



Erickson Elementary

March 3, 2008

DATES TO REMEMBER:

CANTEEN CALENDAR ATTACHED TO NEWSLETTER

MARCH 14-PARENT -TEACHER INTERVIEWS-SCHEDULE WILL COME HOME THIS WEEK.

MARCH 21-GOOD FRIDAY-NO SCHOOL

MARCH 28 WILL BE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL BEFORE SPRING BREAK.

Good Day!

This is the first week of March. It is hard to believe that there is only four months of school left in this school year. Parent-teacher interviews are fast approaching, Family Fun Night, Festival of Arts is on the door step, this afternoon, and an EES Wellness presentations and events are occurring . As usual, these are busy and exciting times.

During the course of February, students in Grades 1—6 had the opportunity to go skating. It was great seeing the beginners to the more advanced students out on the ice. Thank-yous are extended to parents, grand-parents and staff who were able to assist with the tying of skates, supervision, and encouragement for students. Unfortunately, last week was the last for the year.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

As we close out the month we say goodbye to Ethan Blackbird who is moving to Alberta. We will miss him!

This month we will be doing the following:

ELA— **at** and **in** families, Easter stories

Math—create patterns

Social Studies—Stories and Celebrations

Science—identify kinds of paper and their uses

Report cards will soon be sent out and I expect to see all parents/guardians at the interviews. This is an important time for us to talk and for you to find out how your child is doing.

The children are loving the warmer weather but not the soaking wet mittens they get after first recess. Please send extras in the backpack!

The children have been working every week in their journals and it is exciting to see the progress they have made since the first entry in October. Some students are printing whole sentences while others are printing the beginning sound of words. Encourage them to print for you at home!!

See you at interviews.

Mrs. Topham

Grade 1 News

Wow! Already March. This month we will be doing activities for St. Patrick's Day and Easter. The students sure enjoyed the Jump Rope For Heart on Wednesday. The Favorite jump rope activity in our class was the Camel Hump Jump. They also enjoyed the oranges and juice afterwards. This week is going to be another busy week with choir going to Festival

of The Arts on Monday and Wellness activities for the students on Monday Morning and Tuesday afternoon. (There will be no skating this week) I asked students if March was coming in like a lamb or a lion. Most of them said lamb so we will see.

Ms. D Gaywish

Grade 2 News

February was a wonderful month, full of many exciting projects. Thank you to everyone who helped make "I Love to Read Month" such a success. The Premier's Reading Challenge pink sheets are due this week. We will go back to using our regular Reading Log sheets.

Here is a look at some of the highlights in March:

- 1.) Report cards and Parent Teacher Interviews.
- 2.) Finishing up our dinosaur unit.
- 3.) St. Patrick's Day and Easter activities.
- 4.) Begin learning to handwrite.
- 5.) New E.L.A. Centres.
- 6.) Sending our Writer's Workshop stories to our publisher. Thanks Betty !!!

I look forward to meeting and talking with you about your child's progress. Have a super week everyone. Spring will be here soon.

S. Hall

Grade 3 News

March is here already ... hoping that means Spring will be too!

Many exciting things are happening in our room:

- March booklet (St. Patrick's Day and Easter) due at the end of the month
- Health Home Study is due on March 17

-themes: St. Patrick's Day, Easter, and Chocolate

-Social Studies: Japan

-Health: Self-esteem

-The Grade 1-3 choir will be at Festival today

-Wellness day for our students today and tomorrow

-Math: finish up multiplication and division *****nightly practice of the multiplication facts is necessary to develop speed and memorization**

-winding up our novel Because of Winn-Dixie

Mrs. Parrott

Grade 4 News

Wow last month just flew by!

The Grade four's have been working on Math Multiplying Books, Spelling, Steck Vaughn, and we are finishing up Alison's Ghost. We completed our ABC charts on Alison's Ghost and are helping each other to finish up our novel Alison's Ghost.

Spelling Unit # 18 must be done by the end of this week. We will be having the Spelling test on Units #13-#18 this week.

In Math we are now done our Multiplying Unit and had our final Multiplying test. Math folders have been sent home. We are moving on to place value.

In Steck Vaughn we are trying to finish up Lesson #18. We will be having our final test on Units #13-#18 this week.

Please have a look in the planners every night, it will keep you informed as to what is happening in our classroom and anything new that is happening in the school.

Frank Sokoloski

Having hosted the Wellness morning and afternoon, and attending the Festival, we are pleased to devote the rest of the week to finishing projects that will be presented at next week's Triad Conferences. We are looking forward to these presentations and to moving on to new units in Science and S.S. The snowshoes are here and we are out on them even if there is not a lot of new snow. Skating has been an enjoyable event on Tuesdays at noon and we are looking forward to badminton intramurals. Stefanie is away for a month visiting relatives in Switzerland and she is learning about her family's history as we all will need to complete a project next month for the Historica Fair on May 13th. Owen has new puppies and Victoria brought them here to share their cuteness with us. We've had a lot of fun in February, we plan to work hard in March and enjoy a Spring Break in April!

Grade 5 News

Welcome to the month of March! Let's hope we begin to see the first signs of spring soon. This month the students will be involved in many new activities. They are:

- performing in the Festival of the Arts today in Rivers
- reading a new novel called Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH.
- designing a safety poster for the UCT Contest.
- composing a student newspaper.
- creating an ABC chart for History class.
- studying decimals in Math.
- learning the social ways of ants in French class.

Along with Parent Teacher Day and the Easter holiday, it will be a busy and hopefully warmer month. G. Whaley

Grade Six

