

A Message from the Principal...Mrs. Bland

Recycling Program - The recycling program is still going on. We are currently in 7th place. We moved up one spot. I would like to thank everyone who is recycling and to keep it up. For the ones who have not started, now is the time to start. YOU are saving our environment by recycling, so please start. Let's support the 6th grade drive next week and collect newspapers as well as plastic containers. Thank you Lisa Pitts

Parent/Teacher Conferences – Thank you to those parents who have already returned their Parent/Teacher Conference forms. Parent/Teacher conferences will be Thursday, October 27. If you have not done so, please return your request form for a conference to the office as soon as possible.

Dates to Remember

- October 13 - Providence Catholic High School to visit 7th & 8th Grade
SOWIC Preschool Screening - 9:00 – 12:00
Fire Department to visit Preschool – Kindergarten
Speech Practice – 2:40-3:30 (Grades 5-8)
Volleyball Practice 3:30-5:00 pm
Athletic Meeting – 6:00 PM
School Board Meeting – 7:00 PM
- October 14 - Spirit wear
1st Grade Field library from 10:20-11:15
Volleyball Game @ SMI – 6:45
- October 17 - Volleyball Game @ Home – 6:00 & 6:45
- October 18 - Market Day Pick –up @ 2:45
Cookie Dough Pick-up @ 2:45
- October 19 - Mass @ 8:10 prepared by 3rd/4th Grade
Lego Club @ 2:45
- October 20 - Speech Practice – 2:40-3:30 (Grades 5-8)
Volleyball Practice 3:30-5:00 pm

News from Preschool...Miss Montgomery

I hope everyone enjoyed the long weekend. The weather has been beautiful! We have been working hard on reviewing what we have learned so far. Everyone did a great job with SOWIC testing. I will go over the results at parent/teacher conferences on October 27th. We read many books about pumpkins and the season of fall. Our favorite story this week was "The Shy Scarecrow". We also learned a new dance call the "Freeze". Next week we will discuss the letter *Ee*, color *yellow*, *diamonds* and the number *five*.

A few reminders:

October 21st is the Walk-a-thon.

Next show-n-tell days are; Tuesday October 25th and Wednesday October 26th. Our show-n-tell item should be something that is *RED*.

T/Th Halloween Party will be on Thursday, October 27th. MWF Halloween Party will be on Monday, October 31st. More information about the Halloween Party will be passed out next week.

Enjoy your weekend!

News from Kindergarten...Mrs. Jackson

Reading/Language Arts

Students are currently matching letter forms, practicing letter naming, using illustrations in stories to aid in comprehension, and participating in shared, modeled, and independent writing activities. Students have been working hard to correctly form letters of the alphabet. We have two more letters to go. Please have your child practice writing letters at home. The extra practice will benefit your child. I will be sending home our sight word list for Unit 2 early next week. Also, please make sure your child is reading daily.

Math

Students are working on recognizing and writing numerals that describe quantities zero - five, using objects to show 4 and 5 in two parts, and using one-to-one correspondence to compare objects and describe whether one group has more, fewer, or the same number as the other group. Students are also learning to correctly write numbers 0-9.

Religion

We have been learning about special talents God has given all of us and how we can praise God for ourselves and for our talents.

Science/Social Studies

We finished our unit on basic geography last week. This week our topic is fire safety.

Lego Club

Thank you, Mrs. Johnston and Mrs. Smith for donating Legos this week.

Reminders

Walk-a-thon - October 21st

Parent/Teacher Conferences - October 27th
Early Dismissal - October 27th at 11:30
Mother/Daughter Banquet - October 28th
Early Dismissal - October 31st at 11:30

News from First Grade.....Mrs. Vimpeny

I hope you enjoyed the four day weekend. The weather was grand for the extended time off from school.

In Religion, we are learning about different ways we can praise God. Students have received the reading parts for our upcoming Mass on October 26. Please practice them at home.

This week, we are finishing our first reader. We worked with short o words. We also learned about adding -s and -ing to verbs. The children reviewed cause and effect relationships. In Language Arts, we learned about questions. The first graders are writing their first major papers using the five step writing process. So far, I am quite impressed! You will be able to view their work at Parent-Teacher conferences.

In Math, we started a very short topic about making numbers up to 10 on a 10 frame. We have also started taking timed addition facts tests. The students have one minute to complete as many problems as they can. I look for improvement with each test. Charley was able to correctly complete 27 out of 30 problems on his very first test!

New units were started in both Science and Social Studies. We are now studying plants in Science and Families in Social Studies.

The fire department visited our school today. We had (or will have depending on our time available) a special fire truck treat!

Tomorrow is Spirit Day. We also walk to the library. We will leave school at 10:40 and return around 11:20. Mrs. Sundine has volunteered to go with us. Anyone else who has had Protecting God's Children is welcome to come along!

Don't forget to continue to save plastic beverage bottles and cans for our recycling drive. The 6th graders are collecting paper for recycling as well. Keep saving those box tops, labels, printer cartridges, and receipts to help our school.

Have a great weekend.

News from Sixth Grade/Jr. High Science.....Mrs. Plese

A big thank you to the sixth grade parents that accompanied us on our field trip to Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie. Special thanks to Mrs. Nutt, Mr. Ekberg, Mrs. Probus and Mrs. Narine. These parents were also terrific sports as they played a relay race against the students as one of the activities on the prairie. The stewardship project was to snip the seed heads off of the prairie flower, rattlesnake master. The students enjoyed learning in the outdoors setting. We had a beautiful day for this field trip.

The recycling drop off was a great success! Thanks to all that participated. The energetic sixth grade students will be available again next week in the morning to collect your recyclables from you. Students collected over 1000 bottles and cans, as well as paper in this project! Please place your unwanted newspapers, magazines, junk mail, plastic bottles and aluminum cans in bags~and the sixth grade students will unload these items from your car. Thank you for your support with this project. Your participation helps not only our school but the environment as well!

The fifth and sixth grade students participated in their second class planned liturgy on Wednesday. The students did an amazing job with the readings and petitions of the day. The closing song was sung as a round with different groups of students singing various verses of the song. The students did an amazing job!

Have a great weekend!

News from TechnologyMrs. DesRochers

The **STAR TYPISTS** for the week of 9/26 were:

6th Grade

Grace Cooper

7th Grade

Lexi Plese Sam Urban

The **STAR TYPISTS** for the week of 10/3 were:

3rd Grade

Rachel Hobbs

6th Grade

Grace Cooper

7th Grade

Lexi Plese

The **STAR TYPISTS** for the week of 10/10 were:

3rd Grade

Rachel Hobbs Jack Narine

4th Grade

Cameron Holman

6th Grade

Grace Cooper Sam Probus