

February 26th, 2010

Edgebrook Ripples



EDGEBROOK VISION STATEMENT - Edgebrook will create an environment of social and academic connections, where students experience learning in a comfortable, safe, and secure environment.

From the Desk of Mrs. Reinhardt:

Third Grade ISAT testing is just around the corner! Edgebrook students and staff have been working with great diligence to learn! While our overall goal is improvement in reading, math, and all subject areas, our secondary focus has been to prepare for the upcoming ISAT tests. These tests will be given during March 2 - March 8. This is only a few short days away!

To help your child be successful on the tests, please do the following:

- Make sure that your child is getting **plenty of sleep!** Brains that are not sleep deprived work smarter! You should aim for a minimum of 8 hours per night!
- Help your child to **eat healthy.** Good nutrition and intelligence are directly linked. Your child's brain will work more efficiently with healthier food feeding it!
- Make sure your child is **drinking plenty of water.** During the winter, most of us are dehydrated. Since we know that our entire body works better when it is hydrated, encourage your child to drink plenty of water or milk.
- Make sure your child is **at school each and every day.** Trying to make-up the tests is much harder than taking the tests with classmates.
- **Encourage your child!** Tell him or her that you know he/she can succeed! Be positive and give your child extra love and attention during the testing week.

A snack will be provided to all students prior to testing. However, students are asked to bring a healthy snack to eat during or after the test as well. Fruits, granola bars, nuts, or other healthy snacks are encouraged.

Third Grade students who have perfect attendance from February 8th through March 8th will be entered into a drawing to win a **NEW BIKE** and bike helmet. Meijer has donated one girls bike and one boys bike to be awarded to the lucky winners. Just remember that **Perfect Attendance** means students are at school from 8:35-3:15.

These tests are an important way for us to determine how well your child is achieving and what he or she is learning. With your help and encouragement, every child can be successful on the ISAT test!

Michelle Reinhardt

Math-a-thon program will begin on March 10th for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Consent forms will be sent home.

THE CHARACTER COUNTS WORD FOR MARCH IS: TRUSTWORTHINESS

One of my favorite parts of the day is when a student comes to my office to announce his/her birthday! I enjoy talking to them about their birthday book selection and love watching their faces light up over the Edgebrook Roadrunner stamp! Birthdays are such an exciting time for all Edgebrook students. When planning a birthday party at home we recommend that invitations be mailed from home. Please refer to the PTO directory for student information when mailing invitations from home. Teachers cannot distribute class lists or any sort of personal invitation to students. We honor and respect the request of parents who do not want their child's information shared and printed.

If you chose to send invitations from school the following procedures must be followed:



1. ALL students in the classroom must receive an invitation.
2. Please leave envelopes blank (without name).
3. Student will distribute an invitation to each student in the classroom.

If you have any further questions about this procedure please contact me at your convenience!

READ to Succeed Six hour Reading Club

We had a great response to our READ to Succeed program. Students who participated in the Reading Club and read for at least 6 hours or 360 minutes will receive a FREE Six Flags Great America ticket. Great job reading everyone!

E-Pay for easy online lunch purchases:

Parents are invited to use e-pay for lunch purchase online. It is open the last week of each month:

- February 20th through February 27th
- March 27th through April 3rd
- It will not be available the last week of April for May purchases.



The McHenry Elementary Education Foundation and the McHenry Area Chamber of Commerce will be co-hosting the 8th annual Celebration of the Arts Program, Thursday, March 4, 2010 at the First Midwest Bank in McHenry from 4pm-7pm. This event showcases District 15's student artwork. Choral and band students from McHenry Middle School and Parkland School will also be performing throughout the evening. The Foundation will be raffling off many wonderful prizes. The Foundation will also host a "Taste of McHenry" during the program featuring many local restaurants. All proceeds from the raffle ticket sales will benefit District 15 fine arts programs and the McHenry Elementary Education Foundation. For further information, please contact Cindee Nootbaar at 815-385-7210.



PTO:

- **PTO Meeting:** Our next scheduled PTO meeting is Tuesday, March 2nd at **5:45**.

Dates to Remember

March 1st - No School

March 2 - 8th - ISAT Testing

March 19th - Report Cards go home

March 22-25- Kindergarten Registration and Screening - Landmark

March 27th- April 5th - Spring Break



**Check out our "Community Connections" link
on our website for updated community information.**