



# East Richland Elementary School

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Vision : We belong! We learn! We succeed!

Mission - To develop respectful, responsible learners and leaders.

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## ISAT Testing



ISAT (Illinois Standards Achievement Test) will be March 6 through March 16. ISAT is the state test that students in grades third, fourth, and fifth take each spring. This is a very important time. Students must be well rested, eat a good breakfast, and be present on those days. We are proud of our students for their success on the tests. This takes a team effort and we thank everyone - teachers, support staff, parents, and students!

## Valentine's Day Parties



Classroom parties for Valentine's Day will be held on Tuesday, February 14. Second grade classes will have their parties at 1:30PM. Other grades will have their parties at 2:30PM.

## Third Grade Music Programs

The third grade music programs will be held in the ERES Dining Hall at 10AM and 2:15PM on February 10th. At the 10AM program the following classes will be performing: Mrs. Gardner, Mrs. Hearn, and Mrs. McVicker and at the 2:15PM program: Mrs. Erwin, Mrs. Greenwood, Mrs. Shoemaker, and Mr. Taylor.





## January Leadership Day



We believe inside every child lives a leader, and we celebrated that on January 26. We dressed in pajamas to wake up the habits and not let them hibernate.



We want every student to have the ability to proudly announce to the world... "There is a Leader In Me!" with their words, actions, attitudes, and behaviors.



## 100 Day Penny Collection

January 25th was the 100th day of school and many classes had special activities. The kindergarten classes had students bring in 100 pennies to count and sort. They donated the money to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation in honor of Rylan Hancock. The kindergarten classes raised \$150.51! Way to go! In the picture, left to right, is Brenda Hendrickson, Braxton Pittman, Rylan Hancock, and Jenny Hancock.



## Tiger Paw Express

Check out our new breakfast express line - the Tiger Paw Express. It is offered every morning on the opposite end of the kitchen in the dining hall. Pictured is Cheryl Westall and Mason Beasley, our first customer.





## Fuel Up to Play 60

Develop a healthy habit early! Third, fourth, and fifth graders can join us in the morning from **7:15-7:50 Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays** in the gym for fun games and fitness! Mr. Brandis Grove and Miss Lauren Baugh will be there during those times. PE shoes and permission from parent/guardian are required to participate. The more you come - the quicker the habit sticks! **Kick-off is Friday, February 3rd.**

After school there is a fitness and nutrition program for third, fourth, and fifth grade to encourage students to learn easy ways to be nutritious. **Milkshake and Dance Party (3:15-4:15):** February 2 - fifth grade; February 9 - fourth grade; February 23 - third grade.

Fuel up to Play 60 encourages students to make healthy eating choices, develop good habits, make friends, and improve academics through exercise for 60 minutes a day.

## **Hat Day and Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) Bowl for Kids' Sake**

Big Brothers Big Sisters provide an excellent mentoring program for our students. Over 135 mentors spend an hour with individual students every week. The matches interact through academic work and playing games together which builds the relationship.

As a way to thank BBBS and help with their annual fundraiser, Bowl for Kids' Sake, we are asking students to wear hats to school! On **Wednesday, February 8, and Wednesday, February 15**, all students who bring a dollar or change to donate may wear a hat during the school day!

Our participation in the past has been fantastic! A class at EVERY grade level with the best participation and donations will have five bowlers from the class bowling. More details will go to the winning classes.

The staff of ERES will also be saying "Thank you" to BBBS by supporting the Bowl for Kids' Sake. We hope to have at least two bowling teams representing the staff.



## Parking Lot Information

- Thank you for your cooperation when dropping off your child in the morning and picking them up in the afternoon. To help traffic in the morning, please be sure your child is ready to quickly and safely exit the vehicle when you stop. Make sure his/her coat, hat, and gloves are on and their backpack is ready to go.
- Please be aware that there is a new law that prohibits the use of cell phones in a school zone. This new law does include texting as well.
- Please drive slowly and cautiously and always look out for children.
- Students must be escorted in the parking lot!





