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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.*

***Last Day of School is June 9...*** Parents are reminded that, due to the use of Emergency Days last winter, we were required to modify our end-of-the-year calendar. Our last day of attendance is Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, is Records Day for the Emmons staff and a non-attendance day for students. Students will have a full day of school attendance with regular bus service to and from school on June 9<sup>th</sup>.

***Flag Lowered to Half-Staff...*** Emmons School received notification from Governor Quinn's office directing us to fly our flag at half-staff on June 4 and 5 in honor of Chicago Police Officer Alejandro Valdez, who was killed in the line of duty last weekend.

***5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students Visit Henry Horner...*** The fifth grade classes of Mrs. Frank and Mr. Burke spent Wednesday morning, May 27, at Camp Henry Horner. It was the first time for a class from Emmons, other than middle school, to visit the outdoor education facility. The children participated in a variety of team-building activities, as well as a scavenger hunt that fostered cooperation in a group. "It was totally awesome!" stated student Hope Reband. It was encouraging to watch clusters of kids urging on their classmates so everyone would finish the tasks together. Truly no child was left behind. Although it was a wet morning spirits were far from being dampened. "I loved running around in the rain," exclaimed fifth grader Allie Gelandar. The experience of the students will be built on during the middle school years, culminating in the children completing the high ropes course dozens of feet above the ground.

***Students to Collect on Superintendent's Money...*** At last month's Spirit Assembly, Dr. Machak issued a challenge to all students in grades K-8: all students at any grade level would be eligible to win a fabulous prize if the entire class completed all assigned work for the remaining month of the school year and received no discipline referrals for the rest of the year. Students suggested one of two prizes – a "field trip" to Dairy Queen for the winning class or \$100 cash of Dr. Machak's money. As of today, two grades remain in the running (Grades 1 and 5). Winners will be announced on Tuesday, June 9.

***Class Placement Forms...*** Any parent wishing to share feedback with the school regarding their child’s learning style, personality, background, etc., is asked to complete and submit a Consideration for Class Placement Form, which can be found under the Board of Education link on our District web site.

***Summer Landscaping Party Scheduled...*** We are scheduling a series of events throughout the calendar year to keep the grounds around Emmons School looking as nice as our students and families deserve. If you participated in either of our “weed-pulling parties” last fall, you know what a big job this can be. We are asking for your help on **Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>** to begin the first phase of our landscaping project. On that day, we will complete a general clean-up of all the various beds on the property (weed-pulling and trash pick-up), prepare identified beds for fall bulbs and planting, trim trees, and lay mulch. Besides your time and energy, we need wheelbarrows, chain saws, Roto-tillers, Bobcats, and any other equipment you can volunteer for the day. We will be working all day – 7:30am-3:30pm – on the 27<sup>th</sup> (rain date will be July 11<sup>th</sup>). If you can spare 30 minutes, an hour, or half a day, we need your help!! A sign-up sheet will be available online soon. You can also contact Donna Trischan in the school office to volunteer. We will schedule subsequent landscape events in August and October. Thanks in advance for all of your help!

***2009-10 Calendar Dates on Website...*** Parents can check out important dates related to the 2009-10 school year on the Emmons website. Our tentative calendar has been approved by the Lake County Regional Office of Education and the Illinois State Board of Education. We are still attempting to be granted waivers for Veteran’s Day, Presidents’ Day, and Pulaski Day to make them attendance days. Parents will be notified of any calendar changes.

***The Week Ahead...***

<b>Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup></b>	Records Day – No Student Attendance
<b>Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup></b>	Last Day of School – Full Day of Attendance
<b>Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup></b>	Summer Vacation Begins...
<b>Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Summer Vacation Continues...
<b>Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Summer Vacation Really Gets Going!

***Change in June BOE Meeting Date...*** The June 2009 meeting of the Emmons Board of Education has been changed from June 25<sup>th</sup> to June 18<sup>th</sup>, still at 7:00pm in the library.