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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.*



Dear Parents,

Thank you so very much for your incredible generosity this holiday season!! Through your help and thoughtful consideration, all the people we hoped to assist with gifts this year were taken care of and will have a fabulous Christmas thanks to all of you.

Have a joyous holiday season and know that you made a wonderful difference for many in need this year!

Happy Holidays!!

Emmons School Kids' Coalition



***Emergency Closing Information...***In the unlikely event that weather conditions would necessitate the closing of school, parents and students can check if school is open or not in the following ways: first, you can visit our website, [www.emmons-school.com](http://www.emmons-school.com), where a message

about a school closing will be posted on the front page of the site. Secondly, we will send out a broadcast message to all families at the home phone number we have on file as soon as Dr. Machak has made the determination to close school. Finally, school closings will be announced on the WKRS radio (1220 AM) station as well as Chicago television stations.

**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 15<sup>th</sup>. 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Conference Feedback...**Thank you to all the parents who took the time to complete our online Parent-Teacher Conference survey. In all, we received 27 parent responses. Out of those responses, 26 stated that their November conference gave them relevant information about their child’s progress at school; 24 felt they were able to ask all the questions they had about their child’s education; 23 said they receive regular and useful information about their child’s progress outside of conferences; and 24 stated that their child feels good about attending school at Emmons.

**Weekly Calendar...**

<b>Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Superintendent’s Forum – 8:45am Library Study Hall – 3:30-4:00pm Library
<b>Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup></b>	Study Hall – 3:30-4:00pm Library PTO Meeting 7:30pm – District Office Conference Room
<b>Weds., December 17<sup>th</sup></b>	Study Hall – 3:30-4:00pm Library
<b>Thurs., December 18<sup>th</sup></b>	Study Hall – 3:30-4:00pm Library Middle School Activity Night – 6:00-8:00pm Board of Education Meeting – 7:00pm Library
<b>Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup></b>	2:30pm Student Dismissal

**Winter Break Info...**Our annual Winter Break begins with student dismissal at 2:30pm on Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. There will be no after-school activities or late bus on the 19<sup>th</sup>. School resumes with a full day of classes on Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>.

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

***Lindenhurst Park District Basketball League...*** Emmons' boys in grades 3-8 are invited to participate in a league sponsored by the Lindenhurst Park District. This basketball league offers opportunities for all skill levels. This program will teach teamwork, fair play, rules of the game, as well as shooting, passing and dribbling. All games will be played at the Lindenhurst Park District Community Center Gymnasium. Player evaluations will take place on January 10 at the following times: 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade @9:00am, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade @10:00am, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> @11:00am at Millburn West School. Any questions parents may have will be answered at these evaluations. Games will be played on Saturday (game times to vary) with a possible one practice during the week either on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, depending on availability. Gym shoes, white socks, and black shorts must be worn. The Park District will provide each participant with a t-shirt. If interested, please contact Dave Mohr at 847-356-6011 or [dmohr@lindenhurstparks.org](mailto:dmohr@lindenhurstparks.org).

***PE Skating Unit is Coming Soon...***Students in grades 3-8 will begin their PE roller skating unit in early February. Mrs. McCameron and Mr. Shepherd have sent home the permission slip and skate order forms with students this week. Your child should return this completed form to his or her PE teacher no later than Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>.

### ***Recent Events...***



*8<sup>th</sup> graders Harrison Stumphy (third from left), Quintin Atkinson, and 7<sup>th</sup> grader Emily Gelandar pose with members of the Antioch VFW as winners of the annual Patriot's Pen essay contest.*



*First graders, including Joseph Maggio (far right), prepare for their winter concert on Thursday.*