



Elementary News

*Loving God, we thank you for
the promise that springtime will
follow these days of winter.*

*We thank you for the promise
that Easter will follow the hard
work of Lent. We thank you for
the chance to rejoice.*

Amen

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St. Albert Elementary

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Important Calendar Information:

Due to the earlier snow days, we will now be in session until 11:30 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 26th. In addition, we will be in session April 6, 7, 8, 9 following Easter.

Mark your calendar, PK and Kind. Roundup is scheduled for March 2nd at 6:30 p.m.

Hy-Vee Cash for Students: The HyVee Cash for Students Program is over for this school year. Thank you to everyone who collected receipts.

Reminder: The Elementary Valentine's Day parties will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday the 12th. Students may wear Valentine's Day red/pink clothes instead of their uniform. Please remember, if you are sending in treats to be handed out—they MUST be individually packaged.

Points of Interest:

- ☉ Some Important Events
- ☉ Classroom Events
- ☉ Wish List
- ☉ Thank You's
- ☉ Lunch Menu's & Calendar

What's Going on in Our Classrooms

The children in the 3 year old preschool class have been practicing writing the number 3. They are also learning the sounds letters make. They have learned their addresses and are learning a new prayer. They are looking forward to Valentine's Day.

In language arts, the 4 year old pre-school children learned the letters Ii, Jj, Kk, Ll, Mm. They have been reading from the children's Bible. In math, they have been working on writing numbers 0-9.

Please welcome the student teacher from Buena Vista, Miss Golwitzer. She will begin teaching all subjects in Mrs. O'Neil's room. The children focused on letter sounds and letter formation of S, W, P. They read factual books about polar bears and penguins. In math, they are comparing sets to determine greater than, less than or if they are equal. In social studies and science, the children completed a dinosaur and an Iowa unit.

The first graders studied matter and sound in science. They learned about Martin Luther King Jr. and discrimination in Social Studies. They have been learning about forgiveness in religion. In math the children have been comparing numbers by using greater than, less than, and equal to. They will begin to learn about skip counting and counting on.

Our Wish List!

The Elem. office is in need of kleenex and bandaids.

Mrs. Avalos is requesting an electric pencil sharpener and 3x5 notecards.

Mrs. Epperson is asking for old towels and gallon size baggies.

Mrs. Michael in Mrs. Spencer's classroom is requesting gallon size ziplock baggies and recess games.

In math, the second graders have been working with coins by adding change up to a dollar. In grammar, they have been working with pronouns and adjectives. In religion, they are discussing the Ten Commandments and how they relate to how we should treat our neighbors. In social studies, they have been discussing how we use our natural resources.

The third graders are finishing their creative writing stories on gargoyles and are moving on to another country, Russia in February. Soon they will be writing in cursive in some subjects. In math, they have been rounding numbers. In science the students are learning about the various ecosystems around the world. In social studies the students are learning rights and responsibilities of being a citizen.

Students in fourth grade are working on their entries for Invention Convention. In math, students are multiplying larger numbers.

In science the 5th graders have been studying mixtures and solutions. Also, they have been learning about chemical and physical changes. In writing, they are working on persuasive writing and are researching debate topics.

The sixth graders are exploring Mexico in social studies. They continue to research their daily geography questions each week.

Mrs. O'Neil is asking for a small bag of bird seed, a gently used step ladder and a fish net to drape on the wall for religion.

Mrs. Rallis is asking for pencils.

Mrs. Overstreet is requesting quart size ziplock bags, crayola washable markers, and disinfecting wipes.

Mrs. Borgan is asking for paper towels.

Mrs. Marshall is asking for picture books and chapter books for the classroom library.

Thank You's

To all the staff and students of St. Albert: I would like to say thank you for the past 5 years working for the school. I have made a lot of new friends and will miss you all. Take care and God bless everyone. Jon Schneider

Thank you to Maggie Wettengel and the Daley family for donations to Mrs. Stevens' class.

Thanks from Mr. Schaeffer to Christian Baker and Robert Gran for classroom donations. Also, thank you to Mrs. Garrigan for reading Christmas stories to Mr. Schaeffer's class.

