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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.

It's Time for Valegrams... What's a valegram? A valegram is a special 'telegram' with a Valentine twist. Students at all grade levels can send a Valegram to someone special! They can be to a parent, teacher, staff member or friend! The valegrams will be delivered on February 12th in a very special way! Our very own eighth graders, dressed up in full Valentine garb, will travel from classroom to classroom singing the songs and poems students chose and spreading cheer to the recipients. Each valegram costs only \$1.00 and that includes a tasty large heart lollipop, too! All proceeds will be used to buy Beanie Babies for Antioch's emergency responders. Police officers, fire fighters and paramedics keep these Beanie Babies in their vehicles and give them to children who are victims of traumatic situations. We'll let you know the total amount collected after Valentine's Day. Thanks for supporting the Kids' Coalition; we are not only doing something kind for the people we know, but also making a difference for others right here in the Antioch community. Students should keep in mind that this is a way to show someone that they care about them; it is not an avenue to try to embarrass anyone. Any inappropriate valegrams will be not be delivered.

Communication Committee Needs Volunteers... The District 33 Communications Committee is looking for parent volunteers who would be willing to submit information about Emmons School (like calendar dates, sporting events, and District activities) to our local Pioneer Press, Daily Herald, and Chicago Tribune correspondents. If you have about an hour a week that you would be willing to devote to helping us in this way, please contact Dr. Machak at (847) 395-1105 x213. Thank you - we need your help!

Emmons PTO Family Fun Fest is Coming Soon... Parents, please save the date of Saturday, February 27 – we are holding our annual FREE community carnival from 6:00-8:00pm in the Tabar Gymnasium and MPR that evening. The night will feature some of your favorite Fun Fest traditions, such the Cake Walk, face painting, and food. We may also have a few new surprises this year. Parents are asked to bring their baked goods for the Cake Walk to school on

Friday, February 26th or the 27th before 6:00pm. The PTO is also looking for volunteers for this event – if you are interested in helping us, please contact Mrs. Melanie Gelandner at (847) 838-5751 or via e-mail at gelx5@aol.com. Set-up will start at 4:00pm. Thank you for making this event possible!

Emmons Students Support Haiti Earthquake Relief... Thanks to you, we were able to send \$180 to the American Red Cross to help the earthquake victims in Haiti. Your gift may become water, a ready-meal pack dropped from a helicopter, cooking oil, a makeshift shelter, or supplies for medical care. However our donation is used, we know that it will help people in need. We DO make a difference, Raiders! Thanks!

Girls' Basketball Tournament... Under the guidance of Mr. Dan Wiegel, Athletic Director, Emmons will host our annual Girls' Basketball Tournament February 5th-7th. We have 24 teams competing this year and it is sure to be a great weekend. The funds raised during this event support a variety of athletic and academic activities and programs at Emmons School. We still need volunteers to help us over the weekend. If you can donate even 30 minutes to take tickets, help with concessions, or assist at the scorer's table, we can use you! For more information or to volunteer at this year's tournament, please contact Mr. Wiegel at (847) 395-1105 x236.

Principal's Cabinet... Our next Principal's Cabinet meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 3rd, at 7:45am in the District Office conference room.

Kids Who Care Scholarship Program... Kohl's Department Store wants to recognize student volunteers through its "Kids Who Care" program. Parents, teachers, and community groups can nominate individual or groups of students. Scholarship recipients have been recognized for cleaning up parks, helping younger students learn to read, and conducting food drives. These students are awarded Kohl's gift cards and monetary scholarships. Please visit www.kohlskids.com to nominate an Emmons student – we have a number of wonderful service projects underway right now. Nominations are being accepted online from February 1 through March 15, 2010.

Art Club... Mrs. Karpiel is once again offering an after-school Art Club for students in grades 2-8. Beginning next week, Art Club will meet from 3:30-5:00pm on Tuesdays for 2nd grade, Wednesdays for 3rd grade, Thursdays for 4th grade, and Fridays for the Advanced group in grades 5-8. The cost for instruction and materials is \$40. There is no bus available for students attending Art Club. Please see Mrs. Karpiel for details.

Do We Have Correct Contact Information for You?... Parents are reminded that the school office needs to know of any changes to your home, work, and cell phone numbers, as well as to your e-mail address if you have provided us one. Accurate parent contact information is essential to good school-home communication, particularly in an emergency situation.

