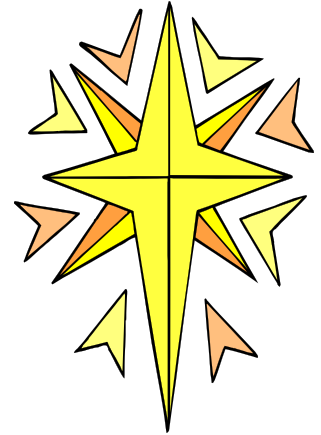




# Elementary News

*Let us put ourselves into the hands of the Lord and pray that God will bless us and our families during the coming holy days. May all of us help to make our homes places of joy, love, peace, and safety. May we be generous and considerate, not thinking only about ourselves but helping others enjoy the blessings of Christmas. Amen*



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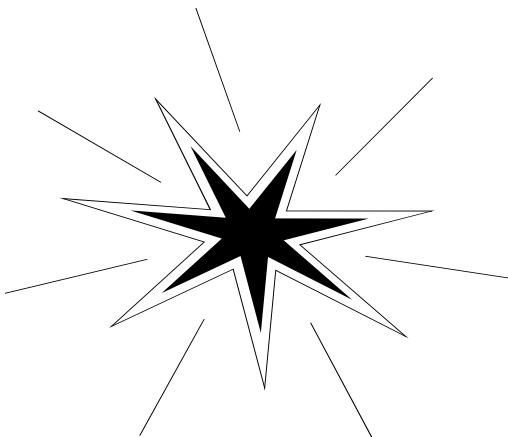
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## Make Note of Some Important News

**Hy-Vee Cash Back for Students:** All the entertaining and baking we do during the holidays require lots of groceries. If you're buying your groceries at Hy-Vee, save your receipts. Receipts must be dated from 9-10-09 through 12-31-09; but we have until the end of January to turn them in. St. Albert receives \$1.00 for every \$200.00 in receipts submitted.

**\*\*Mark your calendars:** classes resume after Christmas break on Monday, Jan. 4th.



*Rejoice!*

## Thank You

Thank you from Mrs. Marshall to the following parents who were guest readers and who brought treats: Karen Osterhaus, Brian Bowers, Chuck Bardon, and Valerie Siegrist.

Thank you from the Kindergarten teachers to all the families that helped with the feast.

**Thank you from all the teachers to the families and friends who donated books to the classroom from the book fair.**

Thank you from Mrs. McColloch to Maddy Ryan, Tyler Blaha, Nathan Rhedin, Clare Noethe, Catherine McCourt, and Emma Barnes for the classroom donations.

Thank you from Mrs. Gorman to Augustas Kouri for the items donated to the classroom.

Thank you from Mrs. Stevens to Alesha Johnson, Meghan Funk, Catie Bersane, Cody Athay, Zoe Trager, and Aaron Russell for donating items to the classroom.

Mr. Schaeffer would like to thank Ethan Bernard, Maggie King, Emara Klein, and Gabby Burke for donating items to the classroom.

Thank you from Mrs. Spencer to Alan Powers-Wettestad, Madisun Mattingly, Josie Shudak, Isabel Ramirez, and Madeline Honeke for the items for the classroom.

Mrs. Epperson wishes to thank the following students for donating items to the classroom: Ryan Hughes, Alexis Johnson, Ryan Genereux, Abi Sherbondy, Kate Kavars, Lance Wright, Ellerie Tarbox, Veronica Svajgl, and Zach Shudak.

Thank you from Mrs. Chullino to Brandon and Lauren Williams, Makayla Honig and Mrs. Johnson for the Kidz Kare donations.

Thanks from Mrs. Avalos to Abby Barnes, Hunter Kimball, and Trache Sorenson for the donations to the classroom.

Thank you to Mark Sorenson for coming to talk to the 6th graders about plants. Each student was given a poinsetta to take home.

Thank you from Mrs. Schmitz for the books from the Shudak family.

Thank you from Mrs. Rallis to Eric Matthai for the classroom donation.

### WISH LIST

\*\*Mrs. O'Neil's class needs clothes pins, and more Barbies (the children are enjoying them).

\*\*Mrs. Stevens would like kleenex, clorox wipes, and colored yarn.

\*\*Mr. Schaeffer is requesting dry erase markers, kleenex, clorox wipes, and small dry erase boards.

