

HEART TO HOME SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Principal's News

Enrichment

The teachers are currently studying our list of potential enrichment activities, created by parents and staff, as to if and how each event may fit into our school year and days. Thank you to those of you who have given input into the creation of this list. One example is to have a science and engineering event later this year for intermediate grade levels when it best fits into the curriculum that is being covered to meet state standards.

Marathon

Our Marathon will take place Monday. We know how much it challenges our families. We especially appreciate the significant amount of participation from our preschool families. Thank you to all our parents for your hard work in making this event a success! Our planned route will take us walking down 3rd Avenue to the new Airport Road (just north of the overpass), up to Prairie Avenue, and to the Dinosaur Park across from the care center. We will rest, play, and eat cookies for approximately 15 minutes, then take the return trip to school down 4th Street. Special thanks to Kathryn Edwards and Andrea Broughton for all their hard work in the organization of this event.

Fire Prevention Week

This week was Fire Prevention Week at Sacred Heart Area School. Students from grades 3-6 participated in a district wide

poster contest. "Have Two Ways Out" was the theme for the contest. Our Tues/Thurs Preschool went to visit the fire hall with the 6th graders on Thursday afternoon while the rest of the students will visit Friday morning. Students were able to learn about fire equipment vehicles and safety.

Volunteer Hours:

Although our new volunteer accountability plan for K-6 parents may not be appreciated by all, please realize it is necessary to keep our school strong and protect the overly worked volunteers we have all counted on for too long. We have developed an effective system of keeping track of your volunteer hours. If you do volunteer at an event or do other work for the school, fill out a volunteer card, which includes your name, volunteer event, and duration of time. This card also requires a signature from the event coordinator or principal for hours to be counted. These cards are available to parents at the school office and will be made available in the church basement when school events take place. Some parents were alarmed by the additional \$400 volunteer fee on their invoice. Please realize that it is important for this to be on at the beginning of the year instead of adding it at the end of the year. This volunteer fee on your invoice will be reduced as the required hours are completed.



Any Marathon money that is going to be counted towards individual and classroom prizes must be turned in to Sandy by **3:00 on Monday, October 15th!** Thank you to all of the parents who volunteered to walk with the kids, make cookies, bring apples and come to the school to slice apples. We appreciate you!!!



Student of the Month

PreK-Riley Reese and
Peter Mathews

- K - Jade Storry
- 1 - Lauren Rutten
- 2 - Corrine Japke
- 3 - MaryBeth Mathews
- 4 - Rose Han
- 5 - Thomas Koval
- 6 - Caitlin Becker



- Oct 15 School is being held at Sacred Heart, no school for Staples Elementary
- Oct 18 NO SCHOOL
- Oct 19 NO SCHOOL
- Oct 22 NO SCHOOL
- Oct 23 Picture Retake Day
- Oct 28 Sacred Heart Fall Dinner
- Nov 2 End of 1st Quarter 2 Hour Early Out
- Nov 5 No School
- Nov 8 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Nov 9 Veteran's Day Program
- Nov 22- Thanksgiving Break
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- **Install and maintain a working smoke alarm outside of every sleep area and remember to change the battery at least once a year**
- **Designate two escape routes from each bedroom and practice them regularly**
- **Teach everyone the "Stop, Drop and Roll" technique in case clothing catches on fire**
- **Avoid storing old mattresses in the home or garage**
- **Teach kids that matches and lighters and candles are tools not toys**



Greetings from the 4th and 5th grades

Time seems to fly by when we stay busy. We visited Old Wadena for Conservation Days. The Students learned many new facts about water, soil and trees. We are in the process of putting together a book about our experiences. In math, we are beginning our third unit. Fifth graders are starting multiplication and fourth graders are working on addition properties. The students will also have a short opportunity to learn about the operation of a camera. The cameras are being provided by the Minnesota DNR, as they are trying to encourage kids to spend more time in nature.



*"In quietness and confidence shall be your strength."
Isaiah 30:15*



Mission Statement

As believers in God, and moved by the power of the Holy Spirit, we foster spiritual and academic formation of our students in a positive, welcoming atmosphere that reflects a respect for all people.



In order to keep your child safe **PLEASE** call the school right away in the morning if your child is ill so we are not looking for him/her. We have an answering system, so please leave a message if your call is not answered. Also, please **check in at the office** when coming to the school during the day. It is easier for Sandy to give the children messages, or items they need, then to have the parents going to the classrooms while teachers are teaching. We appreciate your understanding with these matters.



On Friday we are having Cardinal Day in the spirit of homecoming. Encourage your child to wear their Cardinal gear! Go Cardinals!