



Erickson Elementary School

NEWSLETTER

Graham Edwards, Principal

Encouraging Everyone to Succeed

December 22, 2010

Principal's Message

On behalf of all Erickson Elementary staff and students, I would like to wish everyone a safe and fulfilling holiday season. Thank you to all that were able to come to our Christmas Celebration. We appreciate your support. A big thank you goes out to our PAC for providing the dainties and the Erickson Chamber of Commerce for providing the Santa snacks. Classes resume on Thursday, January 6th.

On Tuesday, December 21, our students took part in the annual "Kids can shop" at Erickson Collegiate. A big thank you goes out to Erickson Collegiate staff and students for providing this opportunity. This act of giving is what Christmas is all about. Enjoy your holiday and I look forward to seeing Everyone in the New Year.

Sincerely, Graham Edwards, Principal

Kindergarten

Kindergarten students have been excitedly counting down the days until Christmas while reading our morning message this month and watching the date draw nearer on our calendar. It's hard to believe that we are days away from winter break.

Congratulations to all of the Kindergarten students on their wonderful performance at the Christmas concert on Monday evening. We

received many compliments on the student's singing and acting of Jingle Bells and Frosty the Snowman.

This month the Kindergarten class started a new writing book called weekend news. Every Monday students draw and write about something that they did on the weekend. Students are being encouraged to sound out the words that they are writing and are doing an excellent job on their pictures! Every Friday students also complete a TWAS (This Week at School) entry in their writing journals.

In December students also created salt dough tree ornaments that will be brought home on the last day of school.

Students also enjoyed several versions of The Gingerbread Man story. On Wednesday we will be baking gingerbread cookies and hope that they will stay in the oven!

In January your child will begin to bring home books to read to you for our home reading program. A letter containing information about expectations will be sent home following the school break.

As we have finished our Jolly Phonics program the Kindergarten students will now begin working with words in the morning. We will play with letters and sounds to create words used in our writing. A note will go home in the new year to indicate which letter sounds your child is struggling with.

I hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas. See you in the New Year!

Ms. Carlson

Grade 1 News

I wish everyone a happy and safe holiday.
See you in the new year.

D. Gaywish

Grade 2 News

I hope everyone enjoyed the Christmas Concert. The Grade 1s, 2s, and 3s really enjoyed performing for you. Our Christmas party is tomorrow. Just a reminder, the Snack Sharing Party begins at 2:00 so your child will need to bring their regular noon lunch. Thank you in advance for the treats you sent for our Snack Sharing Party tomorrow. Just a reminder that our party begins at 2:00 so your child will need to bring their noon meal.

We have really enjoyed having Miss Smith in our classroom. She has been student teaching at E.E.S. in Grade 2 for the last 5 weeks. We will really miss her however....the good thing is....she will be coming back for 6 more weeks beginning in March 2011. HURRAY!!!!

I can't wait for January. The Grade 2s begin a new unit of study-DINOSAURS!!!!

Wishing everyone a safe and happy Christmas holiday. Happy New Year to all.

S. Hall

Grade 3 News

Thanks to all those who came out to Christmas Concert last night! What a show! December has been a very exciting month with snow days, kids can shop, Christmas Concert and lots of Christmas activities in the classroom! Grade 3 has just finished our units on number sense, and are starting a new math unit on addition and subtraction. Look for a letter in the

New Year explaining some on the different math activities that we will be working on. We are also busy learning about India, as we are trying to raise money for a school to buy desks and chairs for its' students. We are continuing are ELA program Daily 5, as well as doing many interesting Christmas writing activities. Merry Christmas to everyone, and I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year!!
Mrs. Sawchuk

Grade 4 News

Merry Christmas

On Wednesday the 22nd our class is having a Christmas party!

Feel free to bring snacks for the class. Some of our classmates will be traveling
But most of them will be staying home with their family.

Our class just finished the story of Peter Pan. Most of us did not expect that he was that evil. Mr. Sokoloski photocopied the pictures from the book
And we listen to the story and we numbered them and cut them out and glued them on.

Thanks to all the Parents that came with their kids to the Christmas concert.
All the classes had wonderful singing. Mrs. McLenehan taught the school very well. We hope you next year.

Happy Holidays
Madison and McKenzie

Grade 5

We are working on division in Math. We are learning different strategies for 3-digit by 1-digit division. In ELA we are listening to Fable Haven and writing chapter summaries. It is a very interesting fantasy novel. We are also writing stories for our Grade 1 reading buddies. We are excited to share our stories with them. We have finished our Maintaining a Healthy Body unit in Science by completing our Action Heroes. Our next unit will be Properties of And Changes In Substances.

Thank you for coming to our Christmas Concert. It was very fun to perform our songs and to watch the other grades perform. Thank you Santa and the grade 5 elves for handing out treat bags to the kids.

Today we have the opportunity to go shopping for our family at Kids Can Shop at the high school. Thank you for all your donations.

Kacey and Bobbi Rae

Grade 6 News

We hope everyone had a wonderful time at our Christmas concert. We enjoyed preparing for it. We would like to thank those who donated coats toward "Coats for Families." It was successful and we hope everyone will stay warm this winter. Any left over coats will be taken to the Samaritan House in Brandon.

On December 22, the last day of school, our class will be having a Christmas party. Food and drink items are welcome. Just a reminder, please do not bring gifts for friends to school, as we are not doing a gift exchange in our classroom. To avoid hurt feelings, please exchange gifts with friends outside of school.

When we return in January we will be having a GYM BLAST with the high school. The exact date will be set after the holidays. Try to have a shirt for your team's color.

Two students in our class won prizes from the Remembrance Day poster contest sponsored by the Legion. Kaylee Smith and Emily Scramstad received their prize money from local Legion members at our assembly on Monday.

We are becoming very excited and look forward to the Christmas break. We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday with friends and family. Please note that we will be returning to school on Thursday January 6th.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR !!!!!

By Emily, Avery, and Jocelyn

