

Emmons Lake Elementary School...

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An Eagle's eye view from the principal. . .

Emmons Lake Science Night was great! Many of you had the opportunity to experience various science fair activities. Students were learning about the weather with Laura Valasquez from WOOD TV 8, rockets, bridge building, testing their sense of smell, and many other great activities. I would like to thank all of our volunteers who made the night a success again this year, and especially Mr. Brad Blaser and Mrs. Evy Houser for all their organization and preparation.

The RIP celebration night is coming up quickly. Students need to make sure they have been reading or being read to for fifteen minutes a night, writing it down in their RIP reading logs and then turning them in by Friday, January 22 to be able to participate in the RIP celebration night. Students who have qualified for RIP are eligible for the Trolley ride and lunch drawing. One lucky student from each class will have their name drawn and ride the trolley to Wendy's for lunch with two staff members and myself. The green bonus logs that record extra reading give students the opportunity to have their names randomly drawn for a chance at some prizes provided by the PTO. Our PTO does a great job each year with the RIP celebration night and I look forward to seeing all of our successful RIP readers and their parents that night to have some fun.

Emmons Lake's website will be changing within the next week or two. Our two wonderful secretaries Linda Baker, and especially Julie Corson have been working hard to create a new webpage for our building. We will be able to update many of the features more often and include pictures of our students learning and having fun during school activities. I hope this will allow us to help keep you better informed about many of the events and activities going on within our building, along with easier access to our school handbook, lunch menu, etc.

Eagle Camp is coming up during our Intersession scheduled for February 15-18. Information has already been sent home and registrations should be turned in by Friday, January 29. Friday, February 19 there is no school for all students.

Open gym will be starting on Monday, January 25, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Monday's are scheduled for 3rd-5th grade students with Miss Mulherin, while Thursdays are scheduled for K-2nd grade students with Mr. Wanless. I will also be hosting some of the Open Gym nights when they are not available. There are many other activities and events scheduled for the remainder of January and February so please check the 'Dates To Remember'.

Have a great weekend with your family and friends!

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, January 22	All RIP logs due
January 22 and 23	CKT production, "Doo Wop Wed Widing Hood"
Monday, January 25	Open gym for 3rd-5th, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 27	5th grade Spelling Bee, 1:30 p.m. (Note day change from Jan. 26)
Wednesday, January 27	Bucketfiller T-shirt Day
Thursday, January 28	Open gym for K-2nd, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Friday, January 29	Hats for Haiti Day - Donate a dollar and wear a hat
Friday, January 29	Emmons Lake/Kettle Lake night at the basketball game
Monday, February 1	Open gym for 3rd-5th, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, February 4	Open gym for K-2nd, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Friday, February 5	RIP Celebration
February 15-19	Intersession
February 14-20	D&W School Days, school code: 89265
February 21-27	Family Fare Cash for Class, school code 89265

IT'S TIME TO ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK

Yearbook order forms are being sent home this week. Anyone wishing to order a yearbook should include payment of \$8.00 in the envelope attached to the flier and return it to school by March 5, 2010. This is the *only yearbook sale this year* so be sure and place your order now if you want a yearbook when they are delivered toward the end of the year.

EAGLE CAMP

Registration forms for the February 15-18 Eagle Camp have been sent home. Registrations are due on Friday, January 29.

CIRCLE DRIVE ETIQUETTE

Just a reminder that the circle drive in front of school is for drop off only where students should quickly exit the car so the traffic flow will go smoothly. If parents wish to help the students into the school or come into school themselves, they should use a designated parking spot in the parking lot. Remember, there is no parking anywhere along the circular portion of the drive.

HATS FOR HAITI

Want to wear a hat in school? Here's your chance. On Friday, January 29th, Emmons Lake staff and students can donate \$1.00 and wear a hat. All proceeds go to The Salvation Army to help victims of the earthquake in Haiti.

HELP WANTED: CAREER FAIR SPEAKERS

The Career Fair is being held on the afternoon of Friday, March 26, 2010 at Emmons Lake Elementary. We are looking for parent volunteers who are willing to come speak to 3rd – 5th grade students about their jobs and/or careers. You will be provided a set of questions to help you prepare for three short (20-30 minute) presentations given to students in a classroom setting.

If you are interested, or have a community contact that you think would be interested, please contact Lori Burgess or Jenni Baker at 528-8100 ext. 6328, or email to burgesslo@caledonia.k12.mi.us.

RIP 2009 "READ FOR THE GOLD!"

Can you believe there are only a few days left to qualify for the RIP celebration? That's right, this Friday, January 22nd is the last day to qualify. All logs are due on or before that day. Anything dated after Friday will not be accepted. We are so proud of each of you for your amazing effort this year. Like always the Emmons Lake students came through to complete their reading minutes. We will know our total percent of children that qualified by early next week. The top three classes will receive gift certificates to purchase books through Scholastic, and the top class will receive an ice cream party!

