations are an important way of stating mathematical relationships. Analysing patterns and balancing equations are important skills that help develop your child's number sense and algebraic reasoning.

In this unit, your child will:

- Find a pattern rule for a number pattern.
- Identify, extend, and create patterns.
- Describe the same pattern in many ways.
- Use patterns to solve problems.
- Create a graph to represent a number pattern.
- Preserve the balance in an equation by making the same change to each side of the equation.

Patterns occur in many forms. We find them in fabrics, price lists, growth charts, and sports schedules. By drawing your child's attention to the patterns that occur in everyday life, you can help to foster her or his mathematical thinking.

I am looking forward to an exciting year!

Mrs. Warrington

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER;

**SEPTEMBER 21 & 22—VISION AND HEARING SCREENING
(Kindergarten, Grades 1, 3 & 5's)**

SEPTEMBER 27—PICTURE DAY

SEPTEMBER 28—TERRY FOX RUN

**PLEASE KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR INFORMATION COMING
HOME REGARDING OUR OPEN HOUSE IN SEPTEMBER!!!**

