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Principal's Corner

It is important that we teach our children boundaries but it is more important to model boundaries in our own lives. Children observe and learn how we operate with boundaries in our world. They watch how we treat them, our spouse, or other adults, and watch our work ethics. Our children look up to us and want to be just like us, for good or bad.

Modeling goes on all the time, not just when we have our parent hat on. It occurs any time we are in eyesight or earshot of the child. How many times do you find out your children are doing something you taught them was wrong. I can hear you say, "I taught them better than that!" But often a child has figured out early how the parents belief fits in with the child's inappropriate activity.

Take this rule: No one interrupts another person who is talking. Adults often feel that what they need to say is more important than a child's rambling about what happened at school. You may hear "Mom or Dad don't interrupt me!" Then what is your response? "You are right, son. Sorry about that." the child sees respect modeled. They also see apologizing, and responding to house rules are things that grown-ups do.

This is a modeling moment. Remember what you model goes much farther than what you say.

Upcoming Events

11/24 Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m.

11/25 Early Dismissal 2:00 p.m.

11/26 No School
Happy Thanksgiving

11/27 No School

12/03 Elementary Concert 2:00 p.m.
Jr. High Concert 7:00 p.m.

What's Happening in Early Childhood

Miss Weirather

We have been very busy in the Early Childhood room, finding out about the season of fall. We have been reading a variety of stories that are teaching us what sorts of things happen during fall. We found out that the leaves change color in the fall and that they 'fall' to the ground, which is why it is called fall. We also learned that the weather gets cooler and discussed the appropriate clothing needed during the season of fall.

We also found out that Halloween and Thanksgiving occur in fall! We have been talking about Thanksgiving this week and learning why it is an important holiday. We will continue to discuss the different seasons as the year moves on and will take time to observe and explore all the changes going on around us!

What's Happening in Kindergarten

Mrs. Olson

Most of Mrs. Olson's kindergartners can now identify all of the upper and lower case letters of the alphabet. We continue to work with letter sounds, high frequency words, and simple three letter word families. We are also working on the formation of the numbers 1-10, patterns, and one-to-one correspondence.

Books are becoming a favorite thing for us and we love for Mrs. Olson to read us stories. We are getting excited about learning to read our own books and have some simple ones at home to practice. The holidays are a special time for us and we are looking forward to reading books about Santa and Winter. We hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends!

What's Happening in First Grade

Mrs. Norvell

This year is really going fast! Here it is almost Thanksgiving again.

First grade is busy learning and reading about The First Thanksgiving, the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag. We made puppets, wrote dialog and we are acting out what might have happened on that very memorable day.

In math, we are working on subtraction. Of course we are still practicing our addition facts.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

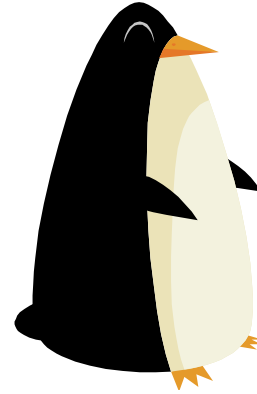


What's Happening in Third Grade

Mrs. Ryner

Students finished up the penguin unit by making posters with facts about penguins. Students need to be sure to read at least 20 minutes every night. Each student set a goal of pages to read for the quarter. Since we are about half way through the quarter, they should be about half way to their goal.

In math we are still working on subtraction with regrouping. This is an important skill to learn before we start multiplication.



What's Happening in Fourth Grade

Dear 4th Grade Parents,

The 4th grade will be donating and recycling outgrown clothes at Stage 2. We are asking you to donate fall or winter clothes that are in good shape. (no stains, no rips, and not dirty) We will also accept unwanted clothes. Thanks for helping our environment.

Whitney, Jackson, Laina, Emily, Lexi



Mrs. DeSotel

The 4th graders have started a recycling project at school. Friday, November 13, 2009, Tom Edmunds brought the bins and Brandon Buttz helped put them in place. The school will be recycling paper, cardboard, plastic, and tin. The 4th graders will be in charge of collecting the recyclable items from the building into the proper containers. Anyone is welcome to use the bins. The students are excited about their new project.

