



Elementary News

*O Lord, you fill the whole world
with your glory and give it to us as
a home. Teach us to recognize its
wonders, to treasure its variety,
and to protect its fragile beauty.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen*

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**Two pairs of dark wire-rimmed eye glasses have been found. If your child is missing a pair of glasses, please stop by the office to claim them.

Hy-Vee Receipts:

Please start saving your Hy-Vee receipts. We are participating in their Cash for Students program again which runs from Sept. 1—Dec. 31st. Please send receipts to school in an envelope marked “Hy-Vee receipts”.

Mission Statement

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

Physical Education Class Information

Dear Parents and Elementary Students,

Welcome to another great year in elementary P. E. at St. Albert! I am so glad to see all returning students and to welcome new people to my classes. This is an information letter about physical education class.

All students PreK through 6th grade have P.E. twice a week. We wear our regular uniforms for class. However, girls who have jumpers on may take them off for class if they have appropriate shorts underneath. Those shorts do not have to be uniform shorts. Good athletic shoes are part of our dress code every day and are really important in P.E. class. They keep our students safer from slipping, sliding or falling during class and recess, and help them perform better physically during class. Uniforms need to be comfortable and allow students to move easily, without restriction.

With cooler weather ahead, sweaters and sweatshirts become a part of our uniform. If your student wants to take their sweater, sweatshirt, or jumper off during P.E. they may do that, but they need to have their name or initials in those garments. Please take the time to mark your student's clothing.

I do go through your registration information to check for physical problems, medications, or allergies. During the year if any medical or physical concerns arise please talk to me. We need to work together to keep all children healthy and safe.

You are always welcome to visit class. Below I have listed the days each classroom has physical education. Thank you so much for your support. Together we will have a great school year.

Peace and joy to you,
Mrs. Damgaard, P.E. teacher

Mon./Tues. - Overstreet

Mon./Wed. - Assmann, Ryan, Marshall, Schmitz

Mon./Thurs. - O'Neil, Schaeffer

Tues./Thurs. - Stevens, Ball, Rallis, Gorman, McColloch, Spencer

Wed./Fri. - Johnson, Burgan, Avalos, Epperson

Music News!!

Our music performance schedule for the coming year is shaping up. There will a few additional choir performance dates to add to the list.

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

Monday, Dec. 6	K-3	Christmas Program	H.S. Gym	7 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 20	4-6	Christmas Program	H.S. Gym	7 p.m.
Friday, Mar. 11	2nd	Grade Musical	Elementary Gym	1:15 & 2:15 p.m.
Friday, Apr. 1	1st	Grade Musical	Elementary Gym	1:15 & 2:15 p.m.
Friday, Apr. 29	3rd	Grade Musical	Elementary Gym	1:15 & 2:15 p.m.
Tuesday, May 3	4-6	Spring Program	H.S. Gym	7 p.m.
Thursday, May 12	Kindergarten	Musical	Elementary Gym	1:15 & 2:15 p.m.

The Sixth Grade will begin a choir set in October with presentation at the Christmas program and other performance times to be determined.

The Fifth Grade will begin a choir set in January with presentation late February/early March.

The Fourth Grade will begin a choir set in March with presentation at the Spring Concert and other performance times to be determined.

The Fourth Grade will attend the Omaha Symphony Concerts for Youth on Wednesday, Feb. 23. This trip is sponsored by the Parent Support Group and we thank them for providing this opportunity for our children.

Thank You!!!

Thank you to Patricia Athay for the misc. supplies.

Thank you to Annette Respeliers and Cathy Nielsen for the nurse's room supplies.

Thank you to the PSG for the back to school bagel breakfast they provided for the faculty and staff.

A special thank you to all the ambassadors for all they do to help St. Albert and our children.

Thank you from Mrs. Marshall to Joseph Liston for the classroom supplies and furniture. Thank you to Lorry Ficek and Mrs. Ramirez for being guest readers and bringing treats.

Thank you to Nancy and John Kilbride, Ann Aldrich, the Sturm family and the Piskorski family for the donations to Mrs. Rallis' and Ms. Ball's classroom.

Our Wish List!

****Mrs. Overstreet would like some small margarine tubs with lids.**

****Mr. Schaeffer is asking for books about planets.**

****Mrs. Assmann is asking for Clorox wipes, an electric pencil sharpener, and old magazines.**

NEWSLETTER NOTES

Denise Mulcahy, Director of Teaching and Learning, Diocese of Des Moines

It is hard to believe another school year is here! By the time this newsletter goes out the students are back into the swing of school. Throughout the course of the school year you will see notes from me in your school newsletters, sharing a little bit more about the faith formation and professional development the teachers in your school will be engaged in this year.

Through research we know that the best way to improve student achievement is to provide teachers with professional development that will stretch their thinking and improve their skills in the classroom as students. In our Catholic schools this means that our teachers take part in activities that strengthen their teaching of the academic subjects, but also strengthen their faith so they can better share the Catholic faith with their students and be examples of that faith on a daily basis.

