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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.

Emmons Students Shine at Solo and Ensemble Festival...Last weekend, seven of our 4th and 5th grade band students had the opportunity to participate in the Solo Festival at Santa Maria del Popolo School in Mundelein. This competition allows our student musicians to play before professional judges and musicians. Student performances are judged against a set of criteria. Emmons students did well in this competition, which featured more than 300 student musicians from the area. Earning a Perfect Score for Beginner Flute was Kaitlyn Ukleja. Several of our students earned Gold Medals: Jessica Greene (Beginner Clarinet), Reagan Griffin (Intermediate Clarinet), Ashley Hare (Intermediate Flute), and Annie Horner (Intermediate Bells and Snare). Nathan Loscher earned a Silver Medal for Intermediate Trumpet. Congratulations to Ms. Reis and our students!

March BOE Meeting Date Changed...The March meeting of the Emmons Board of Education will be held on Monday, March 23rd, at 7:00pm in the school library. The Board will meet in closed session beginning at 6:00pm on the 23rd.

First Graders Help Fortunate Pooches....Animal shelters across the country have had a boom of activity lately and are busting at the seams because of the worsening economy. The first graders and their teachers have decided to “adopt” a local animal shelter and try to provide some relief during these difficult times. Fortunate Pooches is a small, but growing, not-for-profit canine rescue organization dedicated to the rescue of dogs of all kinds, but specializes in all mixes of Labrador retrievers. This organization strives to place in-need pooches in forever homes that understand the importance of showing love and kindness to their furry companion. The adoption center, located in Fox Lake is brand new and in need of supplies. As you can imagine, with this large influx of animals, they are always in need of old blankets, towels, dog treats, bones and newspaper for the puppy room. They have not been able to afford kennels yet,

so are still using crates to house the dogs while they're there. Can you help?? First graders will be collecting used animal crates (the larger the better), old towels and blankets, dog treats, bones, and newspapers for Fortunate Pooches until the beginning of May. We would love any support you could give! The students will be gathering supplies and raising money to help buy kennels for Fortunate Pooches over the next couple months.

Second Graders Help Open Arms Backpack Program... Thank you to all of our students and parents who participated in our Open Arms Backpack food drive. For the past month our second graders have done an awesome job collecting food for the Open Arms backpack program. Students in Mrs. Blake's and Mrs. Smith's classes counted and graphed the food and presented their totals at last week's all-school Spirit Assembly. Our grand totals were: over 758 single snacks, 170 juice boxes, 151 cans of soup, 120 single cups of applesauce, 120 boxes of cereal, 90 fruit cups, 83 boxes of macaroni and cheese, 72 boxes of instant oatmeal, 49 cans of vegetables, and 50 cans of pastas. In all, we packed up 28 large boxes of food for the children who utilize the Open Arms Food Pantry. Way to go, Raiders! Your 212 spirit has made a difference in a child's weekend!

Award-Winning Author Coming to Emmons... Young adult author Jordan Sonnenblick will visit with the Emmons community on Monday, March 23rd. We will have a middle school assembly during 3rd period, and Mr. Sonnenblick will conduct a 6th grade workshop from 11:00am-12:00pm. After lunch with the Library Advisory Board, Mr. Sonnenblick will conduct workshops with the 7th and 8th grade students. Sonnenblick's novel *Drums, Girls & Dangerous Pie*, which all 6th graders have read, was published by Scholastic Press in 2005. It was named to several Best of 2005 lists, including the American Library Association's Teens' Top Ten; it was also chosen to be part of the "Go the Distance" literacy initiative, which is a collaboration between Muhammad Ali and Scholastic.

The Week Ahead...

Monday, March 23rd	Author Jordan Sonnenblick Visit Study Hall – Library 3:30-4:00pm Library Board of Education Meeting – 7:00pm Library
Tuesday, March 24th	11:30am Student Dismissal Parent-Teacher Conferences 12:30-3:30pm PTO Meeting – 7:30pm Conference Room
Wednesday, March 25th	11:30am Student Dismissal Parent-Teacher Conferences 12:30-3:30pm
Thursday, March 26th	11:30am Student Dismissal Parent-Teacher Conferences 12:30-3:30pm
Friday, March 27th	2:30pm Student Dismissal

Superintendent's Forum...Our third informal superintendent conversation with Dr. Machak will be held in the library from 6:00-7:00pm on Tuesday, April 14th. Please call Carla Pratt at (847) 395-1105 x213 to let us know if you are interested in attending or have any agenda items for that meeting.

Rave Reviews...Congratulations to the following students and staff members, who earned Rave Reviews from their peers and/or teachers during March: William Piper, Mr. Wiegel, Hannah Cook, Mrs. Nancy Smith, Dylan Atkinson, and Mickey West.



REMINDER – SPRING BREAK BEGINS MONDAY, MARCH 30TH!!