What's Happening in Fifth Grade

Miss Billings

October was very exciting for the fifth grade! We really enjoyed our Fall Party and thank all of the parents who helped out with it. We also celebrated October as Popcorn month with a unit in Social Studies that was all about popcorn. Through this fun unit, we learned some economics, history, social interaction skills, geography, and even a bit of math!

We had a blast with the unit and are sad that it is over. This month should be exciting as well. We have recently started using bookmarks to help us keep up on our reading. We have also been working on extended response questions in reading and are getting really good at them; we will continue working. Have a Happy and Delicious Thanksgiving!

What's Happening in Junior High

Mrs. Haskins' junior high Reading/Language Arts

The sixth grade will soon finish reading Where the Red Fern Grows. Hopefully, we will finish the book before leaving for Thanksgiving break.

Writers have been exploring Aesop's fables to get ideas for their own writing. Each writer collected a list of ten lessons taught by the fables. The challenge now is to use one of the lessons as part of a fictional narrative of his/her own.

What's Happening in Title I

Mrs. Leenerts

This week in the Title room we are focusing on sight words and high frequency words. One of the centers for second and first grade is bowling for sight words. Each bowling pin has a sight word written on it and the students must be able to say that sight word in order to receive points for knocking it down. The kindergarten classes will be bowling for letters and sounds. The students will have to be able to say the letter name and sound in order to receive points.

At another center the students will be reading the book, The Little Red Hen by Jerry Pinkney. The final center will focus around Thanksgiving and the students will be creating turkeys from their own hand and foot prints. On the turkeys the students will write different things they are thankful for. Have a good break and a Happy Turkey Day.

What's Happening in Sports

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

What's Happening in Resource

Mrs. Talley

I am on the RTI committee. RTI stands for Response to Intervention. We meet as a team twice a month. We are looking at our reading scores as a district and looking at how we can improve them. The team also looks at individual students to see how we can help them if he/she is struggling. You might ask yourself how does this effect me?

As a parent you can come to a meeting if you think your child is struggling and you feel that he/she needs more assistance. Also, at home you can help your student just be reading with them every night and asking your child questions about what you read together. Even if your student is older you could have he/she read to you 5-10 min. then allow him/her to read on his/her own. This way you still know what is going on in the story and you can ask your child questions about the story.

What's Happening in Speech

Miss Wieggers

The Dallas City JH speech team has just finished up a great season. We concluded our season with a meet at Stronghurst West Central and State Contest held this year at Dallas City.

Members of the speech team are; Sarah Sparrow, Kayla Kaminski, Denise Ausmus, Savana Young, Austin Logan, and Blaze Murfin.

The team did a great job this year and should be congratulated. This year every team member received a first place rating at some point during the season!!

Results from the Stronghurst West Central meet are as follows: Blaze and Austin, 1st place improv; small group (Sarah, Denise, Kayla, & Savana) 1st place; Sarah and Kayla, 2nd place improv, and Denise and Savana, 2nd place improv.

Results from State are as follows: Denise and Savana, 1st place improv; small group (Denise, Savana, Sarah, & Kayla), 2nd place; Sarah and Kayla, 2nd place; and Austin and Blaze, 2nd place.

What's Happening in the After School Program

Mr. Gayton

In the After-School Program for the month of October we have been stressing what sharing means and how it is helpful to others. The winners for the month of October are: Denver French, Kameron Gregoire, Laina Armitage, and Jacob Bryant. The staff recognizes their efforts and congratulates their efforts for the month. In the month of November we will be focusing on responsibility.

Mrs. Ryan

After-school students can be so amazing! As our Year of Good Character continues, we look for students in each age group who show good character during the program. "Sharing" was the character quality chosen for October, and four students were recognized for modeling sharing to their fellow students on a daily basis. Students who are chosen for the award have their picture on display in the library all month and receive a prize of their choice from the prize box. Congratulations, **Denver French** (Kindergarten), **Kameron Gregoire** (1st grade), **Laina Armitage** (4th grade), and **Jacob Bryant** (6th grade) -- we are glad to know ya!

What's Happening in the Library

Mrs. Ryan

Monarch madness and Caudill calamity continue this week as we share the titles of our Illinois book award nominees. Our theme this issue, in honor of Thanksgiving, is FOOD.

