

# Kerr Middle News



Everett F. Kerr School 12915 S. Maple Ave. - Blue Island, IL 60406

## From the Principal's Desk

by Mr. Robert Hildreth

I hope everyone has had an enjoyable winter break and that you are looking forward to the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year. I am very excited to be entering the second half of the 2011-2012 school year as Principal at Kerr Middle School. I am very pleased to have the opportunity to work in our community with the students, staff, parents, and the community that make our school district outstanding. I look forward to meeting and working with everyone in the coming months.

During the 2011-2012 school year, we will continue to work on and reap the benefits of our student achievement initiative and the school restructuring plan. During this school year, we will stay focused on improving the academic achievement of all students here at Kerr. As we look to the future, we will explore how we can improve the educational programs we offer to our students as we strive to prepare students to excel in the 21st century.

Education is a joint venture. We must work together to enable students to thrive and achieve at their highest levels. I need and value your input. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions, suggestions, or concerns. I am looking forward to the start of the New Year and looking forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

*Robert W. Hildreth*

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**Graduation picture day will be Thursday, December 8, 2011. Four poses will be taken for graduation pictures. Two will be taken wearing the graduation cap and gown and two will be taken wearing dress clothes.**



The 1st annual celebration of the Day of the Dead was done by all Spanish classes and Latin American Studies. Students decorated the entire hallway with "Ofrendas" and other decorations to remember loved ones and others.

We hope to make this event an annual tradition to remember this special day in our community.

## Join Us for Family Reading Night



Family Reading Night has been rescheduled to Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. We invite families to attend this fun-filled night which will include family pictures with Santa, a book fair, student presentations, reading strategies from teachers, a book mark making station, free raffles and prizes, refreshments and pastries, and a special presentation from illustrator Stacy Curtis.

We would like to encourage parents to participate by donating cookies or pastries to serve for this night. If you are able to donate or participate in any way for this night please contact Mrs. Buntin at (708) 385-6800 EX. 8207 or Email at [rbuntin@district130.org](mailto:rbuntin@district130.org)

### Band Winter Concert Information :

4 adults/\$2 children

Winter Concert at Eisenhower 7:00pm 12/9

Winter Concert at Kerr 7:00pm 12/8