



Erickson Elementary

March 2, 2009

DATES TO REMEMBER:

MARCH 20-PARENT-TEACHER INTER-VIEWS

MARCH 26-FAMILY FUN NIGHT 6-7:30 P.M. AT THE SCHOOL

Meet Our Sponsored Child

Wachly Gedeon was born July 26, 2001 in the North East part of Haiti. He is the same age as our present Grade 2's but he only goes to preschool which is the equivalent of Kindergarten in Canada. He likes to draw and his chores involve carrying water.

Wachly's parents are self-employed but they can barely provide for their family. His mother is a market vendor and his father is a farm labourer. Wachly has a brother and a sister but we do not know their ages. The family speaks Creole which is a mixture of French and West African languages.

We are sponsoring him through World Vision Canada. Our financial support helps his family and community by providing fresh water, medical supplies and schooling.

Book Fair News

Thank you to everyone who supported our book fair this year! We sold \$1800 in books and miscellaneous items. As a school we get to keep 60% of that amount so that

means we get lots of new books and teaching resources for our school. Thank you to the volunteers who sat at the fair and to Mrs. Frey for keeping track of all the money. I hope everyone has been enjoying their new books.

Mrs. Topham

Kindergarten News

Hello to March and here's hoping that our weather is much better than February!

In March we will be doing this:

Math -9 & 10, comparing weight, creating patterns

ELA –David Shannon Author study, middle sounds

S.S. –Stories and Celebrations

French –My Family

Science – uses for paper

When the alphabet puppets come home be sure to use them with your child and reinforce the letter and it's sound.

Parent teacher interviews take place this month and I am looking forward to seeing all the parents there.

Have a great week!

Mrs. Topham

Grade 1 News

Hope everyone is enjoying the snow like the kids do. We had Jump Rope for Heart and the students of E.E.S. did an awesome job collecting pledges. They raised \$3089.99 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Way to go! Thank ;you to Gage Geletchuk and Kaitlyn Merrick for buying books for the class, The class have enjoyed listening to and reading the books. Congratulations to Ryan Kopytko for picking his own name for a free book from the Book Fair also to Bowen Wallis and Seth Doan for getting their names picked for free posters.

In math we are working on Money, time, number stories and fact families.

In Science we are still working on The 5 Senses.

In Health we are finishing up Nutrition Healthy Eating.

Our Question this week is Will March march in Like a Lamb or a Lion?

Until next time.

D. Gaywish

Grade 2 News

The Grade 2's are busy working on a number of projects.

In Science, we continue studying the characteristics of the 6 animal groups: mammals, amphibians, reptiles, fish, insects, and birds. The students did a great job on their Reader's Workshop "Paper Bag" projects. Thank you to our Grade 3 reading buddies for letting us share them with you. You were terrific listeners. This week we begin individual dinosaur research projects as well as discuss the various theories about what happened to all the dinosaurs. Our class is looking forward to the next Gr. 1, 2, and 3 group activity. Last week, in our small groups, the students created book marks and this week they will be practicing using quotation marks. Look for the 2 special Grade 2 reports in this newsletter that tell a little more about some of the highlights in Feb-

ruary.

Have terrific week everyone. Spring is on its waySoon??????

S. Hall

Grade 3

Congratulations to our gold medal winner Briana Mason, and our silver medal winner Austin Hall in our race to reading 1000 pages! We are still waiting on a bronze medal recipient... keep up the good work Grade 3's!

Scholastic book orders will be due on March 13th for those of you interested in adding to your personal libraries.

Where will our first stop on our vacation around the world be in Social Sciences? Our own backyard of course! Over the next few weeks the Grade 3's will be reviewing what it means to be Canadian and learning a little more about our "home and native land."

We will complete the activities that we have been working on with place value in math this week and move onto a review of multiplication and division. I'm happy to hear that so many of you are enjoying the math games that are being sent home! Just a reminder, math games are to be exchanged every Monday.

Augustus Gloop went up the pipe and Violet Beauregarde was rolled away! What will happen to the other three children? As we near the end of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory students have started the final project for the novel, designing their own candy boxes!

Students will have one more self evaluation on their personal goals before parent teacher interviews. Remember to be working hard on achieving those goals Grade 3's!

Have a great week!

Miss Carlson

Minnedosa Youth Soccer & Baseball Registration-March 9 and 10 3:30-7:00 at Tanner's Crossing School Pit

Grade 5 News

March came in like a lion or a lamb? I'm not sure on this one – it was not storming but it sure was cold outside! Hopefully with spring break in sight the weather will start to feel a little more like spring. The grade 5 students are continuing to work hard in the classroom. In Science they are having a lot of fun mixing different substances together and recording their reactions. In Social Studies students were able to try their hand at acting. They worked in groups and acted out the kidnapping of Don-nacona by Cartier. We have some very talented students

Grade 6 News

Team 1 got their 50 points last week, so the “store” was open and the students were able to redeem their points for some treats. This also means that the students have new table teams. The teams are designed to help students learn to work cooperatively with a group, as well as focus on their own work. This is sometimes a difficult skill to learn, but one I feel will serve the students well in the future. We haven't had many regular school days since the last newsletter, so we are still working on the same projects and units. As always, a reminder to students and parents: Please make sure you are using your planner effectively and reading your class novel at home. Mind puzzle of the day: You throw away the outside and cook the inside. Then you eat the outside and throw away the inside. What did you eat? Ask a Grade Six student for the answer!

Language Development News

In the Language Development room, things have been busy. The Grade 2/3 group has started to do “Share” on Fridays. Share is very much like show and tell, but with a writing component. The Grade 3/4/5 group has been looking at story components and have started writing their own stories. The Grade ½ group have enjoyed reading stories about the long vowels that have been related to their spelling words. I hope everyone has a good March and hopefully Spring will come soon!

C. Newton

Grade 4 News

It was another exciting short week! No Friday, *YIPEE!!!* Recorder test on March 6 (don't forget.) . There were no Busses on Wednesday, *YIPEE!!!* We looked at some new websites on Tuesday. They are called Under The Sea and Tumble Books.

Maia Wallis

Congratulations EES!!

You raised over \$3000.00 for Jump Rope for Heart! **AMAZING!**
We had a fun filled afternoon on Feb. 12 when 8 groups got together and coordinated a routine to music. Each group then performed their routine for the rest of the school. We managed to capture each group on video and took a lot of pictures we will put up on the computer in front of the office for your viewing pleasure! A big thank you to Rachel Robertson who volunteered her time to come over from the highschool and demonstrate some of her jumping moves. She helped to get us excited and gave us ideas to incorporate into our routines. Fantastic job!

We are waiting for the prizes to arrive from the Heart and Stroke Foundation for the student's efforts in fundraising. Prizes are determined based on the amount that was raised. Thank you to all those who participated and to all those who generously donated money.

The combined efforts of each classroom raised the following:

Kindergarten:	\$376.95
Grade 1:	\$493.00
Grade 2:	\$395.50
Grade 3:	\$979.20
Grade 4:	\$384.50
Grade 5:	\$340.50
Grade 6:	\$102.00

Please know that each and every one of you who participated helped to make a difference and you should be very proud. Contributions, no matter how big or small are significant...and when efforts are combined, look what can be achieved! A couple of other donations came in after.

**Total Money Raised by Erickson Elementary School for the
HEART & STROKE FOUNDATION was: \$3089.00**