Hi-Ho the Dairy-O! **The Cheese**, by Margie Palatini, stands alone! That chunk of cheddar sitting in the dell looks mighty tempting... Join the rat as he tries to convince a cast of characters that a silly song shouldn't stop them from enjoying a tasty treat. The illustrations, by Steve Johnson and Lou Fancher, are embedded with words from the story and full of quirky details.

Ah, the joy of dog poetry... **Once I Ate a Pie** was co-written by mom Patricia MacLachlan and daughter Emily MacLachlan Charest, with pictures by Katy Schneider. From puppies to herders to frantic barkers and pie stealers, the canine world speaks (WOOF!) in verse. If you like this book, you should also read *Loose Leashes* by Amy Schmidt.

During the holidays we are often reminded of less fortunate people who don't sit down to a feast. **Crossing the Wire**, by Will Hobbs, follows the journey of a 15-year-old boy who endures many hardships in his struggle to cross the border into America and find work. When falling crop prices threaten his family with starvation, Victor decides to make the trip to help his family, but learns that it's too hard to sneak over the border by yourself. You must pay a "coyote", or smuggler, to help you. Without the money he needs, Victor undertakes the dangerous trip that has him jumping trains, stowing away on trucks, hiding from drug dealers and crossing miles of Arizona desert.

On a more light-hearted note, **Kimchi & Calamari**, by Rose Kent, is a school story about a Korean boy adopted into a very Italian American family that loves to cook and eat. What seems to be a very ordinary assignment to write an essay about your family ancestry becomes a real quandary for 14-year-old Joseph Calderaro. His decision on which ancestors to write about weaves a tangled web that turns his world upside down. This funny book does a great job relating the struggle kids go through in discovering who they are.

What's Happening in Art

Miss Scheetz

I recently visited Dale Chihuly's art exhibition over the summer. Dale Chihuly is a famous glass blower/sculptor. He has spent most of his life on the move seeking out innovation and inspiration. I was completely blown away by this exhibit. Inspired by the exhibit, I kicked off the school year by doing a unit on Chihuly. Students explored his relationship of nature and glass. Each student in the school got to paint a plastic ball with a special glass paint. Each ball represented Chihuly's individual pieces of blown glass. Each creation was then hung from a wire armature to make a chandelier. A light will soon be dropped in the middle of the chandelier. The chandelier masterpiece was installed and can be viewed in the Dallas City Elementary library.



What's Happening in Breakfast & Lunch

Breakfast Menu - each day includes juice & milk:

11/23 Cereal, doughnut
 11/24 Sausage Biscuit
 11/25 Cereal, Pop Tart
 11/26 No School
 11/27 No School
 11/30 Cereal, toast
 12/01 French toast sticks, syrup
 12/02 Cereal, cinnamon roll
 12/03 Breakfast pizza
 12/04 Cereal, coffee cake

Lunch Menu - each day includes milk:

11/23 Turkey deli on bun, fresh veggies, oranges, cookie
 11/24 Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, fruit cocktail, bread & butter, cake
 11/25 Hot dog on bun, potato rounds, apple slices, cookie
 11/26 No School
 11/27 No School
 11/30 Pizza, corn, fruit cocktail, animal crackers
 12/01 Goulash, green beans, applesauce, bread & butter, cake
 12/02 Hamburger on bun, baked beans, pears, cake
 12/03 Vegetable soup, cheese, crackers, cobbler, peanut butter sandwich
 12/04 Chicken patty on bun, mashed potatoes, pineapple, cookie
Jr. High Choice available on: 11/24 & 12/01

Other Important Information

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.

Community News

DCHS Class of 1985 is hosting a benefit for classmate Ricky Northup's children (Nathan and Neely). Ricky passed away after his battle with a rare form of cancer. This will be held at Hagy's Bar & Grill on Saturday, December 12th beginning at 4:00 p.m. Soups, sandwiches, raffles, etc., auction at 6:30 p.m. Anyone wishing to donate to the college fund for the children or the benefit, please call:

Pam (Pence) Johnson 319-759-7810 or
 Cheri (Harrison) Stevens 319-759-9078

Craft & Gift Sale - November 21st from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. & November 22nd from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at D.C. Senior Citizens Building. Saturday lunch starting at 11 a.m. Saturday night soup supper beginning at 5 p.m. Sunday have a ham dinner with the trimmings from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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.



Santa Claus will be at the Senior Citizens Center on Saturday, December 5th from 10am until 12pm.