

# *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.*

***Help Set the Vision of Emmons District 33...*** Dr. Machak and The Emmons Board of Education are looking for parent volunteers to participate in a District Vision and Long-Range Planning Workshop on Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, in the Vandrush Library at Emmons School. The goal of this day-long planning session, which will be facilitated by the Illinois Association of School Boards, is to gather input from all constituencies of our school community that will lead directly to a shared District vision (the District mission statement appears at the top of every issue of the *Raider Times*) and a 3-5 year long-range strategic plan for all of the District's various goal areas. The work we will undertake is important and requires a substantial commitment on the part of all participants: we will work the entire day, from 8:00am-3:00pm on March 10<sup>th</sup>. A light breakfast and boxed lunch will be served. We are looking for 25-30 people who care about Emmons to join us, and want to hear the voices of the following groups as we move forward: Board of Education, Teachers and Staff, Parents, Students, Administration, and District residents who may not have children at Emmons at this time. A tentative agenda for the day is attached to this edition of the *Raider Times*. Please contact Dr. Machak at (847) 395-1105 x213 if you or someone you know might be interested in participating. Thank you for your continued support of Emmons School!

***Girls Basketball Tournament Volunteers Needed...*** We need adult volunteers for our annual Girls Basketball Tournament Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> thru Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed Friday night and all day Saturday and Sunday. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Dan Wiegel at 847-395-1105 x236.



***Students Sponsor Community Talent Show!...***Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual “Emmons’ Got Talent” family variety show is being sponsored once again by our middle school Principal’s Cabinet members, and proceeds from this event will go towards our 8<sup>th</sup> grade class trip in May, 2012. The date of the show is Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 7:00-9:30pm. Anyone interested in participating will need to pass muster with our 8<sup>th</sup> grade talent judges first – auditions will be scheduled for February 17<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup> after school. An audition permission slip is attached. Please return signed permission slips to the office by Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>.



***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! You can send one to your son/daughter, teacher, staff member or friend! The Valegrams will be delivered on February 14<sup>th</sup> in a very special way! Our very own eighth graders, dressed up in full Valentine apparel, will travel from classroom to classroom singing the songs and reading the poems you chose and spreading cheer to the recipients. Hey! Want to send more than one? You bet! Each Valegram costs only \$1.00 and that includes a tasty large heart lollipop too! The proceeds will be used to buy a service dog for a soldier returning from the Middle East with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. We’ll let you know the total amount collected for this great cause after Valentine’s Day! Thank you for your great support! You’re not only doing something kind for someone you know, but you’re also making a positive difference in the life of an American Soldier right here in your own community. It does the heart good! 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 not be delivered. You will find more directions and a Valegram form in the Virtual Backpack.



***The Mobile Food Pantry is Coming Back to Emmons!...***We are excited to announce that on Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, we will host another Mobile Food Pantry from 5:00-7:00pm! We’ll need between 15-20 volunteers, so please email Carla Moser at [cmoser@emmons-school.com](mailto:cmoser@emmons-school.com) if you’re interested in volunteering from 4:30-7:30pm that day or if you have any questions regarding the MFP. Special thanks to the faculty and staff for raising all the money needed for this event!

***2011-12 Yearbooks...***Did you miss the December deadline to order a yearbook for your student? Several families have asked about late orders and the yearbook staff will leave the order window open until March 15<sup>th</sup>. If you haven’t ordered yet and would like to, please send a check for \$25 made out to Emmons School along with the order form found in the Virtual Backpack to the library before March 15<sup>th</sup> to reserve a copy of the 2001-12 school yearbook.

***Yearbook Ads...***Parents wishing to purchase an ad for the yearbook should look to the virtual backpack for order forms this week. 1/8 of a page ads are just \$10. Ads can include text and a photo. Questions should be directed to Mrs. Ryan in the library at 847-395-1105 x221 or via email at [sryan@emmons-school.com](mailto:sryan@emmons-school.com). The money generated from yearbook ads last year was used to purchase a new camera for the yearbook staff.

***Show Your School Spirit...***Emmons Raiders Window Clings are now being sold! All proceeds go to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade end of the year trip. These window clings will only be available for a limited time. Once they sell out, they will be gone. Great for scrapbooking, or just showing your support for our school. The clings cost \$5.00 each. Please contact Mrs. Jones @ 847-395-1105, x229, to purchase or send the money in an envelope with your child addressed to Mrs. Jones.

***Six Flags Read to Succeed Reading Program...***Just a reminder, students in grades K-6 who are participating in the Six Flags Read to Succeed Program need to turn in their reading logs to their homeroom or advisory teacher, signed by a parent or guardian, no later than next Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>. Students must have completed 360 minutes (6 hours) of reading or for the little folks, listening to others read. If you need additional reading logs, you can see Mrs. Ryan in the library or just record your reading on a sheet of notebook paper. Students that read and turn in their forms by the deadline of January 31<sup>st</sup> will receive a student ticket to Six Flags with their final report card in June.

***Emmons Library Announces Soup Contest...***Winter looks like it is finally here! Time for Soup! The library has announced a soup drive for the local food pantry in honor of National Soup Month (January). We are sponsoring a contest for canned or packaged soup donations to benefit Open Arms Food Pantry. Rules are simple. Bring in as many cans or packages of soup as you can before February 15<sup>th</sup> (the day before the February Spirit Assembly). Teachers will keep the cans in their classrooms until February 15<sup>th</sup>. The library will collect and tabulate them in the morning on the 15<sup>th</sup>. The room with the best percentage returns (soup donations to students) will get an “ice cream soup” party sponsored by the library. (What is ice cream soup you ask? Good question. Ice cream soup is better known by its common name, the ice cream sundae.)



