



Elementary News

*Holy Spirit, come into the world
and fill all God's children
with the power of your
love and life.
We ask this through Jesus,
who lives with the Father in heaven.*

Amen

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Hot Lunch

The last day that hot lunch will be served for the Elementary will be Friday, May 14th . Please check your e-mail or look for your end of the year statement. Any credit balances will be carried over to the next school year and debit balances are due on Friday, May 21st. Please be sure to send a sack lunch with a drink to school from Monday, May 17th—May 20th. Friday, May 21st is an 11:30 p.m. dismissal.

Points of Interest:

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Mission Statement

The mission of St. Albert Elementary, a school committed to Jesus Christ through the teaching of Catholic Church is to foster spiritual, moral, physical, and intellectual growth by providing quality educational opportunities for all students.

What's Going on in Our Classrooms

The 3 year old children enjoyed making a craft project for each letter they have learned. They made paper cell phones and are practicing their phone numbers.

In language arts the 4 year olds learned letters Vv, Ww, Yy, and Zz. In math they learned numbers 11-20, fractions $\frac{1}{2}$ and whole, and time. In religion they learned about Joseph Forgives His Brothers, The Disciples See Jesus, Joseph Is Kind To His Father, Jesus Teaches Us To Love Each Other.

The kindergarten students are learning about telling time and money in math. Language arts found them working on writing sentences and using sight words. In religion, they worked on the ministry of Jesus and trying to understand the Eucharist. They studied different careers and had guest speakers for social studies. They also learned about animals and the lifecycle of plants in science.

The first graders have been learning about solid shapes, symmetry, and measurement in math. In social studies they learned about natural resources and discussed ways to help re-use, reuse, and recycle to keep our resources clean. They are learning about animals and are raising caterpillars that will become beautiful painted lady butterflies.

Our Wish List!

**Mrs. Schmitz is asking for kleenex.

** Mrs. Marshall is asking for clorox wipes and sponges.

**Mr. Schaeffer is asking for clip boards and small dry erase boards.

In math the second graders have been working on 3-digit numbers. In social studies they are learning about immigrants and the influence their culture has had on American society. They are studying about the celebrations of the liturgical year in religion. They are writing stories concentrating on the 5 steps of the writing process.

In social studies the students in 3rd grade were re-searching about a president of their choice. Then they learned about how to write in paragraph form using a topic sentence and supporting details. In science they are learning about matter and the changes it goes through. The students have been working on time in math and will be moving on to money next. They are also writing in cursive in almost every subject.

The fourth graders have been mapping the southwest region in social studies. In math, they are focusing on math skills needed in gardening. And in religion, the students are talking about the sacraments. In writing the students have been busy writing feature articles and personal narratives.

The students in 5th grade finished studying forces and motion in science. They will finish the year doing environmental stewardship activities.

In reading the 6th graders have been working on novel studies. In math, they are working with geometry. Latin America has been the focus of 6th grade social studies. They will finish the year with the Social Studies Fair.

Thank You's

Thank you to Maddy Ryan for the classroom donations to Mrs. McColloch's room.

Thank you to the volunteers who went on the 6th grade Des Moines trip.

Thank you from Mrs. O'Neil to Ms. Alter, Mrs. Barnes, Mr. Johanns, and Mrs. King for teaching the class about their jobs. Thanks to all who sent out Flat Stanley.

Thank you from 4th grade to the ambassadors for helping in religion.

Thanks from Mr. Schaeffer to Trevor Pudenz and Tate Pilger for donating classroom supplies.

Thank you from Mrs. Stevens to Gracie Springman and Harry Venteicher for donating supplies to her classroom.

Thank you from Mrs. Rallis to Ilia, Jackson, TJ, Jacob, and Katie for the classroom donations. Thank you to Lauren Pattermann and Ben O'Neill for providing the extra goodies for the "Pig Out Party".

Thank you from Mrs. Marshall to John Helton, Ian Finn, Diana Marar, Sarah Archer, Rachel Horton, Tony Rew, and Michael Young for being guest readers and bringing treats.

Congratulations!!!!

