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# EMMONS ELEMENTARY EAGLE EXCHANGE



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# EMMONS ELEMENTARY MISSION STATEMENT

Students will develop academic and social skills to become productive and responsible citizens of a global society.

#### **SOAR PROGRAM**

We are <u>Safety</u>
<u>Only</u> the truth
<u>Acceptance</u>
<u>Respect &</u>
Responsibility

#### SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GOALS

All students will improve their reading comprehension and writing skills in all areas of the curriculum.

#### **ISTEP TESTING**

ISTEP testing is almost here! Students in grades 3 through 6 will be participating in the state mandated ISTEP tests. All students will complete tests over Mathematics and Language Arts, in addition to these students in grades 4 and 6 will complete a section on Science and 5<sup>th</sup> grade will participate in a Social Studies. We will begin administering ISTEP the week of February 27<sup>th</sup>. It is imperative that your student be as prepared as possible for these tests by way of being to school on time, being well rested and well fed. If you have any questions about the upcoming ISTEP tests, feel free to contact the teachers or the main office.

### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration will begin the week of March 13-17<sup>th</sup>. 9:00AM-3:00PM Daily. Parents can stop by any time during this week and pickup registration information for the 2017-2018 school year. Please bring child's birth certificate, immunization records and proof of residence. If you have any questions feel free to contact the main office at 254-4600.

#### **LIFE SKILLS DRAWING WINNERS!**

Each Friday we conduct a Life Skills drawing for our students at Emmons. Students who exemplify the "Life Skill of the Week" have their names placed on our special Life Skills form. These forms are then placed into a container for the drawing each Friday where we select two "primary" students. We are pleased to announce the winners for the past two weeks are Victoria Strombeck-2nd, Conner Rayl – 1st, Diesel Cherry – 2nd and Taylor Bupp – 1st.

#### School Calendar! February/March

- 20 NO SCHOOL President's Day
- 21 5<sup>th</sup> Grd Boys' Basketball Practice begins 3 to 5 pm

Volleyball vs Twin Branch 4:00pm PTA Meeting @ 6pm in Discovery Center

- 22 Volleyball City Championship in MHS East Gym@ 6:30 pm
- 23 Math Bowl Competition @ Begier Elementary 5:00pm
- 24 Hearing Screenings for all 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade Students

Popcorn Day!!

- 27 ISTEP Testing Begins!!!!!!
- 28 5<sup>™</sup> Boys Basketball vs Hums 4:00pm School Board Meeting @ Liberty Elementary 7:00pm
- March 2 5<sup>th</sup> Boys Basketball vs Battell 4:00pm

#### **ATHELETICS**

## <u>Volleyball</u>

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Girls Volleyball season is wrapping up. Our Lady Eagles won their first round of the City Championship on Thursday by defeating Battell 2 sets to 1. The match was well played by both schools. The Lady Eagles will play the semifinal round next Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup> at Twin Branch at 4:00pm

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys' Basketball

The 5th grade boys' basketball season is right around the corner. Sign-ups will be the week of February 13<sup>th</sup> through the 17<sup>th</sup>. Practice begins on February 21<sup>st</sup> from 3 to 5 pm. If you have any questions contact the main office at 254-4600.

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#### **SCM CALENDAR UPDATES**

School City of Mishawaka administration wants to remind all parents that due to the snow days incurred earlier this school year that school will be in session on March 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### **EXTRACURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES**

**Choir** – Students in grades 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> are invited to participate in the Emmons Choir. The choir practices every Tuesday morning from 8:00 to 8:30. If you have any questions feel free to contact Mrs. Koester or the main office.

**Scratch Club** - Scratch club is a teacher sponsored student club that allows students to explore the basic principles of computer programming. The club is for any student in grades 4th through 6<sup>th</sup> and meets every Thursday from 3:15 to 4:00. For more information contact Mrs. Papaleo.

Chess Club – Chess club is a teacher sponsored student club that introduces students to the stimulating game of Chess. The club is open to any student from 2<sup>nd</sup> grade through 6<sup>th</sup> and meets every Wednesday from 3:15 to 4:00 in the Art room. For more information contact Mrs. Papaleo.

#### **HOMEWORK ROOM**

Any student in grades 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> has the opportunity to participate in Homework Room. Homework Room runs Mon –Thurs from 3-4pm.

#### **EMMONS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA**

Please consider joining the Emmons Elementary School PTA this school year. Parents are a vital part of a school family. We have an outstanding PTA board that provides many services and funding for our school, including our Popcorn Fridays and Field Day. The cost to join is \$6. Officers for the 2016-2017 are: President— Gina Cunningham-Gloster Vice President— Amanda Ritchie Secretary— Tammy Stevens Treasurer— Janice Zimmer Faculty Rep—Deb Nawrot

#### **COMMUNITY EVENTS & ATHLETICS**

#### Family Swimming at MHS

The Mishawaka High School swimming pool is open to the public for family swimming on Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. For more information contact the MHS Athletic office at 254-7331.

#### **Spring Training Baseball Camp**

The Mishawaka Baseball Program is putting on a Spring Training Camp. The Camp runs on the Saturdays in February from 11:00 to 1:00. For more information you visit the Mishawaka High School Athletic website or call Coach Huemmer at 574 514-1811

#### FACEBOOK & TWITTER

Emmons Elementary is now on social media! The Emmons staff has just recently launched an Emmons's Facebook page and Twitter account. Please follow us on Facebook at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/EmmonsElementarySchool">www.facebook.com/EmmonsElementarySchool</a> and Twitter at <a href="https://www.twitter.com/SCMEmmons">www.twitter.com/SCMEmmons</a>

# COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOOD 4 KIDS PROGRAM

Just a reminder: Food 4 Kids program will begin on September 4th. Snacks for the weekend are distributed every Friday. If you are interested in participating, please contact Mrs. Clark at 254-4604.

#### **VOLUNTEERS**

Each volunteer who will have direct contact with students, whether via serving as a **chaperone on a field trip** or otherwise volunteering in our schools, must **annually** sign and return a Volunteer Release Form and an Authorization for Limited Criminal History Check. No one may be afforded direct access to students until approved by School City of Mishawaka.