Thank you from Mrs. Avalos to Hunter Kimball and Alexis Otto for the classroom items. Also, thank you to all the families that sent in boxes of kleenex.

Mrs. Epperson would like to thank Zach Shudak for the items donated to the classroom.

Thanks from Ms. Ball to Gabby Brownfield for the kleenex and to Karen Jares for volunteering.

Thank you from Mrs. Michael in Mrs. Spencer's classroom to Noah Noecker, Kaylyn Wettengel and Emmy Sealock for the classroom donations.

Thank you to Stuntz Dentistry for the photo printer donated to the Elem. Office.

Thank you to Allie Petry, Jackson Noethe, Eric Matthai, Colin Michael, and Jacob Rhedin for the donations given to Mrs. Rallis and Ms. Ball.

Thank you from Mrs. Chullino to Margie Johnson and Candi Narmi for the Kidz Kare donations.

Thank you from Mrs. Borgan to Mrs. Tallman for coming to read to the class. Thanks to Sammy for the classroom donation.

Thanks from Mrs. Johnson to Nate Christensen, Jacob Finney, Brianna Kiley, Mackenzie Pierson, Lena Roslonic, and Jackson Wiggington for donating items to the classroom.

Thank you from Mrs. Versaci to Candy Narmi and Ann Mrkacek for the books for the library. Thank you to Alesha Johnson for the supplies donated to the library.

Thank you from Mrs. Marshall to Kellie Baker and Matthew Weihs for being guest readers and for bringing treats.

Music News!!

The Fourth Grade will attend the Omaha Symphony "Concerts For Youth" on February 18. This traditional field trip is sponsored by the Parent Support Group.

The Fifth Grade are busy rehearsing a musical called "It's A Kid's Life". It's about kids who are used to lots of technology gadgets and a big power outage. What will these kids do to entertain themselves? Come and see all of the amazing and fun things that the kids find to do. Their performances dates and times are listed below. There is no evening performance so we hope that you will be able to make time in your daytime schedule to see this show. You will enjoy it.

The Second Grade are working on a musical called "The Principal and the Pea". When the school needs a new principal, the kids know exactly what that person should be like and they come up with a unique test to be sure the right person is found. We hope you can join us for their performances on March 5 as listed below. Second Grade parents, you will be receiving a letter soon with details and a cast list.

Please put the following important dates on your calendar.

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| Friday, Mar. 5 | 2 nd grade musical "The Principal and the Pea" 1:15 and 2:15 in the elementary gym |
| Tuesday, Mar. 9 | 5 th grade choir sings "It's A Kid's Life" 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 th grade choir sings "It's A Kid's Life" for PreK-6 in the gym at 2:30 |
| Friday, Mar. 26 | 1 st grade musical "The Box" 1:15 and 2:15 in the elementary gym |
| Friday, April 30 | 3 rd grade musical "How to Be a Pirate" 1:15 and 2:15 in the elementary gym |
| Tuesday, May 4 | 4-6 spring concert "We've Got Style" H.S. gym 7 p.m. |
| Wednesday, May 5 | 4 th grade choir sings "We've Got Style" at Woodlands Rehabilitation at 1:45 and for PreK-3 at 2:30 in the elementary gym |
| Friday, May 14 | Kindergarten musical "Barnyard Moosical" 1:15 and 2:15 in the elementary gym |

Heartfelt Thanks from the Scrip Office

The Scrip program is going strong at Saint Albert, but it could be stronger. I wanted to extend my sincere thanks to all of the families who currently participate in the program and extend an invitation for other families to get involved.

During 2009, participating families helped Saint Albert sell more than \$2 million in Scrip, which resulted in credits of more than \$80,000. That means Saint Albert made \$40,000 for its operating budget and the remaining \$40,000 went directly to funds designated by the participants – tuition credits, contributions to local parishes, “banking it” for future students, or to assist with our scholarship and tuition assistance programs.

Please help us get the word out about Scrip. It’s fast and easy and you’re spending money on everyday household items you have to buy anyway. Why not use Scrip and save on your tuition!?!

