



SCHOOL TO HOME NEWSLETTER

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Student of the Month

Eaton Rapids Middle School Science Department Student of the Month: Bradley Barningham, 13 year old, 7th grader was nominated by Science Teacher Tom Friedrich,

“Brad is a most outstanding student in my science classes. He shows great interest in science. He is always analyzing problems and making observations that go unnoticed by other students. Brad has also been a lab leader by keeping his team members on task. He enjoys the problem-solving aspect of science in class.” Parents are Julie Hansen and Scott Barningham. Other nominees were: Faith Sharp, William Babbitt and Matt Hagaman. Congratulations, keep up the great work!

Communication Model

Eaton Rapids Middle School is committed to the success of every student. We know that the best results are achieved when the school and home work in partnership with one another.

Open and honest communication, attitudes that promote cooperation the classroom, high professional standards, and willingness by all to work hard will contribute to mutual success.

Although steps are taken to assure that each student has a positive school experience, problems will sometime occur. School policy indicates that the following lines of communication should be followed if there is a concern:

1. Solve the problem as close to the source as possible.
2. Speak to or write to the person closest to the problem.
3. Meet with the administrator.
4. Contact Central Office

Most concerns are addressed / resolved at the building level.



Christmas Break

December 19th thru January 2nd

NO School January 2, 2012.

School Resumes Tuesday, January 3rd, 2012

School Calendar:

December 13	2:45 Guitar Club 6:30 PTO Meeting
December 14	2:45 Intersections 4:30 Boys Basketball 7 th at Mason 8 th Home
December 15	2:45 Guitar Club
December 16	Problem Solving Day!
December 19 – January 2	Christmas Break
January 3 (Tue)	Return to School
January 3	Girls BB Tryouts 2:45-3:45 7 th gr. MS 6:30–8:30 8 th gr MS
January 4 th	Girls BB Tryouts 2:45-3:45 7 th gr. MS 6:30–8:30 8 th gr MS



Star Reports

Congratulations to the following students for receiving Student Appreciation Reports from their teachers and other staff members: Patience Anderson, Ryan Baxter, Alex Dick, Kathryn Graham, Diamond Johnson, Garrett Morris, Nick Murray and Alex Tice,

Girls Basketball

Tryouts on January 3rd and 4th at the Middle School

- ❖ 7th graders 2:45 – 4:45 MS gym
- ❖ 8th graders 6:30 – 8:30 MS gym

Practice schedule will be the same time as tryouts (THE 8TH GRADE TIMES HAVE CHANGED SINCE THE FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT. PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THE NEW TIMES.)

EVERY PARTICIPANT MUST HAVE A PHYSICAL ON FILE IN THE OFFICE BEFORE THEY TRY OUT. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A PHYSICAL YOU CAN NOT TRY OUT FOR A SPORT.



MIDDLE SCHOOL PALs GROUP HOLDS POSTER CONTEST

The ERMS Peer Assistance Leaders (PAL) group sponsored an Anti-Smoking Poster Contest during the month of November. The contest celebrated the Great American Smoke-Out Day held November 17th this year.

Seventeen TAG groups and homerooms from grades 6, 7, and 8 submitted posters for the contest. Posters were judged on the basis of Originality, Impact of Message, Artwork, and Adherence to Contest Guidelines. Four finalists were chosen representing all 3 grade levels. Mrs. Levinsohn's 8th grade TAG group was judged the winner among the finalists. They will receive a donut party for their efforts.

7th Grade Camp News

Seventh grade camp ~ ~ February 14, 2011. "**Complications**" and first payment of **130.00 are due Friday, December 16**, with the remaining \$130.00 due in January 2012. A copy of your insurance card is needed with your camp application. We will deduct any money raised in fundraising opportunities from the amount due. Any questions about camp please contact Jeanne Masteller at 663-7222 jmasteller@erpsk12.org or Judy Sharpe at jsharpe@erpsk12.org

Pool Information

Don't just sit at home for your whole Christmas break! The pool is OPEN and WARM!!

Tues Dec 20 1-3 PM
Wed Dec 21 7:30-9 pm
Thur Dec 22 1-3 PM
Tues Dec 27 1-3 PM
Wed Dec 28 7:30-9 pm
Thur Dec 29 1-3 PM



Library News

Thanks to Scholastic and wonderful ERMS Students and Families, we have many new books to add to our library. They are just about ready to be released, but first, we'd like to offer them to students who want to be a part of The First Read Club. In this club, students get to be the first in the entire school to read one of the new books, meet & talk about it, and have their name added to the inside cover as the very first! See Mrs. Estes in the library for book choices & dates.

PTO NEWS

The PTO hosted a December Toy Drive! We would like to thank those of you who donated and we offer a special thanks to Eaton County Heart & Hands who helped with distribution. The donated toys were picked up on Monday this week and taken to a local charity for children who reside right here in our own community.

The PTO donated \$100.00 to a local family who lost their home in a fire on December 4th. Our thoughts are with them and we hope that they will find comfort and peace through this holiday season. We would like to remind everyone that there are families in need throughout the entire year and we hope that you will help us continue to support our community wherever possible.

A local business owner, through the ERMS PTO, donated \$200.00 to the Middle School Applied Technology Education Program. The donation is intended to help ensure that Mr. Sainz has the equipment and materials needed to allow our children to continue learning the valuable skills taught by the program.

HAT DAY Friday December 16th. Each child who wishes to wear a hat to school will pay his or her tag teacher \$1.00, which will get them a sticker that allows them the privilege of wearing a hat in school all day long. If this is a success, and the children are respectful, we will consider this as a monthly opportunity for us raise money for our PTO, possibly making the third Friday of each month PTO HAT DAY.

Our next meeting date is **Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome!**

We wish you a safe and Happy Holiday Season and a wonderful New Year.