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# Elementary News

*O Lord, grant that we may not turn  
away from the suffering of others,  
but care for one another in love.  
We ask this through your Son, our  
Lord Jesus Christ.  
Amen*

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Mark your Calendars:

On Tuesday, March 2nd at 6:30 p.m. at the Gleason Campus auditorium, there will be an informational meeting for parents of upcoming Pre-K and Kindergarten children. If you know of anyone interested in learning about our programs, please invite them to attend.

There will be an 11:30 a.m. dismissal on Friday, March 12th. This was indicated on the school calendar but was not written to the side as such.

The Kindergarten children will not have school on Monday, March 29th due to screening for upcoming kindergarten children.

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## Points of Interest:

- ☉ Some Important Events
  - ☉ Classroom Events
  - ☉ Wish List
  - ☉ Bits & Pieces
  - ☉ Thank You's
  - ☉ Lunch Menu's & Calendar
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Happy St. Patrick's Day from Scrip!

You don't have to have the luck of the Irish to save money on your tuition! All you have to do is participate in the Scrip program. Scrip allows you to save money on tuition simply by making everyday, household purchases. But you don't have to take my word for it! Ask TJ & Laura Pattermann, Jeff & Trudi Shudak or Dan & Lynn Herrington how easy it is to use the Scrip program. They are among the program's biggest supporters – and have collectively saved about \$9,500 on their tuition!

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Thank You,  
Natalie Burkey

Don't Raise a Kid Who Depends on Being Smart

Dear Michael,

There are few things that bring us more joy than seeing our youngsters succeed! Unfortunately, too many of us make the mistake of responding to their success in ways that gradually condition them to give up when the going gets tough.

Let's see how this happens:

Little Roger just tied his shoes. Because this warms his mother's heart, she says, "Oh Roger. You are so smart!"

Roxanne got an "A" on her spelling test. Beaming with pride, her father praises, "Roxanne, you are so bright!"

Roger says his ABC's. Grandma replies, "You're the smartest kid in town!"

Roxanne constructs a wonderful science fair project. Her mother smiles, "Oh, sweetie, you are so intelligent."

If this continues, Roger and Roxanne will eventually be conditioned to believe that they are successful only because they are smart. Why's this a problem?

Kids who believe that smartness is the key to success give up whenever they encounter things that leave them feeling not-so-smart.

More fortunate kids are conditioned to believe that hard work, practice and perseverance are the keys to success.

Kids who believe that hard work and perseverance are the keys to success are more likely to keep trying when things get tough.

In my new book, *Parenting Kids to Become the People Employers Really Want and... America Desperately Needs I* teach a powerful strategy for doing this. One aspect of this involves asking our children:

"Why did you do that so well?"

When they reply with shrugged shoulders, we ask:

"Did you work hard? Have you been practicing? Or did you keep trying?"

When kids verbalize any one of the three, they begin to believe that they have what it takes to keep going when the going gets tough.

Thanks for reading!  
Dr. Charles Fay

## Music News!!

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.

The First Grade musical is entitled "The Box". It is all about creativity and using your imagination to play with a box. It is perfect for our first graders, high-spirited and energetic. They are already coming up with great ideas for how to stage our show. Their performance is on March 26. First Grade parents, you will receive a letter soon with details about parts and costumes. We hope you will get to come to our play.

Please put the following important dates on your calendar.

Friday, Mar. 5	2 <sup>nd</sup> grade musical "The Principal and the Pea" 1:15 and 2:15 in the elementary gym
Tuesday, Mar. 9	5 <sup>th</sup> grade choir sings "It's A Kid's Life" for their families in the elementary music room at 10:30. At 1:45 p.m. that same day, the choir sings for Primrose Retirement Center.
Wednesday, Mar. 10	5 <sup>th</sup> grade choir sings "It's A Kid's Life" for PreK-6 in the gym at 2:00
Friday, Mar. 26	1 <sup>st</sup> grade musical "The Box" 1:15 and 2:15 in the elementary gym
Friday, April 30	3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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

## Thank You!!!

Thank you from all the teachers and staff to the families that sent in treats for Valentines day.

Thank you from Mrs. Johnson to Grace Michael and Anne Lewis for the donations to the classroom.