Everyone is welcome to join – you do not have to have children at Saint Albert to participate. Ask your relatives, friends, co-workers or neighbors to join! Scrip really is a great program that can benefit everyone. In fact, if all of our families would participate, we could eliminate our other small fundraisers. If that’s not a reason to get involved, what is?

Be a sweetheart . . . sign up for Scrip via the Saint Albert website, place your order and start saving. Call Natalie at (712) 329-9000 with any questions.

Threats and Warnings

Little Cleo looked out of the corner of her eye at her Mom with one of those testing looks, then pushed her child sized grocery cart into the legs of her sister.

"Quit that," warned Mom. "I've warned you about that three times already. If you do it again I'm going to take it away!"

Three minutes later Cleo was doing it again.

“Cleo, I said no,” yelled Mom. “No you stop it! You’re going to be in big trouble! How many times do I have to tell you?”

Ten minutes later, I saw Mom still making threats. I’m not sure she was aware of Cleo’s sly little grin.

During the same trip, I watched another Mom dealing with the same problem. There were no threats.

“Willie, you know better than that. Follow me.” She calmly walked to the front of the store with her son trailing behind.

“Leave your cart with the others here. You can try it again next time we’re in the store.”

“But, Mom. I’ll be good. I promise.”

“I’m sure you will next time we shop.”

A sobbing little Willie followed his Mom through the store.

Let’s all give Willie’s mother a big hand. And let’s give Cleo’s mom a moment of silence. The threats and warnings may still be going on while we read this.

Thanks for reading,
Jim Fay

Help Saint Albert complete its fund-raising campaign for the new elementary school by becoming a member of the 300 Club!

The Club is a group of Saint Albert supporters who are committed to continuing the tradition of academic excellence at the school. It's called the 300 Club because that's the number of members we need to help us meet our fund-raising goal.

Here's how it works: **if 300 families pledge \$100 per month for three years, we will raise \$1,080,000!** One-time donations of \$3,600 also will be accepted for membership. (Of course, larger pledges/donations will always be accepted, if your budget allows!)

In exchange for your pledge/donation, your name (or the name of someone you wish to honor) will be added to the club membership wall in the new building. You also will receive a gold medallion and membership certificate.

The 300 Club is a simple, affordable way to make a lasting impact on the Saint Albert school community. *Are you one of the 300 families we need to help us meet our goal? Memberships are going fast, so act now!*

300 Club

_____ Yes, I would like to be a member of the 300 Club.

I would like to pledge \$_____ per month for three years for a total pledge of \$_____.

I would like to make a one-time donation of \$_____.

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Method of Payment: Check _____ Cash _____ Credit Card (VISA/MC) _____

My company, _____ will match my gift.

Please list my name (or the person you wish to honor) as follows:

Seller of membership:



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“Go Green” Cash Raffle

A benefit for Saint Albert Catholic Schools

Grand Prize: \$25,000

2nd Prize: \$5,000

3rd-5th Prizes: \$1,000

\$50 per ticket or 3 for \$100

Drawing on April 24 at Mid-America Center

Questions? Call (712) 329-9000

Raffle sponsored by Peg Arnold—Uncle Mike and Maggie’s Irish Pub; EPCO Ltd, Inc.; HRH Labor

Services, LLC; Holiday Van and Storage; Kelly’s Carpet-Co. Bluffs; Struyk Turf Ltd.; Saint Albert Educational Foundation.

Number of Tickets _____

Name _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip

_____ Daytime Phone

_____ Evening Phone _____

Email _____

Mail this form and payment to: Saint Albert “Cash Raffle,” P.O. Box 1582, Council Bluffs, IA 51502

NOTE: Raffle ticket receipts will be mailed to Iowa addresses only. Out of State requests will receive written confirmation of their purchase and raffle ticket number(s). Ticket receipts will be held at the Saint Albert Business Office, 400 Gleason Avenue, Council Bluffs, IA and will be available for pick-up. Ticket possession is not required to win.