Four Saint Albert Elementary Destination Imagination teams received first place in their challenges at the Iowa State Competition in Ames on April 10th. Another St. Albert team placed second and another third in the state competition. First place teams included a sixth grade team Tye Di's that did Project Outreach, a fifth grade team Bloomin Brainsters that did Do or DI, a fourth grade Team Supreme did DI BOT, a robotic technology challenge, and a third grade team Grade Diggers 3 did Breaking DI News, a structural engineering challenge. The teams are now eligible to compete in Global Finals at Knoxville, TN on May 26-29 where an estimated 16,000 people will gather. The Saint Albert teams are involved in fundraising events to help with costs. Thanks for your help with these events.

Music News!!

The Fourth Grade are preparing a concert featuring different styles of music. They have chosen a calypso song, a 1960's set, a 1980's set, and a contemporary song with fun syllables and no actual words. Their set will be presented at the 4-6 Spring Concert on May 4 and on May 5 at Woodlands Rehabilitation and in the elementary gym for the other elementary students. Times are listed below. We hope you will get a chance to see our show.

Fifth and Sixth Grades will be performing on the May 4 concert and their music styles will include jazz, swing, the 50's, and some surprises. Recorders and Elementary Band will also be performing so you are in for a great evening of varied music.

The Kindergarten musical is called "A Barnyard Moosical". We'll just tell you that much for now. You can expect to see some singing, dancing barnyard animals. That show is on Friday, May 14, 1:15 p.m. and 2:15 p.m. in the elementary gym.

The complete schedule of musical performances remaining for this year is listed below:

Tuesday, May 4	4-6 spring concert "We've Got Style" H.S. gym 7 p.m.
Wednesday, May 5	4th 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

MAY ELEMENTARY MENU

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Crackers Carrots Raisins Milk	4 Egg Omelet French Toast Tri-Potatoes Juice Coffeecake Milk	5 Chili Shredded Cheese Peaches Crackers Cinnamon Rolls Milk	6 Corn Dog Macaroni & Cheese California Veggies Mixed Fruit Milk	7 11:30 Dismissal NO BREAKFAST OR LUNCH SERVED
10 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Gravy Peas Applesauce Bread Milk	11 Sloppy Joe on Bun Nacho Chips Cheese Sauce Corn Jello Milk	12 Pasta with Meat Sauce Green Beans Garlic Bun Peaches Milk	13 Ham & Cheese on Bun Scalloped Potatoes Baked Beans Pineapple Milk	14 Hot Dog on bun French Fries California Veggies Trail Mix Milk Last Day for Hot Lunch
17 Bring a Sack Lunch and a Drink	18 Bring a Sack Lunch and a Drink	19 Bring a Sack Lunch and a Drink	20 Bring a Sack Lunch and a Drink	21 11:30 Dismissal NO BREAKFAST SERVED

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May 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 DI \$1 K-12 Play Clothes Day 4-6 Abe Lincoln Exhibit	4 4-6 Spring Concert 7:00 p.m. @ HS Gym Gym @ 2:30	5 3rd Grade Research Group @ 7:00 @ Elem Gym 4th Gr Choir at Woodlands @ 1:45 and 2:30 Ele. Gym	6	7 Rosary in Elem Chapel @ 8:15 Elem. Mass @ 8:45 in Elem Gym 11:30 Dismissal	8
9	10	11 PSG Officers Mtg. 6:30 p.m. 6th Gr. SS Fair SA Papa John's Night	12 6th Gr. Track Meet at Wilson	13 Kind. To Gifford Farm 4-6 Talent Show @ 12:30 auditorium	14 Ele. Mass @ 8:45 in Elem Gym Academic Pep Rally After Mass Kind. Musical 1:15&2:15 in Elem. Gym 1st Gr. Teddy Bear Picnic	15
16	17 PreK, K, 1 Field Day Bring a sack lunch and drink	18 2, 3, 4 Field Day Bring a sack lunch and drink	19 5 & 6 Field Day Bring a sack lunch and drink	20 Adoration in HS Chapel 8:15-12:00 Kind. to Westwood Park Bring a lunch&drink	21 Last Day 6th Gr. Recognition Mass @ 8:45 in Elem Gym 11:30 Dismissal Lunch Balances Due	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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