\*\*Mrs. Hughes would like file cards and an electric pencil sharpener.

\*\*Mrs. Epperson is asking for an electric pencil sharpener.

\*\*Mrs. Marshall is asking for plastic sheet protectors, green or yellow Christmas ornaments, and battery operated Christmas lights.

\*\* Mrs. Chullino is asking for gently used 10"-12" baby dolls.

\*\* Mrs. Schmitz is asking for non-fiction books.

\*\* Mrs. Rallis would like black plastic crates 15x13 size and #2 yellow pencils.

## Classroom News

The 3 year old children learned about the first Thanksgiving and learned several Thanksgiving songs. They have started to learn about the alphabet and have met Ms. A.

In math the 4 year old pre-schoolers learned about sorting by color. In language arts, they learned the letters B, C, D, E, F, G, H. In religion, they talked about Saints, David & Goliath, The Holy Family, and the Lords Prayer.

The kindergarten classes have been learning about the 1st Thanksgiving. We have learned many facts about Native Americans and Pilgrims. They read and created activities about the Bible stories, Joseph and his Many Colored Coat and Moses and the 10 Commandments. In math, they learned about sorting and patterning. They are busy making words now that they learned all the vowels in language. The feast was amazing—they applied their math and science knowledge when they cooked.

The first graders have been learning about different Native American tribes in social studies. In math, they are practicing different strategies to solve subtraction problems and using various types of graphs to find and record information. In religion they are learning about Holy people.

The 2nd grade class has been learning about the Holy Trinity in Religion. In math the students completed a unit over double-digit addition with or without regrouping. They are now starting double digit subtraction with or without regrouping.

### Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!!!

A special thank you to all of the people involved in making the book fair a major success. This book fair brought in more sales than any previous fair at St. Albert Elementary. Thank you to the teachers for their patience in scheduling. Thank you to the parents for being so generous with their time, and money and just being there ready to help. Thank you to the students for being such good shoppers.

A special thank you to Amy Carter and Maureen Garrigan. They did a wonderful job with the PK-3 book fair in the commons. Amy made trips to the intermediate library and the Scholastic warehouse as well as making sure the books were always close at hand.

In science, the children are learning about natural resources.

In third grade, the students just finished a unit on bar graphs in math and are continuing to learn their multiplication facts. In religion, they will be working on showing stewardship in their community by completing service projects during the holiday season. They worked on map skills and will be creating their own town in social studies. In science, they are learning about animals their habitats and instincts. They are discussing main ideas and related vocabulary in reading.

The students in 4th grade are working on paragraph topic sentences and supporting sentences in writing. In science, they are learning about skeletal system. In social studies, they are studying the NE region. In math, they are working on their election math unit.

The fifth graders are studying weather in science. In religion, they will be creating liturgical calendars. In reading, the students are reading historical fiction books and doing activities.

The sixth graders completed their Canada contract, learned some basic French from high school students, recorded city election results, and studied the ancient Mayans of Latin America. They finished reading The Sign of the Beaver for reading class. The students presented their saints projects. They created either a poster, booklet, or powerpoint to tell about their saint. In math, they are having fun with fractions.

# December 2009

| Sun | Mon                                | Tue   | Wed   | Thu  | Fri   | Sat                          |
|-----|------------------------------------|---|---|--|---|------------------------------|
|     |                                    | 1   | 2   | 3<br>5th gr. to the<br>Nutcracker                    | 4<br>PK-6 Mass @<br>8:45 a.m. in Gym<br><br>11:30 Dismissal for<br>Prof. Development                            | 5<br>DI Team Mgr.<br>Meeting |
| 6   | 7<br>\$1 World Mission<br>Jean Day | 8<br>PK-12 Mass of<br>Immaculate Con-<br>ception @ 9:15am<br>K-3 Ronald<br>McDonald Show<br>@ 1:30<br>Papa John's Night | 9   | 10<br>K-3 Christmas<br>Program 7:00 p.m.<br>@ HS Gym | 11<br>2-6 Mass @ 8:45<br><br>PK & K at Rose<br>6th Choir at<br>Mercy Hospital<br>DARE Graduation<br>@ 1:15 p.m. | 12                           |
| 13  | 14<br>2nd gr. at Rose<br>Theater   | 15<br>4-6 Christmas<br>Concert @ 7:00<br>p.m. @ HS Gym  | 16<br>6th gr Choir @<br>Harmony Court<br>1:45 and Ele. Gym<br>@ 2:30 p.m. | 17   | 18<br>2-6 Mass @ 8:45<br><br>Christmas Parties<br>@ 10:00 a.m.<br>11:30 Dismissal                               | 19                           |
| 20  | 21                                 | 22  | 23  | 24   | 25  | 26                           |
| 27  | 28                                 | 29  | 30  | 31   |   |                              |

