



# Erickson Elementary

**JANUARY 14, 2008**

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**JAN. 28-31-ARTIST IN THE SCHOOL**

**JAN. 29 & 31-KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FROM 9 A.M. TO 3 P.M. Please bring birth certificate and immunization card to be photocopied.**

**JAN. 23 & 30—PEROGIES AT CANTEEN.**

**Welcome to 2008!**

The first part of the school year, 2007, has vanished, and we are now into the second half. I am looking forward to many fun, educational activities during the rest of this school year. I take this opportunity for a few reminders:

If you are picking up your child at the end of the day, please park in front of the church next to the school. This is for safety reasons. I have seen children dash across the street, without using the crosswalk and not looking before they cross.

Please make a note in the planner or phone the school before last recess if your child is not following the normal routine at the end of the day. For example, your child is going to a friends house or an after school activity. Thank you for your assistance. Once again, this is for safety reasons of students.

K. Slashinsky

PassPort to Success

“PASS stands for parents Ensuring Student Success. The word itself means an opening or road through rough terrain, marking the way to a certain destination. PASS shows parents the passageway to improving their children’s education.”

The program focuses on two main parts. The first part teaches parents what it takes to become an efficient learner. The second part gives parents the opportunity to acquire skills in teaching and reinforcing critical

study habits at home.

All the workshops focus on seven study skills you can teach your child at home. You will learn simple ways to teach these study skills.

Workshop Schedule

1. Developing an Attitude That Encourages Student Learning
  2. The Home Environment
  3. Study Skills
  4. Homework and Learning Expeditors
  5. Note-Taking Skills
  6. Preparing for Tests
  7. Memory and Thinking Skills
- Reading Skills

Two workshops will be combined each session. The following dates have been set up:

Workshops 1 and 2 – January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008

Workshops 2 and 4 – February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Workshops 5 and 6 – March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008

Workshops 7 and 8 – March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008

The above workshops will be held in the library at Erickson Elementary School. They will go from 6:30 – 8:00 PM. Coffee and dainties will be served. See you then!

Mrs. K. Slashinsky

OPEN GYM

Once again Open Gym will be made available to Grade 4–6 students from 3:30–4:30. Dates for Open Gym are listed below. Reminders will be published in future newsletter as well as posted on the calendar at school.

In keeping with our policy, if your child will be staying for Open Gym, a note in the planner is required, giving permission for your child to attend.

January 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>, and March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup>.

Happy New Year!

Our new year has begun and we will continue to Read, Read, Read in the Language Development classroom. You may have noticed that your child is occasionally taking home a book they have already read. Repeated exposure to text is an excellent way to practice familiar and unfamiliar words. So the next time your child asks you to read their favorite story for the umpteenth time, know that it is benefiting their reading skills.

Stay Warm,  
Mrs. Lindsay

### **KINDERGARTEN NEWS**

Happy New Year! It is great to be back and we eagerly welcome Miss Huntinghawk back to the classroom. We have really missed her. The month will pass quickly by because we are going to be so busy.

In Social Studies we will be learning about helpers in the school and the community. Hopefully there will be some guests who can visit us.

In Math we will be comparing objects based on weight and we will continue learning our numbers.

In ELA we will learn the letters J, W, I and B and the sounds that they make. We will be doing lots of practice listening for the beginning sounds of words. This is a hard skill to learn so practicing at home or in the car is a great idea! If you have access to the internet then a great website is [starfall.com](http://starfall.com). Children practice letter recognition and beginning sounds in a fun format.

Our Home Reading continues and I really encourage all parents/guardians to read the book 3 or 4 times with your child and have them retell the story to you. Comprehension is a very important part of reading, so even do it with the bedtime stories.

Anytime some work comes home in your

child's planner please take a few minutes and go over it with them. They will love to show you their work and you will know what was covered that day in school.

If you ever have any questions then please call the school so we can talk.

Corinne Topham

### **GRADE 1 NEWS**

Happy New Year to everyone. The students were excited about getting back to school and seeing their friends.

