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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 Explores Day Care Possibilities...Dr. Machak has contacted several private, for-profit companies that offer a variety of day care services in other area elementary schools. A number of parents have inquired about such services at Emmons School. We are looking to offer before- and after-school child care for students in grades Kindergarten-3rd grade. There is also a possibility that we could offer a Kindergarten enrichment component that would allow students enrolled in either of Emmons' half-day Kindergarten programs to spend the day at Emmons and attend the enrichment class either before or after their Kindergarten class. Though specifics differ from company to company, each representative we have contacted has shared a concern about the number of parents who would want to participate in a school district as small as ours. As our next step moving forward, Dr. Machak is requesting that you tell your neighbors and friends with students in grades K-3 to contact him as soon as possible at (847) 395-1105 with the names of any families that might benefit from such a morning or afternoon child care program. We are hoping that extending child care opportunities to our families with young children will benefit our entire school community!

9/11 Assembly...Parents and friends are invited to join us at 8:50am in the Tabar Gymnasium for our annual "Heroes" assembly, sponsored by the 8th grade class.

Fall Landscaping Party...We are looking for volunteers to join us from 7:30am-12:00pm on Saturday, September 26th, for a landscaping clean-up party around the school property. We will be trimming trees, pulling weeds, and planting bulbs in several flower beds. Please contact Dr. Machak at (847) 395-1105 x213 if you are interested in spending some of the morning of September 26th with us.

Principal's Cabinet...Dr. Machak is looking for student representatives from each grade level 4-8 to serve on the Principal's Cabinet for the 2009-10 school year. Students on this committee will meet with Dr. Machak on a bi-monthly basis and act as a primary liaison between administration and students at a particular grade level. We are hoping to have two

representatives from each grade level. Interested students should stop in the office for an application no later than Tuesday, September 8th.

Bus Issues...Parents may contact the Customer Care Center of Durham Bus Company at (847) 838-5198 at any time to report school bus problems such as late or missed pickups, route questions, and the like. Questions and concerns regarding student conduct on the school bus should be directed to the school office.

MAP Testing Continues Next Week...Fall MAP testing will begin for all students in grades K-8 will run through Friday, September 11th. Students in grades K, 1, and 2 are tested in the areas of reading and math. Students in grades 3-8 are tested in reading, math, and language usage.

Superintendent's 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 6:00pm in the library on Wednesday, September 16th. Topics for this meeting include a review of 2009-10 District goals, bullying prevention, and a review of the first month of the school year. Refreshments will be served. Please contact Carla Pratt at (847) 395-1105 x210 by September 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.

Emmons Volleyball Tournament...Emmons School will host its first (annual) 8th grade girls' volleyball tournament this Fall! This one-day, bracket-style tournament will take place on Saturday, October 17th, from 9:00am-6:00pm. Parents interested in helping us out by taking tickets, running concessions, or keeping score should contact Mr. Dan Wiegel, Emmons' Athletic Director, at (847) 395-1105 x236.

8th Grade EXPLORE Test...All Emmons 8th grade students are required to report to Antioch High School on Saturday, October 24th, by 7:45am. On that date, our students will be taking the EXPLORE Test, which is used to assist District 117 in high school placement. The EXPLORE is part of a series of nationally-normed tests that culminates with the ACT exam. A letter explaining this exam was sent to parents of all Emmons 7th graders from the guidance department of Antioch High School last May. Please contact Dr. Machak if you would like another copy of the letter.

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.

PTO Meetings Scheduled...The Emmons Parent-Teacher Organization meets monthly in the first floor conference room at school. PTO meetings are held on Tuesdays and begin at

7:30pm. Meeting dates for the 2009-10 school year are September 8th, October 6th, November 10th, January 12th, February 9th, March 9th, April 13th, and May 11th. Parents can contact Mrs. Dawn Latakas, PTO President, at school for more information.

Study Halls Open... After-school study halls for all students in grades 3-8 are now open for business! Students in grades 3-5 work in one room and middle school student in another. Each study hall is staffed by at least one Emmons teacher and/or paraprofessional. Study hall runs from 3:30-4:10pm each day Monday through Thursday. A late activity bus will be available, free of charge, to take students attending study hall home at 4:15pm.

The Week Ahead...

Monday, September 7th	No School – Labor Day
Tuesday, September 8th	MAP Testing Soccer vs. Grass Lake – 4:15pm (Community Center) 7 th /8 th Grade VB – vs. Grass Lake 4:15/5:15pm 6 th Grade VB – at Millburn West 4:15pm (2 matches) Grades 4-5 Band Sign Up 7:00pm
Wednesday, Sept. 9th	MAP Testing 6 th Grade VB – at Montini 4:45pm (2 matches)
Thursday, September 10th	MAP Testing Soccer - at Stanton 4:15pm Cross Country – at Stanton 4:15pm 7 th /8 th Grade VB – vs. Grass Lake 4:15/5:15pm
Friday, September 11th	MAP Testing All-School Assembly – 8:50am 6 th Grade VB – at Anastasias 5:00pm (1 match)
Saturday, September 12th	7 th Grade Johnsburg Tournament

4th and 5th Grade Band... Students in grades 4 and 5 will have the opportunity to sign up for Beginning Band. Sign-ups will take place in the band room from 7:00-8:00pm on Tuesday, September 8th. Band will begin the week of September 21st.