



Erickson Elementary

December 15, 2008

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Dec. 17—Kids Can Shop

Dec. 19—Last Day of School

Jan. 5—First Day of School after Christmas Break Grades 1-6. Ks will come on Tuesday, January 6.

January Calendar on back of newsletter.

Good Day

What fantastic supports students received last Thursday evening at the Christmas Concert. Students delivered their renditions of Christmas Around the World in fantastic ways. It was an excellent way to get a tiny taste of different cultural traditions. Thank you to students, family, and staff for your support.

A thank you is extended to those who contributed to the Christmas Food Hamper. Food donated goes to families within the area who need that little extra support.

Beginning in the New Year, Grade 3 students will begin the year with a new teacher. Ms. J. Carlson has been meeting with Mrs. McInnis going over curricula and getting to know students. We welcome Ms. Carlson to the staff of Erickson Elementary.

Also in the New Year, Mrs. Lindsay will be heading off on new adventures with her family. Starting January 5th, 2009, the first day back after Christmas break, Ms. Newton will be teaching Language Development. We also welcome Ms. Newton to our school.

Mrs. McInnes will once again try out retirement in the New Year. The students and Mrs. McInnes have had a great 4 months. Thank you for being a part of Erickson Elementary School.

Mrs. Lindsay's bright smile and uplifting and positive thoughts will be missed from E.E.S. Thank you for all you have done for students, parents, and staff.

Have a fun, fantastic, fabulous holiday season !

Mrs. K. Slashinsky

Kindergarten News

We made a class book called **I Can** and this is what the children said they could do:

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| Ariana can skip rope. | Clayton |
| can vacuum. | |
| Katie can ride a bike. | |
| Deanna can draw Spongebob. | |
| Selena can brush her dog, Samson. | Kerry can |
| play the game Snowboard. | |
| Desiree can ride a bike. | Sage can |
| skate. | |
| Payton can play his Playstation 3. | Sarah can |
| make her dog, Ginger, sit. | |
| Ashton can drive quads. | Malik can |
| ride his bike. | |
| Tiona can make a sandcastle. | |
| Haylee can rake leaves. | |
| Drayden can ride his bike. | Kyra can |
| skate. | |
| Nolan can play hockey. | Blair can |
| build houses with blocks. | |
| Denika can color. | Kate can |
| skate. | |
| Dakota can ride horses. | Shanielle |
| can skip. | |

Have a wonderful Christmas break with your family and friends.

Mrs. Topham

Grade 1 News

Wow! What a wonderful concert we had. The students were awesome.

The students wrote their letters to Santa and we also wrote letters to be published in the South Mountain Press.

The topic for Grade 1 was: What I want from Santa.... These will be published in the December Issues.

We will be having our Christmas lunch on Friday, Dec. 19.

We will be shopping for small gifts on Wednesday, Dec. 17 at the High School.

I asked the students what they were going to do during their holidays and this is what they said:

Lucas B	Go skijoring with my brother Darren
Orlene B	Play out side in the snow
Owen B.	Go visit my Uncle in Yorkton
Seth D.	Read and go tobogganing
Gage G.	Go bowling with my family
Cove G.	Go sliding with my cousin
Marissa K.	Open presents
Ryan K.	Boxing Day is my favorite day I go skidooring with my family
Seren M.	Go skating on the lake.
Amanda M.	Go sliding
Jocelyne M.	Play with my dolls and my sisters.
Kaitlyn M.	Open presents and visit family in Saskatchewan.
Hanna P.	Go visit Auntie and Uncle in Winnipeg.
Jewel P.	Have 3 Christmas'
Natasha S.	Decorate the tree.
Bowen W.	I'm going tobogganing and make snow forts.
Caryssa W.	Open presents and go sliding with my brother.
Errica W.	I'm going to visit my Grandma and stay in a hotel.

Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year to Everyone

D. Gaywish

Grade 3 News

We have spent the past few weeks working on a Christmas theme, both in Language Arts and Math.

I am sending home the children's binders with samples of their work from Sept. to Dec. This

work may stay at home but please return the binder.

The students' performance at the Christmas Concert was great. Many thanks to Mrs. Sheeshka for teaching the dance and language as well as supplying some of the costumes. It was very much appreciated.

Teaching your children has been a wonderful experience for me.

Mrs. McInnes

Grade 2 News

I hope you enjoyed the Christmas concert last Thursday night. We really enjoyed working with the Grade 1s to give you a look at some of the Christmas traditions in Mexico. Well done Grade 1s and 2s and BRAVO to all the students. Thank you to everyone who helped make our concert a success and a special thank you to Betty for ALL the volunteer work you do at our school. You are truly amazing. This week we will be finishing up our novel called "The Best Christmas Ever", sharing our own holiday writing activities, and completing all the Math Tub activities. A few things to note: 1. Your child will be choosing their own Christmas Spelling words this week 2. "Kids Can Shop" is this Wednesday. We will be walking to the High School in the morning, Please remind your child to dress warmly. 3. Our Christmas Party is this Wednesday. This is a snack sharing party at 2:00. Your child needs to bring a noon lunch. 4. The students do not have Reading Log homework this week. We will begin again in the new year. Wishing everyone a safe and happy Christmas break.

S.Hall

Grade 4 News

The Christmas concert on December 11 was a great hit. Reginald P. Snob (Avery) and his lovely wife Victoria (Lacy) were awesome. We're done Alison's Ghosts. We're half way done the school year. We're starting multiplying books #1, #2, and #3. Some people are not done addition and subtraction. In Roots of Empathy we finished our unit on crying and started our unit on diapers.

By Maia and Jaime N.

Grade 5 News

It's hard to believe that Christmas Break is already here! Congratulations to the students for such an outstanding job in the Holiday Program. You guys did a fantastic job! It was wonderful to see all grade 5 students participate and attend the evening program. Keep on the lookout for a note home in the planner regarding our Christmas party. See you in 2009!

Grade 6 news

We have been very busy getting ready for the Christmas Program. It has been exciting to learn a song in Chinese. In our math class we are studying large and small numbers. We are also doing measurement. Our class novel Egghead is getting very interesting. Mrs. Warrington reads a chapter almost every day to the class and then we do a reading journal entry. We are looking forward to the Christmas break. Talk to you again in 2009!

by Trevor French

Language Development

Well I guess the time has come for me to bid everyone farewell. I can't believe how quickly the time has flown by. As of Friday, my family and I will be new residents of Russell, MB. Although I'm looking forward to a new adventure, I'm very sad to be leaving behind a school and students I have enjoyed working with so much. It has truly been a pleasure to work at Erickson Elementary and I will miss you all.

I wish everyone a fabulous Holiday Season and all of the best in the New Year!

Mrs. Lindsay