



Elementary News

*God, Creator of heaven and earth, we thank you for the priceless gifts you have given us: our talents, our hopes, and even what we offer to you came first from your generous hands. We think of the foods we will soon eat, and we are filled with excitement and joy, knowing that they all came from this earth which you have given to us for a home.
Amen*



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Make Note of Some Important Events

Hy-Vee Cash Back for Students: Thanksgiving time means lots of grocery buying. If you're buying groceries at Hy-Vee, make sure you're saving the receipts to send to school. St. Albert receives \$1.00 for every \$200.00 in receipts we submit.

The last day for students to wear shorts was Friday, Oct. 30. Until April 1, only uniform pants, skorts or jumpers are allowed.

The Elementary Book Fair will be held Nov. 9—13th. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Amy Carter at dresseltocarter@yahoo.com or Carol Versaci at versacic@saintalbertschools.org

NOVEMBER ELEMENTARY MENU

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 Pepperoni Pizza Lettuce Salad Green Beans Applesauce Milk	3 Ham & Cheese on Bun Scalloped Potatoes Baked Beans Pineapple Milk	4 Turkey Gravy Mashed Potatoes Sweet Potatoes Cranberries French Bread Milk	5 Garlic Cheese Bread Dipping Sauce Lettuce Salad Green Beans Strawberries & Bananas Milk	6 11:30 Dismissal NO BREAKFAST OR LUNCH SERVED
9 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Crackers Celery Sticks Fruit Pies Milk	10 Burrito Macaroni & Cheese California Veggies Fruit Salad Milk	11 McRib on Bun Potato Wedges Green Beans Pears Milk	12 Chicken Noodle Soup French Bread Carrots & Dip Bananas Pudding Milk	13 Quesadilla Lettuce Salad Corn Peaches Milk
16 Hot Dog on Bun French Fries Peas Applesauce Cookie Milk	17 Sloppy Joe on Bun Nacho Chips Cheese Sauce Corn Pineapple Milk	18 Chili Shredded Cheese Cinnamon Roll Crackers Apricots Milk	19 Cheeseburger on Bun Chips Baked Beans Fresh Fruit Milk	20 Deli Sandwich Veggie Soup Crackers Pears Pasta Salad Milk
23 Cheese Pizza Lettuce Salad Corn Applesauce Milk	24 Chicken Tenders Mashed Potatoes Gravy Peas Bread Pumpkin Bars Milk	25 THANKSGIVING VACATION NO SCHOOL!	26 THANKSGIVING VACATION NO SCHOOL!	27 THANKSGIVING VACATION NO SCHOOL!
30 Chicken Patty on Bun Potato Rounds Peas Baked Apples Milk				

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What's Going On In Our Classrooms

In Mrs. Schnepel's 3 year old class, the children were happy to have 2 CB firemen visit the classroom. They taught the children about fire safety and showed them their uniforms.

The children in kindergarten are working on their sight words and the letters H, N, B, F. They learned to write numbers 0-10 correctly, counted and made sets of items. The children made Irish soda bread and tortillas and tasted breads from around the world. For science, they have talked about night time, bears, bats, owls, spiders, and pumpkins. They made their own Rosaries.

In social studies, the 1st graders have been learning about careers and in science they have been comparing living and non-living things. They are practicing different strategies in math to help them add and subtract. In writer's workshop, they wrote apple stories and are finishing Halloween stories. They are learning about the Rosary in religion.

In math the 2nd graders just started learning how to add double-digit numbers with regrouping. In science they are studying various types of habitats. They learned about map keys, intermediate locations and absolute and relative locations. The students also used maps to identify countries and landforms.

WISH LIST

Mrs. Epperson is asking for lysol aerosol disinfecting spray.

All of 3rd grade is asking for kleenex and clorox wipes.

Mrs. Spencer is requesting lysol spray, kleenex, dry erase erasers, 13 gal. drawstring garbage bags.

Mrs. Chullino is asking for kleenex and hand sanitizer.

In math the third graders have been working on place value and drawing pictures to solve word problems. In religion, they are getting ready for a Commandment test over the first 8 Commandments. They have been working on identifying nouns and verbs in sentences along with replacing nouns with pronouns in grammar. In social studies they are learning map skills. In science, the students just wrapped up their unit about plants. They had the opportunity to see the star lab with all of the constellations and the stories to go with them.

The students in 4th grade have been working on various skills in math. They measured the circumference of a pumpkin, weighed it and made fractions with pumpkin pieces. In writing they are working on spooky stories and parts of speech.

In religion, the 5th graders are studying the mysteries of the rosary. In science the students are finishing a unit on plants and animals. The 5th graders are making animal diaries in writing.

In science, the 6th graders have studied the conditions it takes for seeds to germinate. In reading, they are reading The Sign of the Beaver and working on good questioning skills. For writing, they wrote a narrative story about a trip to Canada.

A reminder about our Attendance Policy (see Parent/Student Handbook 2009-2010 on the SA web site)

Because of the impact on their academic success and the work ethic they are establishing, students are expected to be present when school is in session. Administrators reserve the right to determine whether an absence is excused or unexcused.

