



Elementary News

October, 2009

Lord God, when we are with our families, or when we do our daily tasks, help us to keep following your Son and sharing his Light.

*We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen*

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Some Important Information

Pictures

School pictures for our T/Th 3 year olds will take place **on Tuesday, Oct. 6th. This will also be the day those students who were absent on 9/28 can have their picture taken.** If this pertains to your child, they can wear their "picture" clothes to school this day. Please make sure you have sent in their picture packet envelope and money.

Elementary Book Fair

Ready! Set! Go!!! Our Annual Scholastic Book Fair is drawing near. You will receive all of the details in the near future.

Hy-Vee Cash for Students

It's that time again - Hy-Vee Cash for Students. Save your Hy-Vee receipts, put them in an envelope with your child's name, and send them to school. Receipts can be from any Omaha or Council Bluffs location for anything. Tell your relatives and friends to save theirs also.

Points of Interest:

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



What's Going On

The children in Mrs. Schnepel's classroom have been learning about colors and shapes and doing activities for each one. The children enjoy the scholastic newspapers featuring Clifford The Big Red Dog. They are practicing the sign of the cross and talking about bible stories that include take home picture cards.

In math the children in the 4 year old pre school class are working on shapes and in language arts, they learned their colors. They are talking about friends in religion and about camping in science.

The Kindergarteners have spent the 1st month of school learning about language arts, math, and science through nursery rhymes. They are now beginning their letter instruction and have learned M and A as well as working on shapes. In religion, they have begun to learn about God and Creation.

The 1st graders are practicing addition and subtraction in math. In religion they are learning about God's creation and taking care of the gifts God has given us. In social studies, they are discussing communities and community helpers.

Students in 2nd grade have finished their unit in science over living things. In math they are learning about number patterns. They have been naming and telling parts of sentences in grammar. And in religion, they have been discussing how to make good choices.

Our Wish List

Mrs. Schnepel is asking for a CD/cassette player for the classroom.

Mrs. O'Neil is requesting gently used barbies and accessories.

Mrs. Overstreet would like a large assortment of Tinker Toys building sets, K-nex 400 pc. Value Tub Set, clean plastic Miracle Whip jars with lids, and multi-model construction sets.

Both Mrs. Rallis and Mrs. Hughes would like electric pencil sharpeners.

Mrs. McColloch is requesting slider sandwich and snack bags, and swiffer duster refills.

Mrs. Gorman is asking for cleaning wipes.

In science, the 3rd graders are learning about the solar system. In writer's workshop the students are researching about a planet of their choice and then writing a fictional story about going to outer space. They are continuing to learn and practice their French words and will be taking their first test at the beginning of the month. They have really been focusing on problem solving skills in math.

In 4th grade, the students are creating landform books and learning the major landforms found in the US. The students are working on how to "buzz" creating book recommendations and identifying genres. In writing the children are writing letters to SA staff members and WWII veterans to prepare for their writing assessment.

In science the 5th graders have finished a human body unit and will begin a unit on classification. In religion the students are beginning a unit on Mary. They are doing biography projects for reading.

To start the year in 6th grade, they have focused on the themes of geography and various map skills. They will be researching some daily geography questions every week. In math, the students have been working with decimals and algebra. In reading they are building their vocabulary and working on how to use it correctly. They are studying cell and systems (digestive and excretory) in science. The students are exploring God's revelation through creation and sacred scripture.

Mrs. Schmitz is requesting clipboards, and Where The Red Fern Grows books.

Mrs. Spencer is asking for a broom and dust pan.

Mrs. Bishara is asking for black dry erase markers.

Mrs. Chullino is requesting washable markers.

Mr. Schaeffer is asking for a small chair or pillows for the reading corner.

Mrs. Marshall would like air fresheners.

Thank You!!

Thank you from all the teachers who had parents donate items to their classrooms.

Thanks from Mrs. Burgan to Ava, Lucci, Layla, Kaitlyn, Sammy, Cael, Lucas, Eric, Sam, and William for the classroom donations.

