

# *The Raider Times*

## **Emmons School District 33**



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*Emmons is students, staff, parents, and community working together to prepare our students for a successful future through excellent experiences and growth opportunities.*

***Parent Gift...*** Thank you very much to the Meltzer family for their kind donation to our school. The Meltzers have made it possible for us to purchase a Califone 6-jack box so that up to six of Ms. Moser's students can listen to the same audio book or recorded spoken activity at the same time. Thank you for your generosity!

***Emergency Closing Information...*** In the unlikely event that weather conditions would necessitate the closing of school, parents and students can check if school is open or not in the following ways: first, you can visit our website, [www.emmons-school.com](http://www.emmons-school.com), where a message about a school closing will be posted on the front page of the site. Secondly, we will send out a broadcast message to all families at the home phone number we have on file as soon as Dr. Machak has made the determination to close school. We will post our closing on the Emergency Closing Center web site ([www.emergencyclosingcenter.com](http://www.emergencyclosingcenter.com)). Parents can register free of charge at this website to receive e-mail notification any time Emmons School has a weather-related closing. Finally, school closings will be announced on the WKRS radio (1220 AM) station as well as Chicago television stations.

***Emmons Teachers Receive Trustmark Grant...*** 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher Mrs. Jennifer Wu and librarian Mrs. Sydney Ryan learned that a grant proposal they submitted to Trustmark Insurance Company's Innovators in Education program has been approved. Funds from this grant will allow our 6<sup>th</sup> grade students to learn kayaking and canoeing skills in conjunction with a novel they will be reading in literature class. We appreciate Trustmark's generosity!

***Superintendent's Forum...*** Seven parents participated in an informal conversation with Dr. Machak last Monday morning during the first of a series of "Superintendent's Forum" conversations to be held throughout the school year. Topics discussed included the school web site, emergency closing procedures, discipline policy changes, bus transportation, and our school

lunch program. One suggestion from parents at Monday’s meeting has already been implemented: parents will now find a link to the current and next month’s lunch menus on our web site. We hope you will be able to join us for our next Superintendent Forum meeting on Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 4:00pm.

***Girls’ Basketball Begins...***Parents are reminded that any 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or 8<sup>th</sup> grade girl hoping to play basketball this season must have a current (dated after January 4, 2008) physical on file and be up-to-date with all school fees. Once the season starts, girls on the team will be held to an academic code of conduct in order to remain eligible to participate. Practice begins January 5<sup>th</sup>.

***December Rave Reviews...***The following students and staff members were recognized for their “212” behavior this month: Mrs. Nancy Smith nominated Ian Gugel (2<sup>nd</sup> grade), Kelly Mondus (2<sup>nd</sup>) nominated Annie Freeman (2<sup>nd</sup>), Mrs. Trischan nominated Mickey West (5<sup>th</sup>), Joe Karolewicz (3<sup>rd</sup>) nominated Shelby Purcel 1(3<sup>rd</sup>), Mrs. Posey nominated Ray Vejvoda, Bob Hamilton, Michael Farrell, and John Green (6<sup>th</sup>), Jessica Stonis (7<sup>th</sup>) nominated Amanda Bell (7<sup>th</sup>), Ella Maggio (3<sup>rd</sup>) nominated Mrs. Pratt, and Nick Brnot (4<sup>th</sup>) nominated Mr. Meza. Congratulations to all those making an extra effort and all those recognizing it!

***Weekly Calendar...***

<b>December 22-January 2</b>	Winter Break
<b>January 5, 2009</b>	School Resumes
<b>Tues., January 6<sup>th</sup></b>	Study Hall – 3:30-4:00pm Library
<b>Weds., January 7<sup>th</sup></b>	Study Hall – 3:30-4:00pm Library
<b>Thurs., January 8<sup>th</sup></b>	Study Hall – 3:30-4:00pm Library
<b>Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup></b>	Study Hall – 3:30-4:00pm Library

***And Finally...***



Happy Holidays from the faculty and staff of Emmons School!