Thanks from Mrs. Burgan to Mrs. Horvath for reading to the class.

Thank you from Miss Golwitzer for the present from the class.

Mrs. O'Neil would like to thank the Bernard, King, Barnes, Bruns, and Johans families for the classroom donations.

Thank you from Mrs. Stevens to Eric Johnson for donating the items to the classroom.

Mr. Schaeffer would like to thank Robert Gran, Christian Baker, Rylee Zais, and Athena Arculeo for donating items to the classroom.

Mrs. Michael (long term substitute for Mrs. Spencer) wishes to thank Alan Powers-Wettstad, Isabel Ramirez, and Madisun Mattingly for the items for the classroom.

Thanks from Mrs. Gorman to Joe Liston and Jackson Dunning for the items for the classroom.

Mrs. Schmitz would like to thank the Ambassador (s) who donated the money for non-fiction books for the classroom.

Thank you from Mrs. Chullino to Abby and Emma Barnes for the Kidz Kare donation.

Thank you to the families that donated kleenex and bandaids to the elementary office.

Thank you from Mrs. Epperson to the following students for donating items to the classroom: Jordyn Blaha, Ellerie Tarbox, Bennett Heisterkamp, Ryan Hughes, Drew Gronstal.

Mrs. Avalos would like to thank the Kilbride and Higginbotham families for their donations.

Thank you from Mrs. McColloch to Maddy Ryan for the classroom donation.

### Our Wish List!

\*\*Mrs. O'Neil is asking for cheap bags of rice and dried beans, wide mouth quart size Ball jars with lids and rings.

\*\*The Elem. office, Ms. Ball and Mrs. Epperson are asking for more kleenex.

\*\*3rd grade teachers are asking for kleenex, dry erase markers, small dry erase boards and clipboards.

\*\*Mrs. Michael is requesting kleenex and bandaids.

\*\*Mrs. Schmitz is asking for hand sanitizer and clorox wipes.

\*\*Mrs. Assmann would like an electric pencil sharpener, old magazines and clorox wipes.

\*\*Mrs. Epperson would like empty shoe boxes.

\*\*Mrs. McColloch is asking for AA batteries.

## Classroom Activities

Police Officer Alba came to visit the 3 year olds. They learned about his job and discussed safety rules. The children continue to learn sounds letters make and their names.

In math the 4 year old children learned writing numbers 0-10, symmetry, and equal, more, and less than. In language arts, they learned the letters N, O, P, and Q.

The kindergarten children have been learning about the letters V, L, T, and G. They are also working hard in reading. Math time has been used learning about measurement. They are learning how to measure using both standard and nonstandard tools. This will be a month long unit. In religion they are learning about the Miracles of Jesus. They talked about changing our hearts for Jesus.

The first graders have been writing letters to the Tooth Fairy as well as learning about dental health. In math, they are learning to identify and count coins. They also studied facts about presidents George Washington and Abraham Lincoln in social studies. In science they finished a unit on magnets.

The second graders have been working on a unit focusing on geometry skills in math. In science, they are doing a unit on weather. In religion they have been talking about Lent and ways to prepare for the season.

The students in 3rd grade are finishing up their multiplication facts and will be applying their understanding of the inverse property to divide. They have also started their studies of Russia and have learned many new Russian words. They started a unit over adjectives in grammar. In social studies the students are learning about the branches of government and the duties that go with it. They will learn how a bill becomes a law.

The 4th graders attended Concerts for Youth on Feb. 18. They are studying energy in science. They will begin writing a feature article in writing class. The children are taking the Lenten journey through their Lenten journals. In social studies they will begin studying the Midwest States. In math, they are working on a basketball unit.

In math the 6th grade students have been having fun with fractions. The students worked with fractions and recipes. They got to make the recipe and enjoy it. For reading, they are studying non-fiction text and gave book talks. They culminated their study of Mexico with a fiesta and made Ojo de Dios (God's Eye). They are doing an Olympic unit in conjunction with the XXI Winter Olympics. They investigated the planetary orbits in science and in religion, watched several videos on leaders found in the Old Testament. They discussed leadership qualities and are writing speeches with the topic: "If I Were President".