Mrs. Johnson would like to thank Lena Rosloniec, Grace Michael, Grant Springman, Matalyn Kelly, Jacob Finney, Nate Christensen, Isabella Brownfield, Makayla Honig and Kaylee Epperson for the items donated to class.

Thank you from Mrs. O'Neil to the families who brought in cooking ingredients: Alter, Barnes, Bruns, Cihacek, Crawley, Dales, Froehle, Gast, Hovey, Hunt, Johanns, Kavars, King, Marar, and Marks.

Thanks from Mrs. Avalos to Nick Hohneke, Abby Barnes, Trache Sorenson, Thomas Epperson, Mary MilBrath, and Rylie Morton, for donating items to the classroom.

Thank you from Mrs. McColloch to Tyler Blaha, Victoria Johanns, Lucy Sundrup, Maddy Ryan, and Emma Barnes for the items for the classroom.

Thank you from Mrs. Hughes to Marc Johnson's family for the classroom supplies.

Mrs. Assmann would like to thank the following for their donations to the classroom: Travis Miller, Natalie Patten, Grace Wettengel, Mr. Ryan, Shelby Schultz, Sandy Schultz, AJ Epperson, John Hawk, Rhyan and Paris Klabunde, and Dan Rieck.

Thanks from Mrs. Schmitz to Max Ross, Bryce Sealock, Libby Neal, Kasi Cox, Marc Johnson, Katie Lennon, Carol Marar, Bailey Tague, Ian Hunter, Shelby Leuschen for classroom items.

Thank you from Mrs. Spencer to the following students who donated items to the classroom: Jackson Allmon, Madeline Hohneke, Kalyn Wettengel, Lorna Puhl, Isabel Ramirez, Noah Noecker, Ben VanSoelen, Clara Genereux, Jake Hubbard, Alan Powers-Wettestad, and Jackson Dunning.

Thanks from Mrs. Chullino from Kidz Kare to the following people for their donations: Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Barnes (Abby and Emma), Mrs. Gubbels (Adam and Sam), Jackson and Clare Noethe.

Thank you from Mrs. Versaci to the families who donated books to the library over the summer.

Thank you from Mr. Schaeffer to the students who made donations to the classroom: Athena Arculeo, Luke Blaha, Leo Garrigan, Robert Gran, Adam Gubbels, Maggie King, Drake Nettles, Tate Pilger, Emily Recher, Monyca Peters, Claire Wirtz, and Rylie Zais.

Thank you from Mrs. Marshall to Jennifer Williams, Kathleen Zuchniak, Carolyn Rhedin, and Dan Casson for being guest readers and bringing treats. Thanks to Christine Marar, Lauren Cornelius, Emily Osterhaus, Megan Weihs, and Brandon Williams for the classroom supplies.

Thank you to Grandma Genereux for the "tooth holders".

October 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Homecoming: SA Spirit Day K-6 Mass @ 8:45 a.m. in Ele. Gym Grandparents Day	3
4	5 ITBS Testing this week	6 Pictures for T/Th 3yr olds and for those who were absent on 9/28 McDonalds Night @ Mall location	7	8	9 2-6 Mass @ 8:45 a.m. in auditorium	10
11 St. Peters Okto- berfest	12	13 PSG Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. in Ele. Library SA Papa Johns Night	14	15	16 11:30 Dismissal Staff Development 2-6 Mass @ 8:45 a.m. in auditorium	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 No School	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 2-6 Mass @ 8:45 a.m. in auditorium	31 Halloween