In L.A. we are doing Guided Reading, Spelling, Writing in our writer's workshop and phonics.

In Math we continue to study time and we have started on money -identifying coins and their value.

In Health we are starting the Unit on Nutrition.

In Science we are finishing Our Senses.

Have a great week.

D. Gaywish

### **Gr.2 News**

Happy New Year to everyone!! It's great to be back and into a routine again. We have started a new theme in E.L.A. -We Dig Dinosaurs.

We will be reading , writing and learning much in the next 7 weeks about these reptiles from long ago. Our next unit in Science is called "All About Animals". More on this theme in the next newsletter. Just a reminder to parents to please check your child's planner and initial it each night . Thank you for continuing to work with your child on the various homework assignments. Have a super week !

S.Hall

### **Grade 3 News**

Happy New Year to you and your family!

We are busy in Grade 3:

- Math test Fri. Jan 18 on adding and subtracting with 2 and 3 digit numbers; including regrouping
- Book Orders are due on Jan 18
- We have started the novel study Because of Winn-Dixie
- our theme in ELA is dogs and our booklet "It's a Dog's World" is due on Jan. 28
- We are continuing with Structures in Science and Nutrition in Health; Guided Reading groups, Buddy Reading, handwriting, and so much more
- Spelling this week is Lesson 17 and the following week is Lesson 18
- a reminder that Spelling stories are due on Thursdays, and sentences on Fridays
- Twas booklets will be in your child's backpack on Friday when they get home from school. Please return on Monday
- Home Reading is sent home on Monday and is to be returned the following Monday.
- Thank you for checking the planners and initially them.

Mrs. Parrott

### **GRADE 4 NEWS**

I hope everyone had a great Christmas Break. We have started a few new things in our classroom.

We have started Multiplying in Math. It is important the students learn their times tables.

We have completed Book 1 and are moving onto Book 2 in Multiplying.

We are starting a Novel called "Alison's Ghost". We are doing a novel review with the unit, so the class might have some nightly homework.

We have started some new reading stories and a new Spelling Unit#13 and Steck Vaughn#13

Please make sure you look in the planner every night, it has any homework that needs to be done for the next day and classroom messages that need to get home.

Frank Sokoloski

### **Grade 5**

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a very good break and is now refreshed for the second term. We began the new year with many firsts. There was a new seating plan, new Grade 1 reading buddies, and a new sport in Gym-basketball. This month we will study and complete the following:

Guided Reading booklets– The Ice Hotel, First Aid, and Underwater Treasures.

Six Writing Traits– Begin the 4th trait called Word Choice.

Math– Complete the unit on Division. There will be a test later this month.

Social Studies-Complete the early explorers and begin the colonization of New France.

Health– Complete the study of Nutrition with a guest speaker coming to the class.

Spelling– Begin Lesson 16 this week.

French– Begin the theme "Les T-shirts". Watch out for the painted t-shirts later this month.

Reading-Read those library books. There's a book review at the end of the month.

Enjoy the month and all the best for the rest of the year. Mrs. G. Whaley

## Grade Six

Congratulations to Kaylea Amyotte who completed a term of Later Literacy with Mr. Lamb and increased her reading level one whole grade level! His new class includes Owen, Lynaya and Bobbi who read each night and share their reading with Mr. Lamb and work on it. The rest of the class also reads on a nightly basis with a Comprehension Homework Program. Parents are signing that the work is done and we are correcting and scoring it each morning.

Other activities that we are working on include the continuing planning for the Wellness Day, an ITC Project with S.S., an Art/Health Drug Awareness Poster, a classroom presentation of the novel, House of Wooden Santas, and our regular studies.

We are looking forward to the many school activities that begin soon, such as the Artist in the School, I Love to Read Month, a Book Fair, Jump Rope for Heart, Canfar (AIDS Awareness) and later spring activities involving Historica Fair and Music activities. Before you know it, spring will be here!

