

# Heart to Home School Newsletter

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## Principal's News from Jim Opelia, Principal



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*Teacher  
Appreciation  
week is May 5-9!  
Please remind  
your child to be  
extra good and  
to thank their  
teachers for all  
they do!!!*



### **Congratulations**

Tonight is Confirmation for our 10<sup>th</sup> grade parishioners. We pray that they are touched by the Holy Spirit in a special way for a lifetime of happiness and fulfillment. We also want to congratulate our second graders who will be receiving their First Holy Communion this Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, at the 8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart and 10:30 am Mass at St. Michael's. God bless you always!

### **Arts and Academic Awards Week**

This coming week (May 5-9, 2014) Sacred Heart Area School will host its annual Arts and Academics Awards Week along with the Scholastic Book Fair. It is a week of the year where students have a great opportunity to let their lights shine. Students from all grade levels will participate by creating and presenting their projects or performances to the school community, which will be judged and awarded for quality and effort put forth. Wednesday night, family and friends are invited to view student exhibitions and live performances, ranging from song and instrument to science demonstrations and dance. Thank you students on your hard work! Thank you parents and teachers for your guidance and support! Please remember to have Triple A projects to the school on Monday. Fine Arts will also be judged on Monday so bring everything needed to perform then such as music, instrument, costume, CD....

### **Field Trip Fun**

Our spring fieldtrips to the Happy Dancing Turtle (PreK-6<sup>th</sup>) on May 14<sup>th</sup> and Track and Field Day (K-6<sup>th</sup>) at Christ the King School in Browerville on May 16<sup>th</sup> are approaching quickly. All parents interested in participating

need to take the school's safe environment training if you have not done so this year. This can be done easily at home. Stop by or call the principal's office for guidance.

### **Our Redneck Picnic**

Our 11<sup>th</sup> annual dinner/auction event Spring Blast 2014 "Redneck Picnic" will be the highlight of the weekend for most of our school family. This most important and largest fundraiser for our school comes together every year thanks to many volunteers, donors, and attendees, and well thought out planning by the spring blast committee. We will have extra fun games/raffles with dinner by Ted n' Gen's. Finally, the cool and tasteful refreshments will be made available with help from the Knights of Columbus and Staples Liquor Depot. Many thanks to parents who will contribute in any fashion! Special thanks to; parent volunteers, the Knights, MC's- Bryan Winkels and Curt McIlravy, auctioneer- Walt Trantina, spring blast committee chair- Missi Birkholtz, and most of all our school secretary- Sandy Becker, who we depended on so much the past six weeks to make it happen. This year's special project donation request will be for funding our school's north sidewalks and steps replacement and new library carpeting. The total cost for these two projects after volunteer labor is estimated to be \$5,000. Last year's special project donation request was for our school's new front entrance which raised \$5,575 out of the total actual cost of \$6,500.





- May 2 2 Hour Early Out
- May 3 Spring Blast
- May 4 First Communion
- May 5 Triple A Projects due
- May 7 Triple A Performances and Presentations & Parents Night
- May 5-9 Scholastic Book Fair
- May 14 All School Field Trip **(Note Date Change)**
- May 16 Track and Field Day in Browerville
- May 19 Kindergarten Graduation
- May 20 Gr. 4-6 Field Trip to Capitol
- May 21 Preschool Graduation/Concert (W/F)
- May 22 Preschool Graduation/Concert (T/Th)
- May 23 SHAS 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation
- May 26 No School
- May 30 Last Day of School ½ Day



*“Set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.”*  
Colossians 3:1



### Mission Statement

*In sharing our Catholic faith in Christ, we foster spiritual and academic formation in a positive, welcoming atmosphere that reflects love and respect for all.*

## Y is for Yearbook!

**YEARBOOK ORDERS DUE TOMORROW!!!!**



**Come visit our book fair next week. It will be open before and after school Monday through Thursday and during Triple A and Parent Appreciation Night on Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00. This is a great opportunity to get new books for summer reading and help our school raise money for books to have in our classrooms and library. As always – thank you for supporting reading in our students.**

## You Gotta Love Parents!...

**We will be celebrating our parents at Parent Appreciation Night on Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 in the Sacred Heart Area School gym. Please plan on attending this special night with your student. The book fair will be open, students will be performing, and AAA projects will be on display.**

# Kindergarten News

I can't believe it's already May!! Yet the kindergartners continue to be busy as ever. Last week we took our Iowa Basic Skills Test and it was somewhat of a new experience for the kindergarten. Yes we have taken tests and things before, but with the certain rules to follow it was a Challenge some days to stay focused and do the task at hand. Next week is another busy week as they all should be bringing in their projects for Triple A. I'm excited to see the projects they have done as this Class is such an artsy group. As we are in our last month of school we do need to remember to stay focused and continue working towards being exceptional students. In math right now we are working on measurement. We've been working with the different kinds of measurement: length, weight and capacity. Reading, we continue on with our weekly stories and work very hard on blending sounds and words together. I'm very pleased with how well they all know our word wall words. It can be a challenge at times because not all the words follow the rules of sounding out letters (phonetically) like we know. And their reading skills have come such a long way and I love hearing of the different words they have learned to read at home, the grocery store or wherever they may be. Keep it up!! We have done a great job this year in science and are now discussing the seasons in weather in our most recent chapter. We have lots of learning still left for the month of May, as well as lots of fun activities. So staying focused and being willing to learn will make the closing of our year great!