This year teachers and administrators have already experienced a workshop in the area of faith formation. In August all teachers and administrators attended a Liturgy Workshop where they learned about the new Roman Missal translation. During this workshop, which was led by Kyle Lechtenberg of the Office of Worship, teachers and administrators were exposed to some of the translation changes and the thought and process behind how these changes have come about. This was just one workshop being held across the diocese as a precursor to the new Roman Missal coming to all of our parishes later in 2011. Teachers will continue to be engaged in faith formation through the *On A Journey Together* program.

During this school year teachers will be involved in professional development around instructional strategies and assessment practices. We will also begin our work of implementing the Iowa Core. Please look for the information to come in your newsletters that will further explain the specific professional development and faith formation experiences your teachers are engaged in and how these opportunities will enhance your students' education.

Classroom Activities

The children in PreK learned their class rules and the names of their classmates. In math they learned about the circle and square. They are singing songs about ABC's and in religion, learned about Jesus' special friends and the sign for Jesus loves me.

Kindergartners have been reading and singing nursery rhymes. They have used those rhymes as the basis for their math and science activities. For social studies they have talked about the need for rules and friendship. In religion they are practicing the Sign of the Cross and working on an art project based on the Bible story of Jesus and the little children.

The 1st graders have been very busy learning new rules and practicing their daily routines in the classroom. They are learning about the Creation Story in religion and exploring numbers in math. In social studies they are studying rules, rights and responsibilities, laws and how the government helps us.

The 2nd graders have been busy settling into their routine. In math, they have been learning about different strategies to solve addition problems. In science, they have been learning about living and nonliving things. In religion, they have been talking about God's gift of creation. The Lunch Bunch Book Club will begin September 15.

The students in 3rd grade have started their cursive lessons and have learned many new French words. In math they are working on problem solving strategies and addition properties. They have also started their unit on the Ten Commandments in religion. The students are starting to learn about the solar system in science.

Fourth graders are getting to know one another and learning about the books of the Bible in religion. In social studies the students in 4th grade are working on map skills. In math they are studying a variety of skills as part of their baseball unit. They are studying animal needs and adaptations in science. They are exploring how to choose "just the right books" in reading.

The fifth graders are learning about the human body in science. In reading they are completing and typing biopoems and choosing books for their reading logs. In religion they are discussing ways to communicate with God through prayer.

In sixth grade the students are settling into their routines. In science, they investigated the scientific process by flying paper airplanes.

SEPTEMBER 2010 ELEMENTARY MENU

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1 Tacos Lettuce & cheese Refried Beans Corn Bread Fresh Fruit Milk	2 Cheeseburger on Bun Baked Beans Chips Pears Milk	3 Chicken Noodle Soup French Bread Carrots & Dip Banana Pudding Milk
6 LABOR DAY NO SCHOOL	7 Garlic Cheese Bread Dipping Sauce Lettuce Salad Green Beans Mixed Fruit Milk	8 BBQ Pork Potato Wedges California Veggies Pineapple Milk	9 Scrambled Eggs Tri Potatoes Waffle Sticks Juice Milk	10 Chili Shredded Cheese Crackers Peaches Cinnamon Rolls Milk
13 Cheese Pizza Lettuce Salad Peas Applesauce Milk	14 Sloppy Joe on Bun Nacho Chips Cheese Sauce Corn Jello Milk	15 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Crackers Carrots & Dip Pears Milk	16 Hot Dog on bun Baked Beans Chips Watermelon Milk	17 11:30 DISMISSAL NO BREAKFAST OR LUNCH SERVED
20 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Peas Applesauce Bread Milk	21 Burrito Macaroni & Cheese California Veggies Fresh Fruit Milk	22 Turkey Gravy Mashed Potatoes Sweet Potatoes Cranberries French Bread Milk	23 Deli Sandwich Veggie Soup Crackers Pasta Salad Fresh Fruit Milk	24 SA Cheese Pizza Lettuce Salad Green Beans Peaches Milk
27 Chicken Patty on Bun French Fries Peas Applesauce Milk	28 Ham & Cheese on Bun Scalloped Potatoes Baked Beans Pineapple Milk	29 Pasta with Meat Sauce Green Beans Garlic Buns Peaches Milk	30 Quesadilla Lettuce Salad Green Beans Fruit Salad Bread Milk	

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 <i>PK-6 Mass@ 8:45 in the Ele. Gym</i>	4
5	6 <i>No School Labor Day</i>	7 <i>Elem. Open House @ 6:30 -8:00 p.m. Fundraiser order forms & money due</i>	8	9	10 <i>PK-6 Mass @ 8:45 in the Ele. Gym</i>	11 <i>Queen of Apostles Par- ish Auction</i>
12	13	14 <i>PK & K Cur- riculum Night 6:30-7:30 p.m.</i>	15	16	17 <i>PK-6 Mass @ 8:45 in the Ele. Gym 11:30 a.m. Dismissal Staff Dev.</i>	18 <i>Class of 2000 Houser Hustle</i>
19	20	21	22	23	24 <i>PK-6 Mass @ 8:45 in the Ele. Gym</i>	25
26	27 <i>PK-6 School Pictures</i>	28	29	30		