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Principal's Corner

We need your support!

There are many ways you can support your child's learning and school. You can spend a few minutes every evening looking over handouts your child brings home. This is a great time to brag and encourage your child. Also, fill out forms to return the next day. From time to time volunteer to help your child's teacher. It is so important that teachers know parents appreciate their efforts. You can take time to send a thank you note or an e-mail. Sometimes the school road may be a little bumpy. When you see a problem, contact your child's teacher immediately. It does not do any good to contact others that are not working as closely with your child as the classroom teacher. Working together will help your youngster succeed. Lastly, attend conferences, parent meetings, and school events regularly.

Upcoming Events

**01/28 Honor Roll
Breakfast 7:15 a.m.
Father Schramm Hall**

**02/03 American Red
Cross Blood Drive 1-6
p.m.**



What's Happening in Early Childhood

Miss Weirather

We are finally getting back into the schedule for our classroom! We are beginning to discuss the story of "The Three Little Pigs." The kids are fascinated by the big, bad wolf and how he is able to blow down two houses! We have started reading some different versions of the story and will continue to read many different kinds.

We also plan on comparing the different stories to see how they are the same and how they are different. We have also discussed the three types of houses and are planning on creating our own houses of straw, sticks, and bricks! The children are all very excited to see what is in store for our activities about "The Three Little Pigs," and the big, bad wolf too!

What's Happening in Kindergarten

Mrs. J. Olson

J. Olson's Kindergarten class is working very hard on making three letter words with the letter sounds that we already know and memorizing sight words. Many of us are reading simple books and some are just beginning. In Math, we are working specifically this week on identifying, making, and extending patterns. Next week, we will begin to learn how to measure using both standard and non-standard measuring tools.

We had a Promethean board installed in our room a couple of weeks ago. Waiting on the men to return to fix something has been very hard, but they will be here soon and Mrs. Olson will be getting some training. Then... Watch Out! because we are going to be interacting with this thing every day. We are so excited and would like to invite you to come in and check it out whenever you can.

We had a great time playing outside in the snow last week. Thanks to those of you who made sure we had our "snow gear"!

Mrs. Finch

We will be starting a new unit in math this week! We are learning about patterns and position. You can practice this at home by asking questions such as; which one is on top, bottom or middle? Do you wash your hands before you go to the bathroom or after?

You can also look for patterns at home. We are almost done with our alphabet! Please keep reading and practicing letters at home! If you need flash cards let me know.



What's Happening in First Grade

Mrs. Norvell

First grade is reading about dinosaurs. This week our focus is on long o silent e words and contractions. Earlier in the week we read about Dr. Martin Luther King and wrote about our dreams. In Math we are collecting data and making graphs. Our Valentines Party will be Friday, February 12 at 1:30.



What's Happening in Second Grade

Mrs. Hartrick

Mrs. Hartrick's class is reading the story Tara and Tiree: Fearless Friends. It is a story about two dogs who save their owner's life when he falls through the ice. We are working on character, setting, and sequencing the story. We are also beginning to learn more about dogs. We will be choosing a dog to read about and use the information to write a report.

Last week, we discussed the significance of Martin Luther King. We watched part of his "I Have a Dream" speech on our whiteboard using the Elmo. It was inspiring to hear him speak and to see the thousands of people who were there.

We drew football helmets to begin our Super Bowl of Reading. We have divided our teams into the AFC and the NFC. Each student who reads 20 minutes at night colors a football and has the sheet signed by an adult. This sheet is worth 6 points for their team. Each child can earn an extra point for telling the main idea of their story. We can't wait to see which team wins. We will be having a Super Bowl party on Friday, February 5th!

What's Happening in Third Grade

Mrs. Ryner

Students have set new AC math and reading goals for the 3rd quarter. Please check with your child to see what the goals are and try to set a weekly plan to help reach these goals. Please make sure that your child is reading at least 20 minutes every night and studying multiplication facts for 10 minutes every night. Thank you for your help!



What's Happening in Fourth & Fifth Grade

Mrs. DeSotel

The fourth and fifth grade math students have been working on learning their multiplication facts since school started. Every Friday the students play an H-Facto game which repeats the difficult facts as the game is being played. The number of facts completed in five minutes is then graphed and posted in the hallway.

The class that completes the most problems receives a special trophy to keep in their room for that week. Last week the 5th graders completed 97 problems and the 4th graders completed 100 problems. Also, a fact a day will be posted on the board, and students will write it on each assignment. Every Friday a fact test will be given so please study those multiplication facts at home daily.

What's Happening in Junior High

Mrs. Walker - Jr. High Math

With 3rd Quarter starting, ISAT testing is right around the corner. Our focus this quarter is practicing for ISATs. In the next few weeks we will be focusing on fractions, proportions, and ratios. All Junior High students need to be practicing multiplication and division facts. The quicker they know the facts, the easier the homework will be.



Mrs. Haskins' junior high L.A. / RDG

Readers in 6A are beginning a historical fiction novel titled Elijah of Buxton. Elijah was the first baby to be born free in the Buxton Settlement. Elijah is a boy about the age of the sixth grade students. The citizens of the settlement were slaves who escaped to freedom in Canada. The sixth graders will meet the challenge of reading and understanding the dialect used in this novel.

The focus of writing class is the persuasive style of expository writing. Students have been introduced to different persuasive strategies. Soon students will write a persuasive essay using some of the strategies which have been introduced.

What's Happening in Resource

Mrs. Talley

We finished our benchmark testing last week. You should receive a copy with your student's report card. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask.

