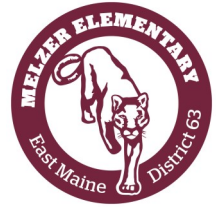


Jennifer Pacheco  
Principal

# Melzer Newsletter



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Dec 7, 2018

## Gotcha Winners

Emma B.  
Sophia P.  
Emin G.  
Isabel B.  
Tyler W.  
Naomi B.



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succeed in a changing world.*

## Unexpected and Unwanted Bugs



Unexpected and unwanted issues sometimes pop up at school. Head lice are a nuisance best avoided by common sense prevention measures, frequent inspection, and effective treatment when necessary. Head lice are often found in the hair around the ears and base of the neck but may be present on other areas of the scalp. Head lice do not carry any disease. Children are often without symptoms but have an itchy scalp. Transmission from one head to another occurs by direct contact with an infested person, usually head-to-head contact. Lice generally cannot survive longer than 24 hours off the host. Although we cannot prevent the incidence of students who bring head lice, we can assist in the control of its spread. All household members should be checked for the presence of lice. Remind your child not to share hats, combs, and clothing or hair accessories. If you find your child has lice or nits, along with treatment please wash upper body clothing, including hats, scarves and coats. Parents must be active, ongoing partners in managing and preventing lice outbreaks by checking their own children for head lice regularly and treating children promptly if lice are found. Only children with live lice will be sent home. Children with nits will remain in school and should be checked at home by their parents. Please see page 20 of the Student Parent Handbook 18-19 which can be found here <http://www.emsd63.org/Domain/639>.

## Notes from the Nurse



The weather can change quickly here in the Chicago area. It may feel like Spring in the morning but turn cold and blustery by the afternoon. Please make sure your child leaves home each morning with outer wear appropriate for the predicted weather.

If your child is sick and will not be attending school, please call the office attendance line 847-965-2110 **every day** your child is absent.

## Winter Break

December 24 -  
January 4

Classes Resume  
Monday, January 7th



## Winter Concert

When: December 14th  
Time: 2:30pm

Performances by:  
All 3/4 graders  
5/6 Chorus  
5/6 Intermediate Orchestra  
5/6 Melzer Cups

1/2 grade will **NOT** be performing  
until Spring



Dear Melzer Families,

Students, parents, and teachers across Illinois have the opportunity to participate in the seventh annual statewide Illinois 5Essentials Survey. This survey is designed to generate a detailed picture of the inner workings of your child's school. As a parent, this opportunity will allow you to share your thoughts on the important elements of school effectiveness in a survey about your child's school.

On behalf of the Illinois State Board of Education, the Illinois 5Essentials Survey will be administered online by UChicago Impact at the University of Chicago. The survey gathers data related to five indicators that can predict important student outcomes, including improved attendance and larger test score gains. These five indicators that affect and predict school success are:

- Effective Leaders
- Collaborative Teachers
- Involved Families
- Supportive Environments
- Ambitious Instruction

East Maine School District 63 has chosen to provide the optional 5Essentials parent survey. If at least 20 percent of Melzer parents complete this survey, a parent supplement will also be generated. The parent data will not be reported on the State Report Card.

Your participation in the parent portion of the survey will help us understand the conditions at Melzer Elementary and guide improvement. Your identity and survey responses will be kept completely confidential and will never be connected to you or your child.

Parents will be able to take the Illinois 5Essential Survey until February 15. Please visit <http://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/survey/parent/> to begin your survey. The survey takes about 20 minutes and is recommended to be completed in one session.

For more information about the Illinois 5Essentials Survey, please visit <https://illinois.5-essentials.org>. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact 5Essentials Client Services at 1-866-440-1874 or [5essentials@uchicago.edu](mailto:5essentials@uchicago.edu).

Your partner in education,

Jennifer Pacheco

**Chess Club - 2nd Session**

Monday Afternoon  
After School - 3:50 - 4:50  
Grades K - 6

All levels welcome!!  
14 week session  
Forms due by January 10th

January 14, 28  
February 4, 11, 25  
March 4, 18  
April 1, 8, 15, 22  
May 6, 13, 20



We have many items in the lost & found.

Please stop by before Winter Break to check for any items.



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