



# Erickson Elementary

September 5, 2008

## Welcome

A warm welcome goes out to new and returning students and families and staff to the 2008-2009 school year at Erickson Elementary School. Mrs. Sawchuk is teaching half time Grade 5 and half time Resource. Mrs. Warrington is teaching Grade 6 and French to Grade 4 & 5 students. As is the past years, many programs and activities are offered, giving students opportunities to succeed.

Sometimes students skip breakfast at home for various reasons. The Breakfast Program offers students an opportunity to have a healthy beginning for a productive learning day. Intra-murals continue for all grade 4 – 6 students. Students are given an opportunity to try out all offered sports. These two are just a few examples. Read through the enclosure in your child's Student Planner to learn more about programs offered and other important information in regards to School and Division Policies, class times and general information. If you have questions, please contact the School for clarification.

**Erickson Elementary's Open House is on September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008.** We look forward to meeting parents and community members while you will have an opportunity to meet teaching staff and learn more about programs offered at EES.

Looking forward to a great school year. Until next time, have a great week-end.

Mrs. K. Slashinsky

## A few Items to Note:

### Lunches/Microwaves

At the end of September microwaves will be removed. There are several reasons for the removal of micro-

waves: After students warm up their lunches they carry the hot items to their classrooms, a child could get scalded. When heating up their lunch, microwaveable containers are not always used, another safety concern. Students are often lined up at the microwaves for 10 minutes or more, reducing their time to go outside and play with their peers. In the next newsletter, suggestions for lunches will be included—thermoses, healthy lunches and the like.

We are in the process of getting our canteen up and running. Currently we are selling the following items, just for start up.

Chocolate and white milk - .75  
Mini-pizza - 1.50  
Nuggets - 1.50 for 5

Erickson Elementary School is looking for someone to work in the canteen for 3 hours per day. We want to get a healthy canteen established. There is certain criteria required for this position. If you are interested, or know someone who is, please contact myself at the School for further information.

### Upcoming Events

September 8th	1st day of Kindergarten
September 15th	Open House—6:30—7:30
September 17th	Picture Day
September 26th	Terry Fox Run

### Arrivals Times/Student Pick-up

If your child will not be in school for the day, please contact the school to let the teacher know, prior to 9:00 AM; otherwise a school contact person will be phoning to confirm the absence.

If your child is to go someplace different at the end of the day than they normally do a note or phone call is needed by 2:30 PM in order to ensure safety for your child. If there isn't a note or phone call, your child will follow the same routine at the end of the day as per usual.

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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 once again for safety reasons. We direct students to go to the front doors if they are being picked up.

### **Other Tidbits**

Birthday parties are very exciting for students. If your child is having a birthday party, please arrange for invitations to be handed out outside of school. Children don't always understand why they may not be invited and feelings are hurt, which makes for a hectic day for the child and teacher.

Our school day begins at 8:50 AM and ends at 3:20 PM.

**Town students are not to arrive before 8:40 AM.**

This gives plenty of time to get ready and begin the day. All students go outside in the morning until 8:50 and recesses during the day to play. Please help your child by ensuring they have warm clothes, especially with the cooler, wet weather. An extra pair of socks and pants in the backpack would be a wonderful idea.

### **URIS Forms**

Your child came home with a 5 page URIS form. The first page gives information about the form. It is to ensure that no student is missed who has health concerns. This is mandated by the Assiniboine Regional Health Authority.

## **KINDERGARTEN NEWS**

Hello and welcome to a brand new year at Erickson Elementary School! 21 students have registered for Kindergarten and they will begin their first day on Monday September 8. I am looking forward to meeting the children and their parents. Your child's year is going to be a fun and exciting one full of great learning experiences!

This month we will be getting to know each other by learning everyone's names through songs, poems and games. The children will learn about the school, class and playground rules so that they will be safe and courteous. We will be doing some sorting activities in Math and tree activities in Science.

The students always go out for recess so please make sure they are dressed for that day's weather. An extra change of clothes on wet

days would be a great thing to have in the backpack! No one likes to sit in wet, muddy pants.

Have a super week and I hope all the parents and children can make it out to the Open House on September 15.

Corinne Topham

### **Language Development**

Spring rain brings May flowers; hmmm what do fall showers bring? Although the weather is gloomy, our spirits aren't. Another school year has arrived and it's so great to see all of these happy smiling faces at school. Once again I begin the new school year with enthusiasm and look forward to working in the small group setting where we can strengthen the language skills of the grade 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 students.

Mrs. Lindsay

### **Grade 1 News**

Welcome back to everyone, also to the new staff. Hope everyone had a wonderful summer.

We welcome Cyrah Tanner to our school she moved from Strathclair. There are 19 students in our class. It has been a very busy 3 days for the Grade 1's, getting used to the classroom. It has been very exciting for the students to see some of the things we will be doing in Grade 1 this year.

I look forward to meeting parents at Open House.

**Note:** There are some items that some of the students still need. Please look at the Supply List for Grade 1. Thank you.

### **Grade 2 News**

A warm welcome to everyone at E.E.S. and a special welcome to 3 new students in our class – Teegan, Dakota, and Cassidy. It's good to see the 22 smiling faces and to hear about the fun they all had during the summer break. The next few days will be spent learning the new routines of Gr. 2. Our E.L.A. theme for the month of September is an "Apple" theme. Your child needs to bring an apple to school for one of the activities in this theme. Please send the apple to school by Thurs., Sept. 11. Thank you. Parents, the daily planner is a terrific communication tool between the home and school. Please check your child's planner each night, sign or initial it, and help to make sure that it is at school the next day. The Gr. 2 Spelling program will begin next week with the first Spelling test being Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. I'm looking forward to working with your child and our year of learning together.

Have a super week everyone.

S.Hall

### **Grade 3 News**

Hi there Grade Three Parents,  
Welcome to the 2008-2009 school year!  
There are 14 students in Grade Three-6 boys and 8 girls. Thank you for outfitting your child with school supplies. We have these nicely sorted and tucked away.

We have begun the year with Scarecrow theme-stories, poems, songs, play-acting, reading, etc. In Social Studies we are studying about Canada. The students are very good at reading independently in spare time, as well as working together cooperatively in small groups.

We all look forward to a wonderful year!

### **Grade 4 News**

I would like to welcome everyone back. I hope everyone had a great summer.. We have 21 students this year in Grade Four. There are two new students that have joined us, Rylee Huntinghawk and Keisha Shanacappo.

Please make sure that gym clothing comes next week. Gym clothing is required.

Please read and sign our Daily Planner. The Planner has all the news and events that are happening in our classroom as well as any homework that might need to be done.

Feel free to respond back to the classroom through the planner.

Frank Sokoloski

### **Grade 5 Mr. Lamb**

Welcome back to another school year! There have been a few changes in our school for this upcoming year. This year the grade 5 program will be taught by Mr. Lamb in the morning and Mrs. Sawchuk in the afternoon. Mr. Lamb will be teaching Spelling, Math, Science, Health and Physical Education and Mrs. Sawchuk will be teaching ELA, Social Studies and Art. I am looking forward to working with your children this year. If you have any questions, please contact me at the school during school hours.

Please check out our classroom website to find course outlines, educational links, homework, class rules, timetables, etc.

<http://www.rrsd.mb.ca/EricksonElem/lamb/index.htm>

### **Physical Education**

Welcome back! Some changes took place over the summer as a new gym floor was installed. New lines were painted on the floor this week so classes will be held outside until Thursday, September 11. Please ensure that all students have a change of shoes for class. Flip flops and Crocs are not considered proper foot wear as they can be unsafe during physical activity.