


Richardson Elementary  
Newsletter  
October 12, 2009



Dear Parent(s),

Last Tuesday, **Office Max** surprised Erin Slaikeu as their **‘A Day Made Better’ 2009 Teacher** from their Maplewood store. Erin Slaikeu is a third grade teacher at Richardson. She was nominated by parent Deb Flom, as a caring and passionate teacher who is concerned for all of her students. She received a new chair and a box of school supplies, including a digital camera. The value of her prize was over \$1000. **Congratulations Erin**, a well deserved award!!

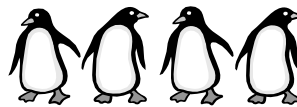
Just a reminder that **conferences** are scheduled for Thursday evening, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, and during the day and evening on Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Fall MAP testing scores will be shared with parents of students in grades 2 – 5. We look forward to seeing you and setting academic goals for your child for this school year.

Last week was **fire Prevention Week**. The **Fire Safety Trailer** was here at Richardson on Wednesday, for our Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade students. All students will have the opportunity to enter a **fire prevention poster contest**. Paper is provided and was sent home last week. Entries are due by Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>.

There are special occasions when parents send treats to school for the entire class. State guidelines require that all treats for students are **store-bought**, not homemade. All candies should be individually wrapped.

If you have any **extra Halloween candy**, we will again be collecting candy and donating it to the North St. Paul Food Shelf for Thanksgiving baskets. Please send your individually wrapped candy with your child to school on November 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup>. The candy can be dropped off in the “Candy Collection Cauldron” which will be located in the office. Thank you!

Joe Slavin  
Principal



Dates for your calendar.....

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Erin Slaikeu as their  
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Oct. 15 & 16	NO SCHOOL – EM Conference
Oct. 22	Evening Conferences 4 – 8 p.m.
Oct. 23	Conferences 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Oct. 23	NO SCHOOL – Conference Day
Oct. 30	Grade 1 to Hugo Animal Farm

The next **Hmong Parent Meeting** is  
on Thursday, October 29th from  
6:30 – 8:30 at the District.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **SALVATION ARMY WINTER COATS FOR KIDS**

October 29            10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

No preregistration.

At:                    Salvation Army Lakewood Temple  
2080 Woodlyn Avenue  
Maplewood, MN 55109



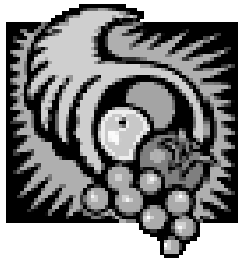
(two blocks from Denny's Restaurant, near the Maplewood Mall)

Phone:            Call the hotline at 651-746-3412 for additional information.

Bring:             A social security card or medical card for each child. Head of household must have photo ID and current piece of mail.

### **THANKSGIVING BASKETS**

Available through the **Union Gospel Mission, 435 E. University Ave, Saint Paul**. Participants must register for baskets in person at the Union Gospel Mission on any of the following dates: October 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and November 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 pm- 7:00 pm. One basket will be provided per address and applicant must provide photo ID and recent piece of mail with correct address. Maximum amount of people for basket is five. If you have 6 or more people in your family, contact Meals on Wheels at (651)266-4090.



### **OPERATION JOY**

If you will need help for the holidays, please contact Operation Joy. Early registration is recommended. Over the phone registration begins November 9<sup>th</sup> through December 20<sup>th</sup>. Call the hotline 651-746-3595 to register. **It is best to call before December 10<sup>th</sup>**. Once registered, families will receive an appointment card in the mail that tells them where and when to pick up their toys. Appointments will be for one of the following dates: Dec. 17, 18, 19, or ½ day on Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>.