## PTO News

- Yearbook order forms will be coming soon. The cost of the yearbook is \$13. Get this special keepsake ordered for your child!
- Remember to order from Market Day. We welcome Market Day volunteers.
- **We are collecting Campbell's Soup Labels and other participating products in the Labels for Education program.** Details can be found at - [www.labelsforeducation.com](http://www.labelsforeducation.com)
- We are still collecting Box Tops for Education.



## Breakfast/Lunch Bills

Although your student may qualify for free/reduced meals, the state will pay only for one meal and one milk. Therefore, if your child brings his/her lunch and takes only a milk it will be charged to his/her account and must be paid by you. It is our policy that students must have money on their account in order to get extra milk or only milk.

## News from the Nurse

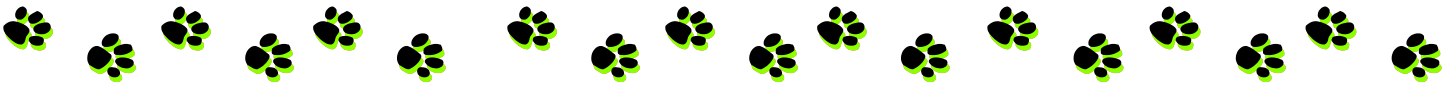
Please get an appointment made for your child if you received a reminder letter from the nurse stating he/she failed the vision and hearing screening. Children learn through their eyes and ears in the classroom and it is vitally important that they are healthy! If you need assistance finding a doctor please contact the nurse at 395-8540.

### ATTENTION PARENTS OF 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS:



All current 5<sup>th</sup> graders must have a Tdap "shot" before registration for 6<sup>th</sup> grade. The Richland County Health Office will hold a walk in clinic on **March 5 from 8am-6pm**. (Children do not attend school this day due to Casimir Pulaski Day). Other clinics will be held by appointment to assist you in meeting this requirement, but you must call for an appointment at 392-6241. **Your child will NOT be allowed to register for 6<sup>th</sup> grade unless you have met this new requirement.**





## Congratulations to fifth grader Lauren Blank!

Congratulations to Lauren Blank! She was the 2011 state winner in the VFW essay contest. Pictured from left to right is: Don Kapper—District 13 Commander for the VFW, Tammy Napier—District 13 President, Lauren Blank—5th grader, Missy Miller—Lauren's 5th grade teacher, Jennifer Fritchley—Lauren's 4th grade teacher, and Karen Scherer—VFW Auxiliary President last year.



# Parenting Information

***\*\*Parenting activities and projects are funded with federal Title I dollars through the Steven's Amendment, Carrie Winters Grant, and District Funds.\*\****

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## Grandparents Support Group

The next Grandparents Support Group meeting will be held **February 23 at 9:30AM** at the Senior Center in Albion, IL. It will be on "Caring for the Caregiver." Call Jackie Houchin at 395-8540 ext. 603 if you plan to attend or want details.



## Hook Up With School

The Hook Up With School Workshop will be on **February 21 at 6PM** and **February 22 at 11AM** at ERES. Sherry Slankard, guidance counselor at ERMS, will be presenting, "Bridges Out of Poverty." Childcare and a light meal will be offered. Call Jackie Houchin at 395-8540 ext. 603 if you plan to attend.

## Prevention Initiative (PI) Birth to Three Program

The Prevention Initiative Birth to Three Program is a parenting program of activities and ideas offered free to parents of young children who reside in the East Richland School District. Those who are expecting or who already have children between the ages of birth to three can be eligible for this program. **If you have questions or want to register for the program call the Parent Center at 395-8540, ext. 603.**



## The 8 Habits

- Habit 1: Be Proactive - **You're in charge.**
- Habit 2: Begin With The End In Mind - Have a plan.
- Habit 3: Put First Things First - Work first, then play.
- Habit 4: Think Win-Win - Everyone can win.
- Habit 5: Seek First To Understand, Then To Be Understood - Listen before you talk.
- Habit 6: Synergize - Together is better.
- Habit 7: Sharpen The Saw - Balance feels best.
- Habit 8: Find Your Voice - Inspire others to find theirs.



**Use the habits daily at school and home!**