Catholic Schools Week
Catholic Schools Dividends for Life

January 31 – February 8, 2010

- Sunday
January 31** Students will participate in the Mass in the Council Bluffs and surrounding parishes.
The CSW Parish Coordinators will work with the pastor to set up alumni, parents, or students to speak at Mass on their Catholic Education and values of attending a Catholic School
- All students will wear their SA apparel or uniform with pride.
- Open House 1:00 – 3:00 at the Gleason Campus for families interested in seeing what SA is all about.
- Monday
February 1** Parent/Grandparent Luncheon (Grades Pre-K 4 year olds-3)
(School lunch will not be available for grades Pre-k-3rd.) Each child will have a parent, grandparent, relative and/or friend of the family meet them at school for lunch and either brings a sack lunch with a drink or some kind of fast food to eat. Grades 4,5, and 6 will eat together in the high school cafeteria at 12:35 p.m. Hot lunch will be available for grades 4,5, and 6 only.
- Lunch Times
11:00 – Pre-K 4 year olds and Kindergarten
11:30 – First Grade
12:00 – Second Grade
12:30 – Third Grade
- Used Uniform Sale
- Mitten Day for Kindergarten
- The Junior High Leadership Group and Student Council will write thank you notes to the Foundation Board, Priests, and Area Board thanking them for supporting the school.
- Elementary Student Council will write thank you letters to the Ambassadors.

Tuesday

February 2 Parent/Grandparent luncheon for the grades 4,5, and 6 in the jr/sr high auxiliary gym at the Gleason Campus. Each child will have a parent, grandparent, relative and/or friend of the family meet them at school for lunch and either brings a sack lunch with a drink or some kind of fast food to eat. Pre-K 4 year olds -3rd grade hot lunch will be available. Lunch for Pre-k -3 will be served at the normal times in the elementary gym.

(School Lunch will not be available for grades 4-6.)

11:30 – Fourth Grade

12:00 – Fifth Grade

12:30 – Sixth Grade

Used Uniform Sale

Quiz Bowl grades 7-12

Throughout the week students Pre-k – 12 will participate in a service project . Canned goods will be collected for the food pantry.

Wednesday

February 3 Prayer Day Pre-k-12

Parent/Grandparent Luncheon at the Jr. Sr. High School

11:19 - 11:41 11th and 12th Grades

11:41 – 12:08 7th and 8th Grade

12:08 – 12:35 9th and 10th Grades

Thursday

February 9:30 a.m. Catholic School Week Mass K-12 Gleason Campus.
SA Seniors will function as classroom aides in the Elementary.
Mayor's Proclamation

Friday

February 5 Spirit Day (No uniform day)
Ice Cream Social Pre-K-12
Dodge Ball Tournament Grade 7-12
Invention Convention

- Sheryl K Johnson Child Care Center will host an Open House during the week.
- Teacher and Staff Luncheon will be held on January 22nd.

FEBRUARY ELEMENTARY MENU

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 Pepperoni Pizza Lettuce Salad Green Beans Applesauce Milk	2 Ham & Cheese on Bun Scalloped Potatoes Baked Beans Pineapple Milk	3 Corn Dog Macaroni & Cheese California Veggies Mixed Fruit Milk	4 Turkey Gravy Mashed Potatoes Peas Cranberries French Bread Milk	5 BBQ Pork on Bun Potato Wedges Corn Fresh Fruit Milk
8 Chicken Patty on Bun Potato Rounds Peas Baked Apples Milk	9 Garlic Cheese Bread Dipping Sauce Lettuce Salad Green Beans Pears Milk	10 Chili Shredded Cheese Peaches Cinnamon Roll Crackers Milk	11 Hamburger on Bun Potato Wedges Corn Strawberries & Bananas Milk	12 Chicken w/Mandarin Orange Sauce Rice Stir Fry Veggies Pineapple Bread Milk
15 Hot Dog on Bun French Fries California Veggies Applesauce Cookie Milk	16 Cheeseburger on Bun Baked Beans Chips Fresh Fruit Milk	17 Ash Wednesday Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Fresh Fruit Carrots Milk	18 Deli Sandwich Veggie Soup Crackers Pasta Salad Pears Milk	19 11:30 DISMISSAL NO BREAKFAST OR LUNCH SERVED
22 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Peas Applesauce Bread Milk	23 Sloppy Joe on Bun Nacho Chips Cheese Sauce Corn Jello Milk	24 Chicken Noodle Soup Carrots French Bread Banana Pudding Milk	25 Quesadilla Lettuce Salad Green Beans Fruit Salad Milk	26 11:30 DISMISSAL NO BREAKFAST OR LUNCH SERVED

