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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 Welcomes New Staff... We are pleased to welcome Mrs. Kathryn Clay and Mr. Dan Schneider to Emmons School. Mrs. Clay and Mr. Schneider will share the responsibilities as our new reading specialists. Each will work two days per week. Mrs. Clay comes to Emmons from Woodland District 50 in Gurnee, where she taught reading and acted as a reading specialist for more than 30 years. She worked primarily with students in grades 2-5. Mr. Schneider is recently retired from Hawthorn District 73 in Vernon Hills; he also comes to us with more than 30 years of teaching reading at the middle school level. Mrs. Clay and Mr. Schneider will spend time in classrooms supporting teachers, working with small groups of students, and meeting with teachers outside of class time to help them develop strategies and interventions that will support the literacy of all our students. We are thrilled to have such quality individuals and experienced educators join our school community. They will both officially begin their duties here next week.

No School on Election Day... Emmons School will be closed next Tuesday, November 4th, Election Day. Emmons is a Lake County polling place, however, and residents can stop in to vote between 5:30am and 7:00pm on Tuesday. Voting booths will be set up in the Tabar Gymnasium. The rest of the building will be closed and inaccessible to parents and students.

212 Food Drive... Emmons students were challenged this month to raise 212 pounds of food to donate to the Open Arms Mission here in Antioch. The food drive was the focus of this year's Spirit Walk on October 10th. Our students rose to the challenge and then some – we collected more than 900 lbs. of food for the Mission's pantry. The number 212 has been significant here at

Emmons this year, as it signifies the temperature at which water boils and creates steam. That “extra degree” that is needed to transform hot water into energy is the same extra degree of effort we are asking for our students, teachers, and administration every day here at Emmons.

Late to School... Parents are reminded that any students arriving to school after 8:25am should be dropped off at the District Office entrance, and not at the activity entrance by the Commons. After 8:25am, students are considered tardy and need to be signed in by the receptionist. Thank you for your cooperation.

School Report Card... Every year, the State of Illinois requires public schools throughout the state to share a variety of assessment, financial, and demographics with their communities. This document, called the Illinois District Report Card, is now available through the link on our school website, www.emmons-school.com.

Online Conference Scheduling... A letter from Dr. Vandrush detailing step-by-step instructions for using our online Parent-Teacher Conference scheduling program was sent home from the Emmons office yesterday. Registration will run from Monday, November 3rd through Friday, November 14th. Parents who do not have Internet access in their home may come in to school between 4:00-6:00pm on Tuesday, November 4th to register for conferences. Parents needing to make other conference registration arrangements should contact Mrs. Pratt at (847) 395-1105 x210.

The Scholastic Book Fair Is Coming! Hot Sellers - Great Prices! Our Scholastic Book Fair is scheduled to begin on Thursday, November 6th. We invite you to our school to share in this celebration of books and reading. The Fair will be open during school hours. Every classroom will have the opportunity to visit the Fair. We are even offering evening Book Fair hours this year: Wednesday, Nov. 12, 3:00-6:00pm (open during Market Day), Thursday, Nov. 13, 5:00-8:30pm (Family Night). We will have our BOOK FAIR SAFARI - FAMILY NIGHT on Thursday, November 13th, from 5:00-8:30pm, featuring popcorn, refreshments, games, and “free” demo-poster give-a-ways! We will also have a special story hour, featuring Mrs. Vogel at 5:30pm and Dr. Machak at 6:00pm. We look forward to seeing you at the Fair!

Fall Sports Update... Our boys’ basketball and cheerleading seasons will be starting soon. Per District policy, students who have not paid their \$25 fee and/or do not have a current physical examination (within one calendar year) on file are not allowed to participate in interscholastic sports activities. Our season gets underway with a trip to Harrison School in Wonder Lake on Tuesday, November 4th.

Mix It Up... Emmons School will be participating in the national event, Mix It Up at Lunch Day, a day when students are encouraged to interact with people outside their normal social circles. Social scientists have shown that interaction across group lines can help improve

intergroup relations. Students will have randomly assigned seating at lunch, prompting them to break out of their social circle and interact with different people. The week before the national event, teachers will be discussing Mix It Up at Lunch Day with the students and reading stories that emphasize tolerance. For more information on Mix It Up at Lunch Day, go to www.mixitup.org. If you would like to volunteer to help us on the 13th, or if you would be interested in contributing a prize to our raffle, please contact Sarah Posey, social worker, at (847) 395-1105 x 216.

Jim Williams Returns to Emmons... Motivational speaker Jim Williams will be returning to the Emmons community to speak with parents at 7:00pm on Monday, December 1st and Tuesday, December 2nd. Mr. Williams will meet with students in grades 4-8 on December 2nd and 3rd. Mr. Williams' powerful, personal stories focus on bullying prevention and effective parenting techniques. We are thrilled to have him back this year and hope that you reserve one of these evenings – if not both – to come and hear his message.

Future Quest... Forty-one Emmons 7th and 8th graders will be participating in Future Quest on Tuesday, November 18th. Future Quest is a hands-on, fun-filled career event that allows junior high school student the opportunity to explore exciting and marketable careers. Through this event, sponsored by the Lake County Area Vocational System, students are able to participate in two sessions to learn about careers such as digital video production, automotive service, medical assisting, culinary arts, computer support services, and welding. This Mrs. Hartl and Mrs. McCameron will chaperone the evening for our students. The group will leave school at 3:00pm on the 18th and return to Emmons around 7:00pm.

Intermediate Vocal Concert... All parents are invited to join us at 10am on Tuesday, November 18th for a performance by Mrs. Schoessow and students in the 4th and 5th grade music program. This morning performance will be repeated at 7pm on the 18th in the Tabar Gymnasium.

Emmons Celebrates Halloween... Many thanks to our Emmons PTO and parent volunteers who helped us make our grade-level Halloween parties such a “howling” success!

Parent Feedback Appreciated... We are hoping that *The Raider Times* improves the frequency and timeliness of information that parents receive from school. If you have any suggestions, questions, concerns, or ideas related to this weekly flyer, please contact Dr. Machak with them at (847) 395-1105 x213 or electronically at rmachak@emmons-school.com.