

# ***The Raider Times***



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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 School Helps US Soldiers...*** The 8<sup>th</sup> graders at Emmons School have “adopted” Emmons graduate Michael Sims and his 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne unit, currently serving our nation at Fob Wilderness Base in Afghanistan. Michael is the son of Ms. Pam Sims, an Emmons staff member. Our students will collect and donate needed supplies to Michael’s base, and also have the opportunity to exchange letters with him. Items we are collecting include Zip-Loc Bags, sunflower seeds, toothpaste, playing cards, Chapstick, magazines, socks, underwear, and powdered laundry detergent. The community is invited to participate in this event – if you are interested in making a donation, please drop it off in the school, or contact Dan Wiegel at (847) 395-1105 x236 for more details.

***Veterans Day Assembly...*** 5<sup>th</sup> Grade will be hosting a school-wide Veterans Day assembly during 8<sup>th</sup> period (1:52-2:35pm) Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. Students met with a group of Veterans on Thursday to interview them for the assembly. Parents and friends are invited to join us.

***PTO Scrip...*** Emmons PTO is offering “scrip” – substitute money – as a fundraiser to support Emmons School. It’s simple: participating retailers agree to sell gift certificates to our PTO at a discount; people like you buy them at full face value, redeem them for full face value, and our school keeps the difference as revenue. Everybody wins! **THERE IS NO SELLING INVOLVED!!** Your hard-earned dollars earn money for Emmons while you buy things for your family that you were going to purchase anyway! Interested? Please contact Ms. Dawn Latakas at (847) 395-7544 for a list of participating retailers (a wide variety from Sears to Starbucks to

Borders to Lettuce Entertain You Restaurants) or for more information. Deadline to participate is November 21<sup>st</sup>.

**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](http://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 3<sup>rd</sup> through Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. Parents who do not have Internet access in their home may come in to school between 4:00-6:00pm on Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Here!** Hot Sellers - Great Prices! Our Scholastic Book Fair began yesterday. 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 13<sup>th</sup>, 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!

**Weekly Calendar...**

<b>Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup></b>	PTO BOOK FAIR Veterans Day Assembly – 8 <sup>th</sup> Period 6 <sup>th</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Bball – vs. Milburn West 4:15/5:15pm
<b>Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup></b>	No School – Veterans Day Observance
<b>Weds., November 12<sup>th</sup></b>	PTO BOOK FAIR PTO MARKET DAY 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Bball – vs. AUGS 4:00pm
<b>Thurs., November 13<sup>th</sup></b>	PTO BOOK FAIR Mix-It-Up Day – Lunch Periods and Home Base Kind. Teddy Bear Sleepover – 6-7pm 7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Bball – at Prairie Crossing 4:15/5:15pm
<b>Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>End of Trimester 1</b> PTO BOOK FAIR Last Day to Schedule Parent-Teacher Conferences Middle School Dance – 7:00-9:00pm

***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](http://www.mixitup.org). If you would like to volunteer to help us on the 13<sup>th</sup>, 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.

***Emmons Basketball Tournament...*** Mr. Shepherd is looking for volunteers young and old to help us out with our annual Emmons Invitational Basketball Tournament, which runs Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup> through Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. We need help setting up the gyms, taking tickets, and working concessions. If you have an hour or two to spare and would like to support the Emmons School sports program while watching some really good basketball (we have twenty teams participating this year), please contact George Shepherd at (847) 395-1105 x251.

***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](mailto:rmachak@emmons-school.com).

***And Finally...***



*AM Kindergarten student Quinn Gillespie enjoys her class Halloween party last Friday afternoon.*