## P. E. NEWS

Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade continue to work on body control and locomotor skills. Throwing and catching are practiced in a number of games and we are learning how to be a good team member, doing your best for the team. Social skills come into play prominently in P. E. class. Following teacher directions and game rules are difficult for some students at this age. Sportsmanship in winning and losing is another essential life skill we are working toward. So many things to learn!

Throwing and catching is the basis of the game of Newcomb. The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders are becoming experts at this game. We are going to explore strategy and the importance of rules while we play. Physical fitness tests we took in November are curl-ups and shuttle run. Winter will bring the traditional jump rope contest so students need to start practicing. With our new facility and schedule, it is going to be a challenge to schedule the contest, but we'll get it in somehow.

Grades 4-6 students have gone pickle crazy. Pickleball crazy, that is. If you don't know about pickleball, think pingpong played on the floor. Eye-hand coordination is essential here. Teamwork and rules knowledge are two other aspects of this unit. December will bring the Elks Hoop Shoot freethrow contest. This is a voluntary thing, but those interested should start practicing.

The holidays are here. Be sure to take time to give yourself and your family one of the best gifts of all, good health, by eating well and exercising regularly. Peace and joy to you all!

## **SCRIP**

Make it easy on yourself and order scrip cards for all the good little boys and girls on your Christmas list this year. The Buckle has joined the scrip program with \$25.00 cards at 8%. This is a card that those teenagers on the list would like. Don't forget the holidays dinner and gingerbread cookies with a card from one of our in town grocery stores.

Merry Christmas!

Please Take Note:

Just a reminder, if you need to make arrangements or make a change to the after school arrangements for your child, please call the office rather than send an e-mail. If the e-mail recipient happens to be gone that day or does not check their e-mails in time, there is a great chance that the information will not be relayed to the child. Again, the office phone number is 323-3703.

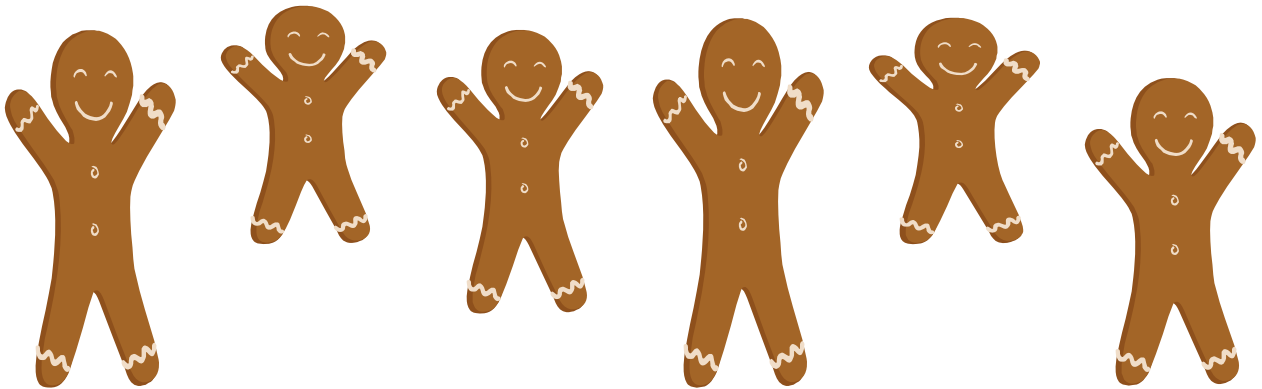
## Music News!!

The Christmas concerts for each grade level are listed below as well as additional performances by the Sixth Grade Choir. Please come and celebrate the Christmas season with us and enjoy some wonderful music.

Please put the following important dates on your calendar.