Congratulations to our t-shirt design winner fourth grader Cole Nelson! We also have Ciana Witherell and Lucas Lindale as runners-up, and Alyssa Westerink and Hannah Miller for honorable mention. There were many wonderful designs that our Emmons Lake students entered into the contest. These are hanging in the main hallway towards the library. We are so proud of all of you for taking the time to create an entry! The winning design for this year's t-shirt will be revealed to the students on January 25th. All students are asked to wear their new RIP shirt, which they will receive the week of the party, to school on February 5th

and to the evening celebration.

There are a few things you need to know about the celebration. It will be held on Friday, February 5th at Duncan Lake Middle School. If you would like to help out with chaperoning or at a designated area during the evening, please complete and return the check list that was sent home last week. We need MANY volunteers to make this night possible and always appreciate your help! Reminder, ONLY Emmons Lake students are able to attend this event, no siblings or middle school students. Registration for volunteers and chaperones will start that night at 5:45 p.m. in the commons area. The students will be able to register at 6:00 and the party goes from 6:30-9:30. There will be more detailed information coming home in a letter a few days before the celebration.

If your child has already qualified for the celebration on February 5th, ***remember to get those registration forms back to school by January 29th***. This will assure your child's participation in the evening celebration and it makes it easier on our registration committee in planning for their safety. For those who have students with allergies to any food products I want to let you know the plan for this year is the same as last year. We will have a **SNACK** of pizza, water and possibly another small snack item. Please, plan accordingly for your child and if there are any questions or concerns about the food please let me know.

Remember that the fun will last all day on February 5th. The cafeteria staff will prepare a winter Olympic picnic for the kids. There will be an all school assembly starting at about 2:00 p.m. in the gym. Parents are welcome to attend as many students will be involved in the assembly based on logs they completed.

We are asking for donations for the RIP raffle prizes. In the past, several businesses provided many of the raffle prizes, however, they have since changed their policy and we are now unable to receive donations from them. Therefore, we have purchased some prizes from the RIP fund and are asking for donations from Emmons Lake families. Please, do not feel obligated. We are asking only if you feel like this is a worthy cause for your child and would like to contribute to the raffle drawing portion of RIP. This generally includes small gift cards. We have received some items to decorate our lobby and are still in need of items for our skits. If you have ski goggles or ski clothing we could borrow, please place it in a bag with your name on it and I will pick them up in the office. The items will be returned after February 5th! Thanks!

So, read, read, read and again, remember to get those registration forms in by January 29th so you can come to the biggest Emmons Lake party of the year!!! We love to see all of you "Reading for the GOLD!" Any questions or concerns, please contact Jocelyn Tuori tuori@charter.net or 891-9905.

CALEDONIA KID'S THEATRE PRESENTS "DOO-WOP WED WIDING HOOD"

Caledonia Kids Theatre will perform "Doo-Wop Wed Widing Hood" on Friday, January 22 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, January 23 at 12:00 p.m. at Duncan Lake Middle School Performing Arts Center. Join our cast of over 80 kids in this 1950's musical comedy adapted from "Little Red Riding Hood." Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$3 for children. Order forms are available in the Emmons Lake office January 11-15 or you may purchase tickets at the door. Details can be found at <http://www.cktcaledonia.com>. For further information, please contact Lorna Hullinger at 891-8552 or asetstage@charter.net.

SCIENCE NIGHT THANK YOU

Thank you to all the staff, parents, and student volunteers that helped out at Science Night. Thank you also to all who attended. It was great watching all the students explore the many different stations and expand their scientific skills in a fun atmosphere.

The Science Night Committee

EMMONS LAKE/KETTLE LAKE NIGHT AT THE VARSITY BASKETBALL GAMES

The Emmons Lake and Kettle Lake Elementary night at our Boys and Girls Varsity Basketball games on Friday, 1/29. **All Emmons Lake Elementary students will have free admission when accompanied by a**

paid adult.

Girls Varsity game vs Middleville-Thornapple Kellogg is at 6:00 p.m.

Boys Varsity game vs Middleville-Thornapple Kellogg is at 7:30 p.m.

The offer is valid for both games.

CALEDONIA HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER BOOK COLLECTION

The CHS Media Center is having a book collection from February 8 through February 12. They are accepting donated new and/or used books to add to the collection in the high school media center. They are looking for young adult fiction, reference books by subject (travel, countries, history, science, careers, sports, social issues, technology, exercise science, etc.) and literary classics. Books may be dropped off to the front check-in desk at the high school or to Emmons Lake.