In my class the kindergarteners are still working on letters and sounds. Please help them practice at home. 1st, 2nd 3rd and 4th graders are working on sight words. We have been playing games with the sight words to become more proficient with these words. We are working on the -ai sound. We are looking at words with this sound in it. You can help your child at home with this by having them spell -ai words or write a word with the -ai sound and have them read it to you. For example, the words rain, sprain, vain and aim all have the -ai sound in them. Keep reading at home.



What's Happening in Art

Miss Scheetz

Pre-K students are working on making self-portraits. In kindergarten we just read Alice the Fairy and are creating a picture of what they would do with their magic wand if they were a fairy. First grade is studying famous masterpieces and recreating them. Second grade is working on putting together their very own Eric Carle book. This book contains artwork from each student in the class. Third grade through 8th are working on the Design an Ad contest through the Journal Pilot. They are learning about a local business in Hancock County and creating an ad for them. The ad consists of an illustration, the business logo, and a catchy slogan.

At the After School Program, Pre-K through 2nd grade read Duck on a Bike. Students are creating artwork that goes with the book. Third grade through 8th have been creating various masterpieces at the after school program.

What's Happening in Sports

Go to www.dcbulldogs.com and select activities to see all sports schedules.

What's Happening in P.E.

Students first through 8th grade are learning skills needed to play volleyball successfully. Timing and hand-eye coordination are essential elements needed to play volleyball. Younger students are learning to both bump and serve the volleyball. Students practice these skills using beach balls and gradually transfer the skill in using the volleyball. The older students, fifth through 8th grade, practice bumping, serving and spiking the volleyball. These students play the game developing the skills practiced. They also learn the rules and scoring procedures. The students seem really excited about this unit and are eager to play the game.

This new semester brings new changes to the physical education schedule. The seventh and eighth grade boy's class has been divided into two groups. This will provide the students with more practice and playing time ultimately making instruction time more effective. The boys are looking forward to the smaller class and are eager to have the opportunity to play more volleyball more times. I too am looking forward to this change.

5th Grade Volleyball

Meet the fifth grade volleyball team made up of girls from Dallas City and LaHarpe. The girls were victorious in the St. Paul, Macomb, Illinois, Fifth Grade Volleyball Tournament. The girls received first place defeating Saint Paul, Lewistown and West Prairie in the championship game.

Pictured: Back row...Mrs. Hall, assistant coach, Bailey Stone, Jena Banks, Hanna Spiekermeier, Alexis Szykulski, Bailey Tucker, Head coach Deanna Hartrick Front row...Maddie Finch, Kaylee Nudd, Stephanie Hartley, Hannah Wisener.

Congratulations Lady Bulldogs!!



What's Happening in Breakfast & Lunch

Breakfast Menu - each day includes juice & milk:

01/25 Cereal, banana bread
 01/26 Breakfast burrito, salsa
 01/27 Cereal, toast
 01/28 Sausage gravy, biscuit
 01/29 Cereal, cinnamon roll
 02/01 French toast sticks, syrup
 02/02 Cereal, coffee cake
 02/03 Breakfast pizza
 02/04 Cereal, toast
 02/05 Sausage biscuit

Lunch Menu - each day includes milk:

01/25 Hamburger on bun, baked beans, pears, cake
 01/26 Macaroni & cheese, green beans, fruit cocktail, dessert, bread & butter
 01/27 Chicken patty on bun, mashed potatoes, pineapple, cookie
 01/28 Chicken noodle soup, baby carrots, crackers, cheese, peanut butter sandwich, cobbler
 01/29 Burrito, corn, fruit cocktail, cookie, peanut butter sandwich
 02/01 BBQ rib patty on bun, potato rounds, apples, cookie
 02/02 Goulash, green beans, apricots, garlic bread
 02/03 Ham patty on bun, scalloped potatoes, fruit cocktail, cookie
 02/04 Chili, cheese, crackers, pickles, peanut butter sandwich, cobbler
 02/05 Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, pineapple, cookie, bread & butter
Jr. High choice available on: 01/26 & 02/02

Other Important Information

The early dismissal SIP days are considered a full day of school. If your child does not attend on those days, they are counted absent for the whole day. Also, a student is only allowed to miss 10 days of school before they are considered truant unless they have a doctor's excuse or a pre-arranged absence.

Parents: Do not park in the fire lane when dropping off your students. Please pull into a parking space. Buses continue to arrive at various times in the morning and need to pull up to unload students.

NOTICE - AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

After School Program hours are 3:05 - 5:30 p.m.

It is important that all students are picked up by 5:30 p.m. Beginning on December 14th, students picked up from 5:31-5:45 will be assessed a \$15 fee per family. A charge of \$15 will be assessed for every fifteen minutes the children are left in our care.

Please make arrangements for a back up person to pick up your children in case you are unable to get here on time.



MUSIC DEPARTMENT FUNDRAISER

We are selling SMENCILS!!

Smencils are pencils and colored pencils made from recycled newspapers and soaked in a gourmet liquid scent. Smencils come in 10 great scents and each pencil is put in its own Freshness Tube, which is guaranteed to make the scent last for two years.

Best of all a Smencil is only \$1.00!

Buy one in every flavor.

Flavors include; bubble gum, cinnamon, tropical blast, grape, cotton candy, very berry, black cherry, orange, watermelon, & root beer.

Music students in grades 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 will begin selling Smencils later this week and will sell them until we run out. We are selling regular Smencils and colored Smencils.

If you would like a Smencil or two or three, bring your dollar and find a music student or Ms. Wieggers.

Thank you in advance for your support of the
Dallas City Music Department!