

# Big News

EMID-SOS Team

October 2011

Hello Teachers and Staff!

We are writing this newsletter about the happenings in the EMID-Save Our Schools team. Our goal is to give you as much information as possible to help you stay informed of our actions. We want you to know we are working hard to keep Harambee and Crosswinds open!

Some of our past and future projects include:

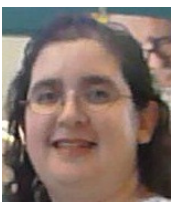
- Every-other Saturday planning sessions
- Maintaining EMID Families website as a point of contact and publicity for families, staff, and media
- Publicizing board meetings for families and staff and encouraging attendance
- Letter writing and phone call campaign to board members, Superintendent, Education Commissioner, and others
- Circulated and submitted a petition of 462 signatures to the board
- A media plan which we are implementing and constantly updating
- Multiple contacts with Sue Mackert from PCAE
- Support Our Staff (of which this newsletter is a part)
- Publicizing and attending member district board meetings as appropriate

We want you to know that we stand by you and are working hard to support you while you are working hard to support our children!

## What we want you to know

(Things to keep in mind when times are tough!)

1. We believe in you!
2. We have chosen, and continue to choose to send our kids to your school because of your commitment, your culture, and your amazing work
3. There is strength in numbers and volume. We have both.
4. We believe that there is at least one feasible opportunity to keep the schools open, if not more!
5. You have not just built a school; you have built a successful learning community. Teachers and staff are at the heart of that community.
6. "What seems to us as bitter trials are often blessing in disguise"- Oscar Wilde



Ms. Dickson  
Harambee parent



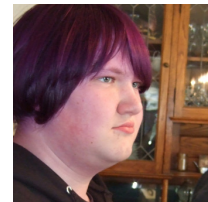
Ms. LeBlanc  
Harambee & Crosswinds  
Parent



Ms. Larson  
Crosswinds parent



Mr. Sellie  
Crosswinds alum



Mr. Celeste  
Crosswinds student



AND MANY  
OTHERS!

## Affirmations for educators

1. I am an awesome teacher making a real difference in the lives of my students!
2. Today I give my students all I can so that tomorrow they can be all they can!
3. My teaching makes an impact in the world in completely unexpected and amazing ways.
4. Each and every day, I bring knowledge and dedication to my classroom.
5. At the end of every day, I KNOW I have made a difference.
6. I am a great teacher! I am a great teacher and I get better and better each and every day!
7. Teaching is more a relationship than a job or a role. I cultivate that relationship every day.
8. Today and every day, I stay focused by remembering why I got into teaching!
9. Each and every day, I share life's greatest gift – the gift of learning!

### Sudoku

Sudoku solution can be found at

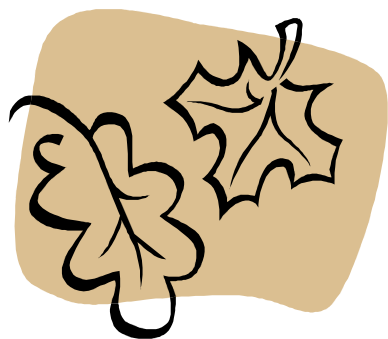
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### Smile

In a study subjects who made the physical action of smiling – even though it was just from holding a pencil in their mouths without any emotional content – reported feeling happier than those who didn't make this facial gesture under the same conditions. Take the opportunity to smile, even when you don't think you have anything to smile about. The physical action changes how you feel inside, and that changes how you behave and how your body reacts. Look a little deeper at the people, places and events around you, and try to see their soulful qualities enriching your life. Feel a smile growing inside you in as you become aware of the soul-fullness of life with all its ups and downs, struggles and triumphs, absurdities and beauty. Allow yourself a soulful smile and your body and mind will respond.

From How to De-Stress by Dr. James Wilson, author and speaker



You can learn many things from children. How much patience you have, for instance. ~Franklin P. Jones

