

Epping Middle School

"A School on the Move!"

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News Notes to Parents

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NECAP Testing - We need your help! NECAP testing begins tomorrow! We will be testing reading on Thursday, Friday and Monday from 9:15-11:15 a.m. and testing mathematics October 7, 8 and 9. Please try to have your child attend school these days with *plenty of sleep* and with a *good breakfast*. We will be offering snacks before testing and water and mints during testing to encourage those brain cells, but a great breakfast is one of the keys to success.

Teachers have been working with our students on test-taking strategies, but if you could encourage your child to *read the questions carefully* and *answer in complete sentences*, that would be great! Our challenge is to encourage our students to get all the information written down! Students can underline important words in the questions and answers and have been encouraged to use all of the space provided.

We have considered our students individually and hope to provide them with the best possible environment to be successful. Some students will be working in small groups, some with extra assistance and some with extended time. It is important that we work together to insure the success of each one of our students! Thanks for your assistance.

Magazine Drive - We are in the midst of our only school-wide fundraiser, the magazine drive. Remaining turn-in days are: Thursday, October 1 and Monday, October 5.

Art Club - Join Mrs. Booth for an art club which will focus on fall crafts. The group is meeting on Thursdays beginning October 1 from 2:30 to 4:00.

Activity Night - The first Activity Night for this school year will be October 23rd. This date was listed as October 2nd in the handbook.

After School Newspaper Club - Students interested in this activity have begun their work, but there is still time to join! Meeting days are: October 5, October 19, October 26, November 2, November 19, and November 16. Interested? Please see Mr. Fersch to fill out a permission slip and include what it is

you are interested in doing (writing and if so, what subject, editing, promotion, design, photography/art).

Progress Reports will be issued on October 14th. They will be mailed to The Flume team as students will be at Nature's Classroom.

The **Girls Soccer Team** is off to a great start this year. The team includes: Kendra Boswell, Melanie Bouchard, Brittney Bullock, Sydney Chevalier, Hanna Chomas, Kourtney Colson, Jamie Craig, Kelly Davidson, Jannet Desvira, Brooke Hall, Jessica Hardy, Jordan Higginbottom, Jennifer Jarosz, Ashley Krenzer, Adri Lamparelli, Kayla MacLeod, Hanna Mailhot, Madeline Marchisio, Shelby Martin, Deanna McCullen, Morgan Pease, Chloe Pelletier, Michelle Razak, Sabrina Rivers, Casey Sturzo and Alexa Wells. The coach this year is Charlie Faria. Their next home game (after today!) is October 8th, so come on out and support the team.

Calendar of Upcoming Events:

October 1, 5 - Magazine Drive Collection Days

October 1, 2, and 5 - NECAP Testing in Reading from 9:15-11:15 a.m.

October 7, 8, and 9 - NECAP Testing in Math

October 14 - Progress reports

Information from the Epping School District Health Offices

When should I keep my child home from school?

- If your child has a fever of 100 degrees and higher or,
- If your child's skin feels warm/hot, has chills or complains of feeling cold, or has a flushed appearance
- If your child vomits or has diarrhea

Your child needs stay home until at least 24 hours after there are no signs of a fever without the use of fever-reducing medication.

(Note: keeping children with a fever home will reduce the number of people who may get infected. This will keep everyone healthier and schools open.)

What should I say when I call the school to report my child's absence?

It is very important to call the school offices to report absences. If your child has a fever, cough, sore throat, or more than one of these symptoms, please provide that information. We would appreciate knowing any other illnesses or symptoms that you are willing to share. During non-school hours you can leave a message.

When can my child return to school?

- Your child has had no signs of a fever for at least 24 hours (without fever-reducing medication).
- You child has had no incidents of vomiting or diarrhea for at least 24 hours.
- Upon return your child must report immediately to the School Health Office.

Please have a plan for your child to stay out of school when ill. It may be a good time to talk to family and friends about care for your child if he/she becomes ill.

Also, make sure the school has accurate phone numbers to reach you or your designated "emergency person", in case your child becomes injured or ill during school hours.

Thank you