



# Erickson Elementary

**January 18, 2010**

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**Jan. 19-HPV/HEP needles**

**Jan. 20-Virtual Realities-Erickson Elementary at 7:00 p.m.**

**Jan. 27- Parent Group Meeting—7:00 p.m.**

**Jan. 29-NO SCHOOL—INSERVICE DAY**

**Winter Olympics at EES**

We represented the Canadian Winter Olympic Games on January 8, 2010.

When we first started organizing the Winter Olympics celebration at EES, all 8 events were to be outside. As the week progressed, changes were made, from 4 activities outside and 4 inside, to all 8 activities inside – due to the weather.

The ceremonies began with Thomas running into the gym with the “Olympic Torch” and completing one lap. A brief introduction about the Winter Olympics followed the running of the torch and then the games began.

In community groups students competed or tried out eight different mini-Olympic games. The grade 6 students were captains of each group. The various activities included: Milk Jug Curling, Hockey, Olympic Poster, Olympic Charades, Bean Bag Skating Relay, Pass the Ice ball, and Word Fill-in/Word search.

All students enjoyed participating in the various events and being an active part of celebrating the Olympic Torch Relay run.

Thomas, Lesley, and Mrs. Slashinsky

**Olympic Torch Relay in Minnedosa**

We left EES at 2:05 to go to Minnedosa to see the Olympic Torch Run. There were floats which people were dancing on. People cheered as the Torch passed by. We did not see the torch passed on to another person but we saw them jogging with the torch and some students even got high fives. We arrived back to EES at 3:20, just in time to head home.

Thomas and Lesley

**Skating**

A reminder that students who wish to participate in skating on Tuesday and Thursday need try on their skates at home and ensure they fit☺ We do have extra helmets for those students who do not have helmets. Students do need to sign-up. Once again it would be appreciated if there were parents that could come and assist students getting ready to skate at the rink.

Mrs. K. Slashinsky

**Grade 1 News**

I hope everyone is enjoying the warm weather we are having. Thank you to Mrs. Slashinsky, Mrs. Warrington and the grade 6 class for planning the mini-olympic activities they were great!

Belated Birthday greetings to Blair D. and Sarah C. who had their birthdays in December. Happy Birthday greetings to Tiona S. she celebrated her Birthday on Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> and to Shanielle C. who will be 7 on Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>.

In math we continue to work on adding and subtraction and starting to write number stories.

In science we continue to work on The Senses.

In health we are finishing Dental.

In Social Studies we are starting Our Community Reminder: Please send your child with extra mitts as their mitts get wet when the weather is so warm. We also need 2 l. milk jugs or milk cartons.

Until next time. D. Gaywish

### **Kindergarten News**

Our first few weeks back have been really productive for us. I am really proud of how hard the children are working!

We will be visiting the post office on Jan.22 and the hospital on Jan.26 as part of our unit on Community Helpers. We will need some extra hands for these visits so if you can help please send a note in your child's planner.

I am still looking for decks of cards to be used in Math. Please drop them off at the school if you have any to spare!

Birthday wishes go out to Ryan, Emma and Kaelyn who are turning 6 this month! Enjoy the great weather!  
C. Topham

### **Grade 2 News**

The Grade 2s are well into their dinosaur theme and have been reading and discovering many interesting facts about these reptiles from long ago. Special thanks to Betty for sharing the book "If You Give a Dinosaur a Bone".

In Science we have had a "look" into the animal mystery box and have recorded the characteristics of reptiles, fish, mammals and amphibians.

In Math we have been working on addition/subtraction facts and also have been practicing making groups of 10, using doubles and adding or subtracting 1 or 2 from a number.

Besides the regular reading homework, the students have Math homework this week. It is due this Thursday.

Have a terrific week everyone and enjoy the beautiful, almost spring-like weather.

S. Hall

### **Grade 4**

It is that time of the year for the Grade 4's to start memorizing the times tables. I sent home the times tables on flash cards so they can be practiced every night. The next week we will be doing the 3 and 4 times tables. The 5 and 6 times tables the following week, etc, until we have mastered the times tables.

The Grade 4's also have a Science Review on Rocks in the form of flash cards which will be going home this week.

Gym clothes are still needed for PE. Please have a look in the planner if your child needs gym clothing.

Please have a look at the planner every night, all school notes and class activities are put into the planner daily. Plus the planner is on line. It is under a button marked Planner on our classroom home page.

Frank Sokoloski

### **Grade 5 – Mr. Lamb**

The grade 5 class has been working hard in Math the last few weeks. Currently we are looking at multiplying two digit numbers by two digit numbers. Next on the agenda is division. There are a number of students who do not have a calculator. Could you please make sure your child has one as this makes checking your work a whole lot easier! We also have web versions of our text book available for students to use at home. You can access these books by going to [www.mathmakessense.ca/grade5](http://www.mathmakessense.ca/grade5) . Your child has the user name and password.

In Science we are continuing to learn about the Human Body. We are just wrapping up learning about the Integumentary System. For the next few classes, the students are going to make 1-2 minute videos describing one of the different body systems. When they are finished we will post them on our website.

### **Grade 6**

In ELA we are reading Maniac Magee. In spelling we are studying prefixes. In math we are learning prime and composite numbers and finding the lowest common multiple. In social studies we just finished our unit and we are beginning a unit called The Struggles of a New Country. In Science we are learning about space. In French we are continuing our unit called Natalie in Quebec. In Sauteaux, we are learning about Nanabush. In music we will be having performance day on Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> and learning how to play the Olympic anthem. In Phys. Ed we are playing side line basketball. Our virtue of the month is Tolerance. We had fun participating in the Olympic activities in our school as well as seeing the Olympic Torch pass through Minnedosa. Monday and Wednesday we delivered phone books to the community. We are looking forward to our next visit to the Personal Care Home.

By Emily and Emma

### **Grade 3 News**

India is a very interesting country. We have been learning about India's culture. We specially like going on the plane and train, although the train can be crowded. In Math, keep practicing your addition and subtraction facts.

K. Klassen

### **Haiti Fund-raiser**

**We have all seen pictures on the news or in the newspaper in regards to the impact on humans due to the earthquake in Haiti. Our sponsored child, Wachly, is from Haiti, so we know a bit about how needy the area was prior to the earthquake. Now the needs are even greater. On Friday, students will be able to contribute towards the fund-raising effort in one of two ways:**

**Pay a toonie to wear a hat**

**Or/and Bring in your loose change (every penny counts)**

**The government will match all money the Red Cross collects.**