Saint Albert Destination Imagination Competitive teams will do a practice presentation for the Western Regional Tournament to be held in Carroll, IA. The student body will watch the third and fourth grade team challenges on March 2nd at 1:30 p.m. Fifth and Sixth grade DI teams will show their challenges on March 3rd at 1:30 p.m. All challenges will be held in the auditorium.

Congratulations to the following students who competed at the St. Albert Spelling Bee:

### Grade Level Winners and Alternates

3rd: Ashley Aldabute and Athena Archuleo

4th: Marc Kavars and Clara Genereax

5th: Ellie Helton and Megan Weis

6th: Marc Johnson and Carol Marar



# Enter to Win!

## “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 Turi 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.

# **You're Invited to:**

## **Jan Hughes' 4th Annual**



Purchase a \$50 ticket (or 3 for \$100) for the "Go Green" cash raffle or donate an item for the Saint Albert Auction and you will enjoy an evening of music, dancing, snacks and adult beverages.

## **Ultimate Auction and Raffle Collection Party!**

Date: Saturday, March 13

Place: Mid-America Center

Time: 8 p.m. - Midnight

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Please join us!

# 300 Club

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!***

\_\_\_\_\_ 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: \_\_\_\_\_

# MARCH ELEMENTARY

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 Chicken Patty on Bun Potato Rounds Peas Applesauce Milk	2 Ham & Cheese on Bun Scalloped Potatoes Baked Beans Pineapple Milk	3 Turkey Gravy Mashed Potatoes Sweet Potatoes Cranberries French Bread Milk	4 Burrito Macaroni & cheese California Veggies Mixed Fruit Milk	5 SA Cheese Pizza Lettuce Salad Green Beans Pears Milk
8 McRib on Bun Potato Wedges Peas Applesauce Milk	9 Sloppy Joe on Bun Nacho Chips Cheese Sauce Corn Jello Milk	10 Chili Shredded Cheese Peaches Cinnamon Rolls Crackers Milk	11 Garlic Cheese Bread Dipping Sauce Lettuce Salad Pears Milk	12  11:30 DISMISSAL  NO BREAKFAST OR LUNCH SERVED
15 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Crackers Trail Mix Carrots & dip Milk	16 BBQ Pork on Bun French Fries Baked Beans Fruit Salad Milk	17 Chicken Noodle Soup French Bread Carrots & Dip Pudding Bananas Milk	18 Fiestata Lettuce Salad Green Beans Mixed Fruit Milk	19  NO SCHOOL!
22 Hot Dog on Bun French Fries California Veggies Applesauce Cookie Milk	23 Pepperoni Pizza Lettuce Salad Peas Pears Milk	24 Pasta with Meat Sauce Green Beans Peaches Garlic Buns Milk	25 Deli Sandwich Veggie Soup Crackers Pasta Salad Raisins Milk	26 Egg Omelet French Toast Juice Coffeecake Milk
29 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Peas Applesauce Bread Milk	30 Hamburger on Bun Chips Baked Beans Fresh Fruit Milk	31 Tacos with Lettuce & cheese Refried Beans Corn Cornbread Pears Milk		

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# March 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	1	2 Pre-K and K Roundup @ 6:30pm  3rd & 4th DI groups perform @ 1:30 pm in auditorium	3 Elem. Reconciliation  5th & 6th DI groups perform @ 1:30 pm in auditorium	4 2nd gr. to Joslyn	5 K-6 Mass at 8:45am @ gym
7	8	9 5th gr. Choir per- forms at 10:30 am in Music Room & 1:45 pm at Primrose SA Papa Johns Night 7th grade Informa- tional Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.	10 5th gr. Choir per- forms at 2:00 pm in Gym	11	12 2-6 Mass at 8:45am  11:30 am dismissal  End of 3rd Quarter
14	15 Conferences from 4-9 p.m.	16 6th gr. Math Bee	17	18 Adoration in Chapel from 9:00am-12:00pm  Conferences from 4-9 p.m.	19 No School Conferences
21	22	23	24	25 6th gr to Des Moines	26 2-6 Mass at 8:45am
28	29 Kindergarten Screen- ing No school for current kindergarten students	30 PSG Meeting at 6:30 pm	31		