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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.

BOE Appoints New Member... Mrs. Eileen Huston was selected by the Emmons Board of Education to fill the board vacancy left with the departure of Jim Fischer. Mrs. Huston was seated at the January 28th Board meeting. Mr. Jordan, the Board of Education, and Dr. Machak thank and appreciate all eight community members who applied to fill this vacant position.

House Bill 4764... House Bill 4764, also known as “Jasmine’s Law”, has made its way to the Illinois House of Representatives. HB4764 proposes to strengthen our laws to protect children under the age of 13 from adult sexual predators by increasing minimum sentencing, requiring additional sentencing during the commission or attempted commission of a sexual offense while the minor was under the influence of alcohol, and providing victims with a sign-off sheet at the onset of the criminal justice system to inform and explain their rights under the crime victims’ rights act. In the state of Illinois, of the 24,000 registered sex offenders on the Illinois State Sex Offender Registry, 19,000 are child sex offenders. The average sentencing for child sex offenders in Lake County, Illinois is only 2 ½ years. The provision of alcohol to a child during the commission of a predatory offense is considered a misdemeanor offense and carries less than a one-year sentence. We can help keep our children safer by signing a petition in support of HB4764 that will be delivered to Springfield by Denise Rotheimer, author of Jasmine’s Law. This petition is available in the school office through next week. Parents may also visit www.momsv.org for more information.

Students Name New Truck... Emmons staff and students welcomed “Big Red” into District 33 on Monday. Big Red was the name that was selected, among dozens of creative suggestions, for our new District vehicle. The following students, who suggested the name, are invited to lunch with Dr. Machak in Big Red on Tuesday, February 16th: John Petty, Adam Regalado, and Emma DeJong. Second grade teacher Nancy Smith also submitted the name “Big Red” to the contest and is invited to lunch along with our students.

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.

Summer Day... Friday, February 26th, will be "Summer Day" at Emmons School. Everyone will be encouraged to wear shorts, flip flops, shades, and sunscreen. We are planning fun activities (besides school, which is always fun anyway!), contests, and games. Students can count on summer music throughout the day, and maybe something tasty off the Emmons grill. The PTO will come around to our classrooms with Sno-Cones and (hopefully) other goodies.

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 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 be taken through April 9th. Tuition for this class is \$240. Please contact Dr. Machak with any questions at (847) 395-1105.

The Scholastic Book Fair is Coming!... Many new titles are being sent our way for the upcoming Book Fair. We will have a huge selection, including books for the following levels: pre-school, elementary, middle school, and adult best sellers. PTO will offer two evenings for families to shop (see schedule below). Students will also have the opportunity to visit the fair with their classrooms. PTO is looking for volunteers to work the Book Fair. We need day time help and evening help as well. Please e-mail Michele at Mireiser@sbcglobal.net if you would like to volunteer.

Dates and Hours:

- **Tuesday, Feb.23**

Set up: 9:00-11:30am

Book Fair open from 11:30am to 8:00pm (Open during basketball and concert)

- **Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Feb. 24, 25 & 26**

Book Fair open from 9:00am-3:00pm

- **Saturday, Feb. 27**

Book Fair open from 6:00pm-8:00pm (Open during Family Fun Fest)

- **Monday, March 1**

Take Down: 8:00am-???

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.

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.

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.

The Week Ahead...

Monday, February 8th	Study Hall – 3:30-4:15pm
Tuesday, February 9th	Intro to Literature Class – 7:45-8:25am Room 211 Study Hall – 3:30-4:15pm 6 th Grade Girls’ Bball – at Millburn West 4:15/5:15pm 7 th /8 th Grade Girls’ Bball – at Park School 4:15/5:15pm
Wednesday, February 10th	Study Hall – 3:30-4:15pm Chess Club – 3:30-4:15pm Room 211 6 th Grade Girls’ Bball – vs. Johnsburg 4:15/5:15pm 7 th /8 th Grade Girls’ Bball – vs. Prairie Crossing 4:15/5:15pm
Thursday, February 11th	Intro to Literature Class – 7:45-8:25am Room 211 Study Hall – 3:30-4:15pm
Friday, February 12th	Drama Club – 3:30-4:15pm Music Room

Antioch Library Sponsors Poetry Night... This is for all you poetry lovers! Whether you like to write it, read it or just listen to it, this event is sure to be just up your alley. Writers: bring your best poem to share. Readers: recite something from one of your favorite authors. Listeners: come and listen! Plus hear the winning poems of the Teen Poetry Contest recited by their authors. Refreshments will be provided. Come and relax for an hour or so at your library!

When: April 6th, 2010 at 6:00pm

Where: Antioch Public Library District

Adult Magazine Area

What to Bring: Yourself, a friend, and a poem

If you plan to recite a poem, please arrive about half an hour earlier to register!