- Thursday, Dec. 10 K-3 Christmas Concert H.S. Gym 7 p.m.  
Friday, Dec. 11 6<sup>th</sup> grade choir sings at Mercy Hospital at 11 a.m.  
Tuesday, Dec. 15 4-6 Christmas Concert H.S. Gym 7 p.m.  
Wednesday, Dec. 16 6<sup>th</sup> grade choir sings for Harmony Court at 1:45  
6<sup>th</sup> grade choir sings for PreK-3 in the elementary gym 2:30  
Friday, Mar. 5 2<sup>nd</sup> grade musical 1:15 and 2:15 in the elementary gym  
Tuesday, Mar. 9 5<sup>th</sup> grade choir sings for their families in the elementary music room at 10:30. At 2:00 that same day, the choir sings for Primrose Retirement Center.  
Wednesday, Mar. 10 5<sup>th</sup> grade choir sings for PreK-6 in the gym at 2:30  
Friday, Mar. 26 1<sup>st</sup> grade musical 1:15 and 2:15 in the elementary gym  
Friday, April 30 3<sup>rd</sup> grade musical 1:15 and 2:15 in the elementary gym  
Tuesday, May 4 4-6 spring concert H.S. gym 7 p.m.  
Wednesday, May 5 4<sup>th</sup> grade choir sings at Woodlands Rehabilitation at 1:45 and for PreK-3 at 2:30 in the elementary gym  
Friday, May 14 Kindergarten musical 1:15 and 2:15 in the elementary gym

The 5<sup>th</sup> grade will attend "The Nutcracker" on Dec. 3 and the 4<sup>th</sup> grade will attend the Omaha Symphony "Concerts For Youth" on February 18. These traditional field trips for these grades are sponsored by the Parent Support Group.



# DECEMBER ELEMENTARY MENU

| MONDAY   | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY   |
|--|---|---|--|--|
|  | 1<br>Ham & Cheese on Bun<br>Scalloped Potatoes<br>Baked Beans<br>Pineapple<br>Milk            | 2<br>Turkey Gravy<br>Mashed Potatoes<br>Sweet Potatoes<br>Cranberries<br>French Bread<br>Milk | 3<br>Garlic Cheese Bread<br>Dipping Sauce<br>Lettuce Salad<br>Green Beans<br>Peaches<br>Milk | 4<br>11:30 Dismissal<br><br>NO BREAKFAST<br>OR<br>LUNCH<br>SERVED            |
| 7<br>Fiestata<br>Lettuce Salad<br>Corn<br>Applesauce<br>Milk                               | 8<br>Corn Dog<br>Macaroni & Cheese<br>California Veggies<br>Strawberries &<br>Bananas<br>Milk | 9<br>Chili<br>Shredded Cheese<br>Cinnamon Roll<br>Crackers<br>Peaches<br>Milk                 | 10<br>Hamburger on Bun<br>Potato Wedges<br>Peas<br>Pears<br>Milk                             | 11<br>SA Cheese Pizza<br>Lettuce Salad<br>Mixed Fruit<br>Green Beans<br>Milk |
| 14<br>Hot Dog on Bun<br>French Fries<br>California Veggies<br>Applesauce<br>Cookie<br>Milk | 15<br>Sloppy Joe on Bun<br>Nacho Chips<br>Cheese Sauce<br>Corn<br>Jello<br>Milk               | 16<br>Chicken Tenders<br>Mashed Potatoes<br>Gravy<br>Peas<br>Peaches<br>Bread<br>Milk         | 17<br>Pepperoni Pizza<br>Lettuce Salad<br>Green Beans<br>Pears<br>Christmas Cake<br>Milk     | 18<br>11:30 Dismissal<br><br>NO BREAKFAST<br>OR<br>LUNCH<br>SERVED           |
| 21<br><br>CHRISTMAS<br><br>VACATION  | 22<br><br>CHRISTMAS<br><br>VACATION   | 23<br><br>CHRISTMAS<br><br>VACATION   | 24<br><br>CHRISTMAS<br><br>VACATION  | 25<br><br>MERRY<br><br>CHRISTMAS!  |
| 28<br><br>CHRISTMAS<br><br>VACATION  | 29<br><br>CHRISTMAS<br><br>VACATION   | 30<br><br>CHRISTMAS<br><br>VACATION   | 31<br><br>CHRISTMAS<br><br>VACATION  |  |

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