Upon the 8th day absent from school in a trimester, a contract with limited future absences allowed is initiated between the school, parent and student. A violation of the contract can result in withdrawal.

Dance Team Fundraiser

Need your car washed and want to help support the Saint Albert Dance Team? The Saint Albert Dance Team is selling Gorilla Car Wash certificates and a portion of every sale goes right back to the dance team to help with state competition costs. Each certificate is \$8.00 (the same cost as it is at the actual Gorilla Car Wash, not a penny more!)

The certificates never expire and can be used at any Gorilla Car Wash location in Council Bluffs or Omaha.

These make great gifts, are easy to keep in your car for future uses, and would make great stocking stuffers this year.

Scrip News

She's making her list and checking it twice Have you been naughty or nice?

Christmas is right around the corner. Why not give yourself a gift of lower tuition payments by participating in the Saint Albert Scrip Program.

Scrip Coordinator Natalie Burkey is asking all of our families to join the Scrip program and start putting your holiday shopping dollars to work for you and your school. Scrip for hundreds of local and national merchants can be used as presents, or to purchase gifts for all the good little boys and girls on your Christmas list.

To sign up for Scrip, simply log on to www.shopwithscrip.com (use enrollment code 4B5652176934). The tuition savings begin when you place your first order!

Contact Natalie at 329-9000 with any questions.

Thank You's

Thank you to Kathleen Tague who was in charge of the fundraiser, and to the following people who volunteered to help with the fundraiser pick up:

Rodney Tague, Priscilla Carraway, Kim Dubas, Brandi Powers, Andrea Barnes, Dennis Klein, Jennifer Veit, Jason Morton, Jill Weslack, Lisa Dunning, Cyndie McCauley.

Our fall fundraiser generated approximately \$10,000. Thank you to all who participated.

Thank you to all the many families who donated the disinfecting wipes. It was very much appreciated.

Thank you from Pre-K and K to the firemen for teaching about fire safety.

Thank you from Mrs. O'Neil to Mrs. Johans, Mrs. Rater Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Ravlin, the Wettengel family, Brungardt family, and Alter family and Fr. Neal for the donations to the classroom.

Thanks from Mrs. Epperson to the following students for donating items to the classroom; Nick Lee, Ryan Genereux, Jake Archer, Zach Shudak.

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Thanks from Mrs. Stevens to Isaiah Moore for the donations. Thanks to Kerry Walford and Jim and Maxine Marshall for helping with the classroom Papa Johns pizza party.

Mrs. Gorman would like to thank the following students for their donations to the classroom: Joe Sturm, Joe Liston, Eleanor Osterloh, Meg Ross, Caroline Faust, Grace Cox, Sophie Sykes, Allison Tague, Khloe Nieson, Jackson Dunning, Jenna Carlson.

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Thanks from Mrs. Schmitz to Caleb Shudak, Rachel Gronstal, Abby Osterloh, Libby Neal and Mrs. Kavars.

Mrs. Marshall would like to thank Pete Phillips, Laura Cornelius, Susan Hopping, Tom and Michelle Bolgar, and Sue Martin for being guest readers and for bringing treats. Thank you to Christian Phillips, Conner Leach, Joe Veit, Trevor Rhedin, Suzie McDonald, and Sheridan Parker for the classroom supplies.

Mrs. Assmann would like to thank Dan Rieck and Tracy Hindley for the classroom items. Thanks to "Guido" the DARE officer for the science items.

Thank you from Mrs. Chullino to Lauren and Brandon Williams, Clare and Jackson Noethe, and Ella Harris for Kidz Kare items.

Please Take Note:

The Parent Support Group meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 10th has been cancelled. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Mrs. Jensen or Mrs. Shanno at 323-3703 or you may also contact one of the officers: Stacy Ring, Lesa Socha, Kathleen Tague or Bridget Trager whose numbers and email addresses are listed in our directory.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Daylight Saving Time Ends	2	3	4	5	6 PreK-6 Mass @ 8:45 a.m. in Gym 11:30 a.m. Dis- missal End of 1st Trimes- ter	7
8	9 Elem. Book Fair Held This Week	10 Papa Johns Night	11	12 Feast of St. Albert Mass K-12 @ 1:15 p.m. in HS Gym	13	14
15 The 13th Day movie screening @ 4 p.m., 6 p.m., 8 p.m. in the auditorium	16 Elem. Conferences 4-9 p.m.	17	18	19 Elem. Conferences 4-9 p.m.	20 2-6 Mass @ 8:45 a.m. in Auditorium	21
22	23	24	25 No School	26 No School Thanksgiving	27 No School	28
29	30					

Music News

The music calendar is filling up with concerts and performances. 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 th 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 th grade choir sings for Harmony Court at 1:45 6 th grade choir sings for PreK-3 in the elementary gym 2:30
Friday, Mar. 5	2 nd grade musical 1:15 and 2:15 in the elementary gym Tuesday, Mar. 9 5 th 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 th grade choir sings for PreK-6 in the gym at 2:30
Friday, Mar. 26	1 st grade musical 1:15 and 2:15 in the elementary gym
Friday, April 30	3 rd 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 th 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

In addition, the 5th grade will attend "The Nutcracker" on Dec. 3 and the 4th 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.