***From the Playground to the Internet...***The YMCA is hosting a free, informative discussion on recognizing and responding to signs of bullying in children of all ages. Parents, grandparents, teachers – anyone who has children in their life - should plan on attending this educational event lead by Dr. David Ventrelle, a licensed clinical psychologist. Please see the attached flyer for information on how to pre-register (required), times, and locations.

***The Week Ahead...***

<b>Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup></b>	MAP Testing Ellen the Therapy Dog Visits Grades 3-5 – 1:30-3:00pm Study Hall – 3:30-4:15pm 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball practice – 3:30-5:15pm, Tabar Gym 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball practice – 5:15-6:45pm, Tabar Gym
<b>Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup></b>	MAP Testing Study Hall – 3:30-4:15pm 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball game vs. Alden-Hebron – 4:15pm, MPR 7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball game vs. Alden-Hebron – 4:15pm, Tabar Gym
<b>Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup></b>	MAP Testing Kinzi the Therapy Dog K-2 Visit – 12:00-1:30pm Study Hall – 3:30-4:15pm Chess Club – 3:30-4:15pm, Room 211 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball game @ Harrison – 4:15pm
<b>Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	MAP Testing Study Hall – 3:30-4:15pm 7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball game vs. N.Prairie – 4:15, Tabar Gym Drama Club – Scenes 4A and 4B – 3:30-5:00pm Good News Club – 3:30-4:30pm, Choir Room
<b>Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	MAP Testing 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball practice – 3:30-5:00pm, Tabar Gym 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade to Camp MacLean – 8:00am-6:30pm
<b>Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup></b>	Saturday School – 8:00-11:00am 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball practice – 9:00-10:30am



# Photo of the Week



**Emmons' Got Talent – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual talent Show**  
**March 2, 7:00pm**



**Performance Application**

Please return this form to the office once you have completed it. Deadline is Friday, Feb. 10, 2012.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade in School: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Talent/Act: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any equipment involved in your performance:

Please list any other Emmons students, parents, or friends performing with you:

What will your performance be? (Performances will be limited to 4 minutes in length)

Why do you feel this act should be included in this competition?

***Auditions will be held February 17-22. You will be contacted by the show committee to schedule your audition date and time.***

**Emmons SD 33  
District Planning Workshop  
March 10, 2012**

- 8:00 – 8:30                   **Coffee (light breakfast?), Conversation, & Introductions**
- 8:30 – 9:00                   **Overview & Expectations**
- What do you hope will happen today? What will it mean for your districts?
  - My role/ Your role?
  - How will we work together?
  - Review process and agenda
- 9:00 – 10:15               **Underlying Values & Beliefs**
- Small group work to uncover & articulate the underlying values and beliefs that will guide goal setting and decision making:
  - What do we value and believe about:
    - Students and learning?
    - Teachers and teaching?
    - About the responsibility of the school to the community and vice-versa?
- 10:15 – 10:30               **Break**
- 10:30 – 11:30               **Reviewing and Recording a Mission Statement**
- Let’s review the mission statement(s) for the district.
    - Does the mission statement accurately reflect our unique purpose?
    - If our district didn’t exist, is this why we would create it?
    - Does it answer, in the broadest sense, the question “What benefits will be provided for our students?”
  - What aspirations and expectations do we have for our community and schools? (vision)
  - Does it take you in the direction of “where you want to be five years from now?”
- 11:30 – 12:15               **Lunch**
- 12:15 – 1:00               **Detecting and Recording a Vision**
- What aspirations and expectations do we have for our community and schools?
    - Does it take you in the direction of where you want to be five years from now?
- 1:00 – 1:45               **Identifying & Discussing “What Is” (Modified SWOT analysis)**
- What’s great? How do you know?
  - What’s good? How do you know?
  - What needs immediate attention? How do you know?
  - The following categories may frame the discussion.
    - student achievement
    - programs/services/curriculum
    - facilities and physical plant
    - district financial condition
    - community/district relations

1:45 – 2:00

**Break**

2:00 – 2:30

**What Are Our Priorities?**

- Set broad-based goals (District goals should address a need, eliminate a problem, or build upon an existing strength.)

2:30 – 2:50

**Next Steps**

3:00

**Adjourn**

# “From the Playground to the Internet”



## *Helping Your Kids with Bullying and Cyberbullying*

**Calling all parents, grandparents, teachers – anyone who has children or has children in their life.**

Plan on attending this free, informative event at the YMCA in Vernon Hills. Licensed Clinical Psychologist Dr. David Ventrelle will lead a discussion on recognizing and responding to signs of bullying in children of all ages.

**WHEN: Thursday, February 16, 2012 7 – 8 p.m.**

**WHERE: Northern Lake YMCA, 2000 Western Ave, Waukegan**

**This educational event is free and open to the public.**

**Pre-registration is required. To register, call (847) 360-9622.**

**WHEN: Thursday, February 9, 2012 7 – 8 p.m.**

**WHERE: Central Lake YMCA, 700 Lakeview Pkwy, Vernon Hills**

**This educational event is free and open to the public.**

**Pre-registration is required. To register, call (847) 367-6797.**

This event is the first in a series of talks hosted by the YMCA; future topics will be hosted at the Central Lake YMCA:

March 8: Managing the Meltdown: Outburst, Tantrums and Everything in Between

April 12: Practical Strategies for Managing Your Child's ADHD

## **About the Speaker**

**Dr. David Ventrelle**, a licensed clinical psychologist, provides individual and family counseling for children, adolescents and adults. Dr. Ventrelle practices at the Behavioral Health Center, a part of the Rosalind Franklin University Health System.

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