



Erickson Elementary

October 19, 2009

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Oct. 21-Parent Group Meeting at 7 p.m. at E.E.S.

Oct. 23-Inservice Day—No School

Oct. 29-Picture Day

FCC Drive Away Hunger

This year was the first year that Erickson Elementary School participated in the FCC Drive Away Hunger Campaign. Our goal was to collect 100 kg worth of non-perishable food items. We did it! On Friday, a representative from FCC participated in our assembly. At first she talked about the program and then she weighed the food items. We reached our goal of 100kgs! Way to go! Thank you to everyone for participating.

Busses

As mentioned in previous newsletters, if your child has a change in plans for the end of the day, a phone call or note in the planner is required. Many of our school busses are filled to capacity, not much room for children to even wriggle☺ Prior arrangements need to be made with bus drivers if you are requesting your child to go on a different bus at the end of the day, due to busses being filled to capacity. Bus drivers and staff appreciate your support with this matter.

Parents/Guardians

“Day of Caring” is a program that is offered by Total Eye Care in Brandon. The program provides free glasses to students who are under the age of 16.

In order to receive the free glasses, a person needs to do the following:

1. Book an Eye Appointment with Total Eye Care—728-3318.

2. At time of booking, let them know that you would like to go through the “Day of Caring Program.

UNICEF Collection

The Grade 2s will have a UNICEF display in the front hallway.

They will be set up at noon hour from 11:50 – 12:05 every day until Oct. 30th and will gratefully be accepting donations for Unicef.

THANK You in advance for your donations.

Kindergarten News

Thank you to all the kids who brought items for the food drive. We had fun sorting them into categories and we learned a great lesson about helping others.

We will be doing Halloween activities for the rest of the month. Our costume party is on October 29th and we will have a party lunch. Notes will go home this week with more info.

Our first 7 letter sounds have been “s,a,t,i,p,n” and now we will look for items beginning with those sounds. Please send items to school (pictures,objects,etc)that your child can add to our sound tables. They will be returned in a few weeks.

Reminder of K date change ; No school Nov.9 but school on Nov.10 so we can take part in the Remembrance Day service.

Have a great week and dress for the weather!
C. Topham

Grade 2 News written by Bowen & Seth

A big thank you to Mrs. Leona McInnes for showing us about the poor children in the Mexico school. She does volunteer teaching in the school.

UNICEF is another way people can help poor children and their families. The Grade 2 class will be collecting money for UNICEF throughout our community on Oc-

Tober 28. Thank you in advance for your donation. Another big thank you to the Erickson Lions Club for the preparation of our Harvest Meal on October 9. It was delicious!

The last week we have been collecting food for FCC. This will go to people in our community to drive away hunger. We collected 80KG which is equal to 160 lbs. In Grade 2 we are studying BATS! We are learning about questions we as a class did not know about bats. One cool fact about bats is that there are about 1000 different kinds of bats. Another cool fact is that they are the only mammals that can fly! I bet you didn't know that did you?

Have a great month!

Grade 2 News

We welcome Mrs. Delonna Huntinghawk to our classroom. She will be with us for a 5 week student teaching experience.

Thank you to Seth and Bowen for writing an article for this newsletter, highlighting Grade 2 events. Good work boys.

Parents, please continue to listen to your child read the books they bring home for their Reading Log homework. Please note, the books are signed out on Monday and are due back on or before Thursday of that week. This week we will be distributing our homemade UNICEF posters around town. The Grade 2's will also be set up in the front hallway at noon hour, from now until Halloween, accepting donations towards UNICEF. Scholastic book orders are due this Thursday, October 22.

Have a terrific week everyone.

S. HALL

Grade 1 News

Hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving. Thank you to the Lion's Club for cooking up a super good Harvest Meal. The students kept saying it was the best food. For the next few weeks our theme will be Halloween. In Math we have started Unit 2 Representing Numbers to 20.

In Science we are starting Characteristics and Needs of Living Things.

In Health we continue to work on Healthy Eating using the Canada Food Guide.

Please send warm clothes with your child, also extra socks, mitts, scarfs. They can keep these in a bag and be left at school.

We are also looking for magazine to cut food pictures out of. Please no catalogs.

Until next time and Have a Safe Halloween.

D. Gaywish

Grade 3

What a great class. I have been very impressed with their reading and picking good fit books. They are making good connections and asking great questions about the books we have read. Reading at home increases reading fluency, keep practicing at home. It's important to do the spelling homework every day. If you are unsure of the spelling homework make sure you send a note in the planner. We are finishing our math unit on patterning and they have been showing me evidence of their math learning. We have made terrariums and are now observing our plants. We will be doing some painting at school, it would be helpful and keep clothes cleaner if they **brought an old shirt/smock** to put on when we're painting. Things to look forward to: Hal-lowe'en party.

Grade 6 News!

On October 9 all the grades had the harvest meal. Grade 6 students helped their kindergarten buddies by serving them food, cutting it up for them, and entertaining them at the harvest meal. We had a great time, and the food was AWESOME! We thank the Lions club for a great Thanksgiving lunch.

By Lesley and Gabby

Grade 4

This week in Grade 4! Grade 4 got their needles on Monday. Baby Ashton visited us last month. This week we got our usb drives to store pictures and other things we want.

We started Pumpkin Math today guessing what the weight of the pumpkins are. We will be doing pumpkin math for the next 2 weeks.

Myles and Austin

Grade 5 News

Hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving! We really enjoyed the Harvest Meal last week and are looking forward to Halloween.

Bus Safety week is this week. In art we are creating bus safety posters.

Picture Day is coming! For students who have not handed their forms in yet they need to come in as soon as possible. If your child has lost their form please have them request a new form!

We are getting close to 300 tokens for our jars of activities. Once at 300 we will earn a special event of our choice.

In Social Studies we have been learning about the ice age and glaciers and in math we are working on solving equations.

We have the biggest class with one new student already, Keisha, and another new student coming this month!

We enjoyed making our science experiments on weather instruments. They were fun!

In gym we are working on volleyball skills like serving. It's pretty easy.

A few of the Grade 5 students are participating in Career Trek in Brandon.

The Grade 5 French students have a test coming up.

The Grade 5 Class

*Parents please remember to be checking and initialing planners nightly. Thanks – Ms. Carlson