Emmons to Offer Pre-K Summer Program... We are very excited to offer a six-week summer program to families of Emmons School who will have children entering Kindergarten in August 2010. Mrs. White will teach this class with an assistant, and the enrollment will be limited to 15 students. This class will meet from 9:00-11:30am, Monday-Friday, from June 7th through July 9th. Registration will begin on Monday, February 1st. Please contact Dr. Machak with any questions at (847) 395-1105.

Name Our New Truck Contest... Students are invited to help us name our new District vehicle by submitting their potential monikers in the bowl in the office between now and February 1st. To help get the creative juices flowing, students should keep in mind that we will use this vehicle for snow plowing, landscaping, refuse hauling, and a variety of other custodial and maintenance tasks. We will proudly display the chosen name on the front of our new vehicle. The author of the winning entry will receive lunch courtesy of Dr. Machak and, of course, a ride in the truck to go pick it up!

Date of PTO Auction Changed... Our annual Emmons District Golf Outing and Auction to benefit the students and programs at Emmons School will be held on Friday, April 30th. This event had originally been scheduled for May 7th. This daylong fundraiser will be held at Antioch Golf Course.

K-2 Pencil Project... The students in Kindergarten, 1st grade and 2nd grade are teaming up with The Pencil Project organization in an effort to collect pencils, erasers and small sharpeners for an elementary school in McIntosh, South Dakota. The Pencil Project is an organization that works hard to get pencils in the hands of kids who need them. It all started with a trip to Africa. The mother of the founder of The Pencil Project took a picture of a teacher and her class of 102 second graders. Yes, ONE teacher with a class of 102 kids! One little boy especially stood out; he was clutching a tiny broken pencil. It was his prized possession because it was all he had. It was then that she realized how important it was for all children to have the tools they needed to be successful in school. So far, they have collected 300, 000 pencils for kids. It's our goal for this project to help make a difference for kids, one pencil at a time. Please drop off your pencils in any K-2 classroom if you would like to participate with us!

Emmons to Host Pre-School Screening... Emmons School District 33 will conduct a free screening for District children ages 3, 4, and 5 during the school day on Wednesday, February 17th. Parents are encouraged to participate in the screening if they can answer "No" to more than one of the following questions:

- Do you have a child who is 3, 4 or 5 years old and not attending a pre-school?
- Does your child speak a language other than English?
- Does your child have the opportunity to interact with children his/her age?

- Does your child have appropriate play skills?
- Does your child understand and use language to express himself/herself?

Parents should schedule an appointment through the school office and provide proof of District 33 residency when coming to the screening. Please contact Mrs. Cynthia Thielen, Student Services Coordinator, at (847) 395-1105 x217 with any questions.

Auction Volunteers Are Looking for You!...The Auction Committee is looking for cheerful, outgoing, and energetic people with lots of contacts to help solicit businesses around town and around the county for donations for our annual auction. If you are willing to donate even 30 minutes of time, we can use your help. Please contact Kim Torcaso at (847) 395-3796.

The Week Ahead...

Monday, February 1st	Study Hall – 3:30-4:15pm
Tuesday, February 2nd	Intro to Literature Class – 7:45-8:25am Room 211 Study Hall – 3:30-4:15pm 6 th Grade Girls’ Bball – at Johnsburg 4:15/5:15pm 8 th Grade Girls’ Bball – vs. Grass Lake 4:15pm
Wednesday, February 3rd	Study Hall – 3:30-4:15pm Chess Club – 3:30-4:15pm Room 211 6 th Grade Girls’ Bball – vs. Alden-Hebron 4:15pm 7 th /8 th Grade Girls’ Bball – vs. Alden-Hebron 4:15/5:15pm
Thursday, February 4th	Intro to Literature Class – 7:45-8:25am Room 211 Study Hall – 3:30-4:15pm 6 th Grade Girls’ Bball – at Millburn Central 4:15/5:15pm
Friday, February 5th	Drama Club – 3:30-4:15pm Music Room 6 th Grade Girls’ Bball – St. Peter’s Tournament 7 th /8 th Grade Girls’ Bball – Emmons Tournament
Saturday, February 6th	Saturday School – 8:00-11:00am 6 th Grade Girls’ Bball – St. Peter’s Tournament 7 th /8 th Grade Girls’ Bball – Emmons Tournament
Sunday, February 7th	6 th Grade Girls’ Bball – St. Peter’s Tournament 7 th /8 th Grade Girls’ Bball – Emmons Tournament



Please support our Pennies for Pencils program!