

# *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.*

***PTO Offers Lunchtime Activities...*** Through the generosity of our Emmons Parent-Teacher Organization, we now have new ping-pong and foosball tables in the multi-purpose room. These games will be available to middle school students during lunch and recess times. We are very excited to have these tables; our students have been looking forward to them all year! Many thanks to Mrs. Latakas and the PTO for purchasing this equipment for us.

***Open Gym Benefits the Needy...*** Thank you to all of the students who participated in our open gym activity last Friday after school. We were able to raise \$362.50 for the Heifer Organization! As a group, the students decided to send a variety of livestock animals that will be given to several families in need. We will be sending one goat, one sheep, a gaggle of geese, a team of ducks, a flock of chickens and 2 beehives full of honey bees! Thank you for helping to make a positive difference!!

***Board of Education Elections...*** Four seats on the seven-member Emmons Board of Education are to be filled at the April 7<sup>th</sup> election. If you are interested in seeking election on April 7, 2009 to serve on the Board of Education, you may pick up a petition packet from Mrs. Carla Pratt in the District Office between 7:00am and 3:30pm Monday-Friday. Petitions must then be filed at the District Office between Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> and Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup> during normal business hours from 7:00am to 4:30pm. On Monday, January 26, 2009 the office will remain open until 5:00pm. If you would like more information about becoming a member of the Board of Education, please contact Dr. Robert Machak at (847) 395-1105 or [rmachak@emmons-school.com](mailto:rmachak@emmons-school.com).

***Reading Rewards...*** Students can earn passes to the Great America theme park in Gurnee through the Great America Read to Succeed Program. In this program, students in grades K-6 register to read for 360 minutes. The day passes that students earn can be converted into season passes. Students can get registration forms from their homeroom teachers and are due back to

school by February 11<sup>th</sup>. Pizza Hut and the Las Vegas Restaurant also sponsor reading programs in which our students can participate. Anyone interested may contact Mrs. Ryan in the library for more information.

***No School Monday...***Parents are reminded that we have no school on Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

***Picturing America Grant...***Congratulations to Lisa Karpel, who has applied for and received a “Picturing America” Grant, an educational resource from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), distributed in cooperation with the American Library Association. This program brings masterpieces of American art into classrooms and libraries nationwide. Through this innovative program, we hope our students gain a deeper appreciation of our country’s history and character through the study and understanding of its art. By bringing high-quality reproductions of notable American art into public and private schools, libraries, and communities, Picturing America gives participants the opportunity to learn about our nation’s history and culture in a fresh and engaging way. The program uses art as a catalyst for the study of America—the cultural, political, and historical threads woven into our nation’s fabric over time. We should receive our materials in March.

***Emmons Featured in Library Video...***A crew from the North Suburban Library System (NSLS) will visit Emmons on Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, to film a segment to be featured “One Great Thing at our Library”. This segment will feature Mrs. Ryan and our Teen Advisory Board and will be shown on NSLS’s “Video Adventure” program.

***Emergency Closings...***The school closings yesterday and today due to the severe wind chill may impact the school calendar and events planned for the last days of school. Dr. Vandrush and Dr. Machak will review the May and June calendars next week and let parents know what the plans for those final school days of the year will be. Dr. Machak apologizes for any inconvenience that these closings may have caused, and thanks the community for understanding that the decision to close school with the best interests of our students in mind.

***Ceres Food Service Survey...***Ceres Foodservice, our lunch provider, is requesting Emmons parent and student feedback. You will find two lunch-related surveys on the front page of our website ([www.emmons-school.com](http://www.emmons-school.com)). Each survey takes approximately five minutes to complete. Dr. Machak, Dr. Vandrush, and several student members of our Principal’s Cabinet will meet with Ceres representatives on Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, to discuss the survey results.

*The Week Ahead...*

<b>Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup></b>	No School – Dr. King Observance
<b>Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Winter MAP Testing Begins Study Hall – 3:30-4:00pm Library PTO Meeting – 7pm District Office Conference Room
<b>Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Study Hall – 3:30-4:00pm Library
<b>Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Star Lab Grades 6-8 Band Program – Period 2 Tabar Gymnasium Study Hall – 3:30-4:00pm Library Market Day Pick-Up – 4:30-6:00pm Band Room Grades 6-8 Band Program – 7:00pm Tabar Gymnasium Board of Education Meeting – 7:00pm Library
<b>Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Star Lab Study Hall – 3:30-4:00pm Library



“Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”

- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.