PLANNING FOR NEXT YEAR'S KINDERGARTNERS

As we begin to plan for next year, we would like to identify next year's kindergartners who have siblings at Emmons Lake. If your children currently attend Emmons Lake and you have a child entering kindergarten next year, please call the office at 528-8100. It is important that we identify the kindergartners who already have older siblings at Emmons Lake so we know how many spaces are available for open enrollment. If you have friends or neighbors who will have a kindergartner next year, please pass the word that they may call Maggie at 891-6220 to request a kindergarten enrollment packet or email at kdgenroll@caledonia.k12.mi.us. Enrollment packets are also available at the Duncan Lake Early Childhood Center.

*******COME CELEBRATE THE MAGIC OF CHILDHOOD*******

Lost Boys and Animals and Pirates, OH, MY!

Fairies and Indians, And Children that FLY!

See the CHS Players present "Peter Pan" and let your heart fly on wings! The box office is now open Monday-Friday 2:30-6:00, Saturday, January 23, 9:00-3:00, and one hour prior to all performances. Or call and pre-order at 891-6207. Pre-ordered tickets must be paid for on January 23 for 29th & 30th shows, or will go back in circulation. Then the following week box office will be open Monday - Thursday 2:30-6:00, and Friday 1 hour before show starts.

Presale tickets for February 5-6 shows must be paid for by January 30th or will go back in circulation. Show are January 29 at 7:00 p.m., Sat. January 30 at 1:00 and 7:00 p.m., February 5 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, February 6 at 1:00 and 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$8.00 adults, \$6.00 Seniors and students. Family Value Pack \$20.00. Matinee seats all \$5.00. All seats reserved.

CALEDONIA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION NOMINATING PETITIONS

There will be (2) four-year Board of Education positions to be filled at the annual school election on May 4, 2010. Any registered voter who is a resident of the Caledonia Community Schools District may file a petition to run for election.

Petitions (40 signatures required) for the positions are available at the Caledonia Township Clerk's office, 250 Maple, as well as, any Kent County city or township clerk's office. A candidate may pay a non-refundable filing fee of \$100 instead of filing nominating petitions.

The nominating petitions or \$100 fee and Affidavit of Identity must be filed with the Kent County Clerk, 300 Monroe Ave. NW, no later than 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 9, 2010.

Please contact the Superintendent's office at 891-8185 if you have any questions.

FROM YOUR PTO

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION/CAMPBELL LABEL UPC/SPARTANUPC

Please continue saving the Boxtops for Education and the Campbell's labels. The boxtops should be given your child's teacher while the Campbell's labels are collected in the office.

The third grade classes are collecting Spartan UPCs. Please save the UPCs from your Spartan products and send them to school with your child.

FROM YOUR COMMUNITY

CALEDONIA BASEBALL/SOFTBALL LEAGUE REGISTRATION NOTICE

2010 Caledonia Baseball Softball League (CBSL) Registration is now open to boys & girls ages 5-14! Go to: www.eteamz.com/cbsl to get all the details and to register on-line 24/7. Register before March 1 to avoid the \$10.00 late fee. Questions? Email: cbslboard@gmail.com.

CUB SCOUT NEWS FOR EMMONS LAKE MEMBERS OF PACK 3201

This Saturday is our annual sledding and winter games. We plan to meet at Cascade Park on the 23rd from 1:00-3:00. Mr. Salinas will be there to coordinate this fun filled afternoon and he will have hot cocoa to warm up with. Bring your favorite sled and your family. NOTE: Due to lack of new snow, we will check the hill on Thursday afternoon to make sure there is enough snow. Watch your e-mail for a possible date change or alternate event.

Our Blue and Gold Banquet is the 29th at Duncan Lake Middle School from 6:00 to 8:00. All Scouts must be in their uniform. We will use this gathering to have our "human sundae" fun and to award our popcorn sales. Parents please check with your Den Leader for what food you need to bring.

LITTLE LAMBS CREATIVITY CORNER

Little Lambs Preschool is excited to announce that they are offering an afternoon program called Creativity Corner. Each session will have playtime, a story and discussion of the theme, snack, craft, and games. Creativity Corner is for kids ages 4-6, will be held from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. and cost \$12.00 per session. For more information and to pre-register please call 616-554-3350. Scheduled classes:

I Spy Detectives	Tuesday, January 26	Monday, February 1
Space Explorers	Tuesday, February 9	Monday, February 17
Chef for a Day	Tuesday, February 23	

LITTLE LAMBS PRESCHOOL

Little Lambs Preschool will be holding an Open House on Thursday February 4th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. There are openings in the following classes:

3 & young 4 yr olds—Tues/Thurs from 9:00-11:30

4 & young 5 yr olds—MWF from 9:00-11:30

We are conveniently located at the corner of 68th St and Thornapple River Dr. For additional information about the school please visit our website. www.littlelambscaledonia.org

CALEDONIA SCOTS TRAVEL WEBSITE

Book your travel where it makes a difference! Visit the new Caledonia Community Schools travel website at: www.scotstravel.org. Every time you do, SCOTS will receive a portion of the travel commissions. You get the same low rates and service offered by other travel websites while helping to raise funds for our schools. It's that simple!!