OCTOBER ELEMENTARY

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			1 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Crackers Carrots & Dip Pears Milk	2 Homecoming Picnic Hamburger Bun Chips Baked Beans Watermelon Milk
5 Cheese Pizza Lettuce Salad Green Beans Applesauce Milk	6 Ham & Cheese on Bun Scalloped Potatoes Baked Beans Pineapple Milk	7 Turkey Gravy Mashed Potatoes Sweet Potatoes Cranberries French Bread Milk	8 Fiestata Lettuce Salad Corn Strawberries & Bananas Milk	9 Tacos Lettuce & Cheese Refried Beans Cornbread Mixed Fruit Milk
12 Chicken Tenders Mashed Potatoes Gravy Peas Applesauce Bread Milk	13 Cheeseburger Chips Baked Beans Fresh Fruit Milk	14 Chili Shredded Cheese Cinnamon Roll Crackers Pineapple Milk	15 Sloppy Joe on Bun Nacho Chips Cheese Sauce Corn Jello Milk	16 11:30 DISMISSAL NO BREAKFAST OR LUNCH SERVED
19 Hot Dog on bun French Fries Peas Applesauce Cookie Milk	20 Corn Dog Macaroni & Cheese California Veggies Pears Milk	21 Pasta with Meat Sauce Green Beans Garlic Buns Peaches Milk	22 SA Cheese Pizza Lettuce Salad Corn Mixed Fruit Milk	23 NO SCHOOL!
26 Chicken Patty on Bun Potato Rounds Peas Baked Apples Milk	27 Hamburger Bun Chips Baked Beans Fruit Salad	28 Chicken Noodle Soup French Bread Carrots & Dip Banana Pudding Milk	29 Omelets French Toast Tri-Potatoes Blueberry Coffeecake Juice Milk	30 Chicken w/Mandarin Orange Sauce Rice Stir Fry Veggies Pineapple Bread Milk

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Music News

The music calendar is already 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.

Tuesday, Dec. 15 4-6 Christmas Concert H.S. Gym 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 16 6th grade choir sings for Harmony Court at 1:45

6th grade choir sings for PreK-3 in the elementary gym 2:30

Friday, Mar. 5 2nd grade musical 1:15 and 2:15 in the elementary gym

Tuesday, Mar. 9 5th 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 5th grade choir sings for PreK-6 in the gym at 2:30

Friday, Mar. 26 1st grade musical 1:15 and 2:15 in the elementary gym

Friday, April 30 3rd 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 4th 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.

Scrip

September kicks off school, sports, and of course, Scrip! Scrip is a pre-paid card or gift certificate that acts just like cash. With over 200 retailers in its program, Scrip allows you to shop at the stores you want while supporting Saint Albert Schools and its students. If you want to learn more about Scrip, visit <http://saintalbertschools.org/scrip.asp>

With school under way, Scrip is off to a strong start! With new families joining and returning families continuing to show their support, Scrip has enjoyed a lot of participation from the Saint Albert Community.

AEA Online

Do your students need information for a report or project?

All St. Albert students have free access to Iowa AEA Online both at school and at home 24 hours a day. These reliable resources contain thousands of magazine articles, newspapers, encyclopedias (in English, Spanish and French), videos, photos, clipart, government documents, maps, almanacs, and information on weather, health, careers, and more. Several of these databases are appropriate for elementary children and will be introduced to the students during library skills. These safe, accurate resources are available at www.iowaaeaonline.org, but you will need passwords which can not be printed in this newsletter. Please contact a teacher or the librarian to obtain these passwords.

P. E. NEWS

Fall is one of my favorite times. The air is crisp. The sun is bright. And it's a pleasure to be outdoors. It's a good time to play soccer. Grades 2-6 are enjoying bonding with their assigned team and playing against the other teams in their class. They are learning to referee their own game, to be honest, know the rules, and treat others with grace and sportsmanship.

The younger children are working on basic physical skills. We practice body control and awareness of the people and things around you. We play awesome games called Motion Ocean and The Man from Mars. Ball handling, throwing, tossing, and rolling are skills incorporated into many games and activities.

Parents, it would really help your children keep track of their clothes if you would please mark name or initials in those garments they might want to take off in P. E., i.e. sweatshirts, sweaters, and jumpers. A much more important issue is medical information. I always go through registration forms for any such information that you wrote down. However, if something comes up during the year, please let me know about physical conditions that might affect your child in P. E. class or during the school day in general.

Last year at this time I was struggling with the effects of chemotherapy for breast cancer. Thank you to all who sent cards, offered a hug or a kind word, and prayed for me. All my students were so kind and concerned they made my days as pleasant as possible. What a blessing they are! I am so grateful to be able to say that all my recent check-ups show no recurrence and I am feeling healthy and strong.

God's blessings to you all.