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February 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
(Please refer to the attached CSW schedule for specific times of events during this week)	1 Kind. Mitten Day	2	3	4 CSW Mass @ 9:30 a.m.	5	6
7	8	9 PSG Meeting and Guest Speaker 6:30 SA Papa Johns Night	10	11 6th gr. Math Counts	12 2-6 gr. Mass @ 8:45 a.m. Valentine's Day Parties 2:00 p.m. Students may wear red/pink	13
14	15	16	17 K-6 Ash Wed. Mass @ 9:30 a.m. in the Ele. gym	18 4th gr. Concert for Youth	19 11:30 a.m. Dismissal Prof. Development	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 11:30 a.m. Dismissal Faculty Retreat	27
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Attention Parents:

Thanks to the Iowa Educators Consortium (IEC) and Iowa Area Education Agencies (AEAs), we are now able to offer Iowa K-12 Students* very special pricing on software and more for their OWN personal use. IEC is always searching for new ways to benefit Iowa's educational community, and this will save you amazing amounts of monies (up to 85% off retail prices).

 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Word 2007 Excel 2007 Powerpoint 2007 Outlook 2007 <p>-\$120.00 \$59⁹⁸</p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Word 2007 Excel 2007 Powerpoint 2007 Outlook 2007 Access 2007 Publisher 2007 <p>-\$100.00 \$89⁹⁸</p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Word 2008 Excel 2008 Powerpoint 2008 Entourage 2008 Messenger <p>-\$100.00 \$94⁹⁸</p>
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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> InDesign CS4 Photoshop CS4 Illustrator CS4 Acrobat 9 Pro <p>-\$120.00 \$219⁹⁸</p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dreamweaver CS4 Flash CS4 Pro Fireworks CS4 Contribute CS4 <p>-\$100.00 \$219⁹⁸</p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adobe® Photoshop® Elements 7 & Adobe Premiere® Elements 7 <p>-\$140.00 \$119⁹⁸</p>
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 <p>Dragon gives small business and advanced PC users the power to create documents, reports and emails three times faster than most people type.</p> <p>-\$60.00 \$49⁹⁸</p>	 <p>NEW!</p> <p>Inspiration develops thinking, literacy and numeracy skills using proven visual learning.</p> <p>-\$60.00 \$29⁹⁸</p>	 <p>InspireData applies proven strategies of visual learning to data literacy.</p> <p>-\$60.00 \$29⁹⁸</p>
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*Except for Adobe, which is restricted to grades 6-12.



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Physical Education

In December we conducted our St. Albert Elks Hoop Shoot freethrow contest for grades 4-6. Our winners were:

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| 8-9 yrs. old – | 1 st Jenna Carlson & Devin Menges |
| | 2 nd Carolyn Faust & Mason Dales |
| 10-11 yrs. old - | 1 st Josie Shudak & William Hanafan |
| | 2 nd Emmy Sealock & Matthew Fagan |
| 12-13 yrs. old - | 1 st Travis Miller & Celine Helton |
| | 2 nd Glen Bertelson & Braxton Collins |

All of the 1st place winners participated in the city contest on January 9 at Kirn Junior High. Jenna and Josie earned 3rd place trophies. William, Travis, and Celine all took home the 1st place trophies and traveled to Creston to shoot freethrows on January 23. None of the three advance to the next level. I am really proud of the effort of all of these students and thank you to the willing parents who support those efforts.

It's rope jumpin' time! The 2nd and 3rd graders have begun the annual jump rope contest. Third grade girls are finished and 2nd grade girls have just started. Boys' contests will follow in February. There are ribbons and prizes to be won, so jump on in!

March will bring rollerskating for grades 2-6. We are all excited about rolling around the gym. Soon a letter will arrive home in Friday folders with all the details. We do ask for a \$6.00 donation for each skater in your family and no, students may not bring skates from home to use.

Sledding and building snowmen are great exercise. See, there is something positive about all this snow! Enjoy!