

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.

Superintendent Forum...Dr. Machak invites all Emmons parents to participate in the first of a series of conversations regarding the “state of the union” at Emmons School. The first of these forums will be held at 8:45am in the library on Monday, December 15th. Topics for this meeting include a review of 2008-09 District goals, changes to the Discipline Policy, and discussion of some of the Technology challenges we have faced this year. Refreshments will be served. Please contact Carla Pratt at (847) 395-1105 x210 by December 11th if you can attend, so that we know how many folks to plan for. The times of these forum meetings will be staggered throughout the year to attempt to accommodate our parents’ busy schedules.

Fill the Milk Jug to Help Open Arms Mission...In conjunction with the Antioch Rotary Club, Emmons School is participating in a “Fill the Milk Jug” fundraiser to benefit Antioch’s Open Arms Mission. Students, teachers, and visitors to the office are invited to donate their spare change to the Mission through Thanksgiving. Fresh milk is one of the most difficult and expensive commodities for a food pantry to obtain – it cannot be purchased in bulk and has to be purchased fresh regularly, usually at costs similar to those in the grocery store. The Antioch Rotary Club has placed an old-fashioned glass milk jug in the Emmons School office – we are hoping to “fill the jug” so that the Mission has fresh milk to give to families in need. Thank you for your support!

No Classes Next Week...Parents, please be advised that we discovered an error on the “Days Off” calendar on our District website: Monday, November 24th and Tuesday, November 25th **are not** half-days of attendance for our students; after today, students will not return to classes until after Thanksgiving. Parent-Teacher conferences begin at noon next Monday and Tuesday.

Book Fair News... The Emmons PTO ended our Fall Scholastic Book Fair by hosting a Family Night last Thursday. Volunteers handed out juice and popcorn, played trivia games, and put huge smiles on many students' faces with our poster raffle. Dr. Machak and Mrs. Vogel captured the interest of many children by reading some of their favorite stories during story time. Thank you to everyone who attended! Every child had a chance to participate in the Safari Book Fair Guessing Game: The winners were: grades K-2 Katie Vilardi, grades 3-5 Denae Eldridge, and grades 6-8 Riley Horner. In addition, 7 classrooms won Book Fair Bingo: Mrs. O'Donnell, Mrs. Frank, Mrs. Good, Mrs. Wu, Mrs. Pisani, Mrs. Karpiel's 8th grade Connections class and Mrs. Kunzer's 8th grade Connections Class. Congratulations to all of you! **Also, thank you to the many Volunteers who made the Book Fair a huge success!** Happy reading and we'll see you next May.

Rave Reviews...The following students and staff members were recognized by their teachers and peers for going that “extra degree” since our October Spirit Assembly. Rave Reviews for November were announced at our 4th/5th Grade Music Assembly on Tuesday. The names in parentheses are those who nominated a student for a Rave Review this month: (Robby Christiansen) Jake Jackson, (Tyler Welch) Joey Maggio, (Ryan Schroeder) Brandon Gallimore, (Katherine Barr) Andrew Hare, (Mrs. Mihovilovich) Matthew Strok, (Dr. Machak) Paige Gallimore and Heather Latakas (Ella Maggio) Mrs. O'Donnell, and (Rachel Rogers) Mrs. Meyer. Congratulations to all of our student and staff recipients; we thank you for helping make Emmons School a nicer place to be!

Former Emmons Student Shadows Teachers...Emmons graduate and current ACHS senior Kailie Jeschke spent the day at Emmons School on Wednesday as a participant in the Career Shadowing Day sponsored by the Antioch Rotary Club and High School District 117. More than 90 seniors from Antioch and The Lakes High Schools participated in this event. At Emmons, Kailie had the opportunity to participate in an office team meeting and observe several teachers and grade levels. Kailie is thinking that would like to be an art teacher.

Emmons School Helps US Soldiers...The 8th graders at Emmons School have “adopted” Emmons graduate Michael Sims and his 101st 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.

Student Procedures for Staying after School...Basketball is a big draw for student spectators. While we want our students to stay after school for the games so they can show their school spirit, safety and supervision issues have raised some concerns. We are requesting some

parental support in helping us maintain a safe, structured, and orderly school environment after school. The practice after school has traditionally been that to dismiss all students; students desiring to do so would come back for the games. We still handle student spectator issues in this way, however our second tier of after school bus routes is creating some logistical problems: realistically, students really can't leave and come back. Upon dismissal, students should go where regularly assigned between 3:25-4:00pm. 2nd route students must stay with the supervisor for all 2nd route riders. No students are to be in the Commons unattended. Game supervision starts at 4:00PM. For students who ride 2nd routes, however, at the time their bus arrives those who wish to come to a game must present a parent note giving permission to the supervisor. They should come into the game rather than getting on their bus. Without a parent permission note on each day, the student needs to go home on their bus. Another misunderstanding is that students have free admission to games. The fee for student admission is \$1.00, and must be paid at the door. During the game spectators must stay in the gym, except of course, for the brief concession or bathroom visits. Students who are not doing so will be instructed to call home to leave.

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 21st.

No Parking Zone... Parents are asked to please not park along the fence near the school exit. This area needs to remain clear should an emergency vehicle need to enter the property. Further, parking in this spot increases the likelihood of a child being injured by a vehicle, as parents are parking illegally right next to the playground. Thank you for your cooperation.

Holiday Office Hours... The Emmons School office will be open from 8:30am-1:00pm the following days during Winter Break: Tuesday, December 23rd, Monday, December 29th, and Tuesday, December 30th.

Kids Coalition News... Students can purchase tickets for the Mystery Chauffeur Raffle through November 18th. The winners get to sleep late on Friday, November 21st and then be driven to school at 9:00am by a special "mystery chauffeur". All proceeds from this raffle will benefit the Open Arms Mission. We will set up a Christmas tree in the Commons on November 24th; students will have the opportunity to pick an ornament from the tree that contains a wish from a needy family in the area. Students wishing to participate should bring their gifts to the school office before December 17th.

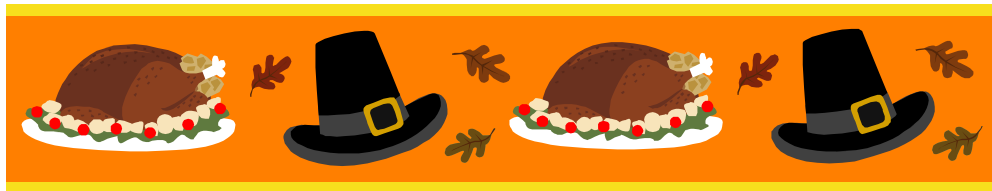
Weekly Calendar...

Monday, November 24th	No Student Attendance Parent-Teacher Conferences 12:00-8:00pm
Tuesday, November 25th	No Student Attendance Parent-Teacher Conferences 12:00-8:00pm PTO Meeting – 7:00pm
Weds., November 26th	No School
Thurs., November 27th	No School – Thanksgiving Day
Friday, November 28th	No School

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.



The faculty and staff of Emmons School wish our students and their families a Happy and Peaceful Thanksgiving.



And Finally... We hope you enjoy the following page of photos from recent Emmons' School community events:



8th grader Ryley Horner was the middle school winner of the Guessing Game at the PTO Book Fair.



Nine students and staff members were recognized with Rave Reviews for the month of November.



Students enjoyed readings by Mrs. Vogel and Dr Machak during Family Night at the Book Fair.