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St. Elizabeth Area Catholic School WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Mission Statement

The Staff, parents and community of St. Elizabeth Area Catholic School work together to offer students a safe supportive and nurturing Catholic environment. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are committed to Gospel values and discipleship.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Wednesday, November 3, 2011



LITURGY CORNER

Tonight
All Souls Mass
7:00 p.m.
@ St. Elizabeth Parish



Friday, November 11th
8:30 a.m.
Veterans Day Mass

Thursday, November 17th
8:30 a.m.
School Mass
St. Elizabeth of Hungary
Day

Friday, November 18th
NO SCHOOL MASS

Sunday, November 27th
1st Sunday of Advent



Good Wednesday!

I'm back from taking the 5th and 6th graders to Hartley and picking things from the Diocese. What a gorgeous day! We are blessed with such a day in November. Let's enjoy it before we get hit by Old Man Winter.

Halloween was soooooo much fun. The children looked all so nice in their costumes. However, this year I have to say that the teachers outdid everybody else. I will try to upload the video of them dancing to our web page, but in the mean time you can enjoy it in Facebook. I'm pretty sure that the children shared how much fun they had watching them dance. Thank you, teachers, for a fun day! Also, a huge thanks goes to Mr. Territo for carving the beautiful pumpkin. Stop by to see it.

Good luck to our 3-4 grade blue team on their first basketball game at Auburn tonight. They have only had two practices, but I know that they will have a lot of fun playing together. On Saturday they have their second game and the gold team will play their first one. GO EAGLES!

Make sure you call to make your appointment for parent-teacher conferences. At prayer time on Monday we will have the Awards Ceremony for the first marking period. You are invited to join us.

I hope you all received the shirts and sweatshirts you ordered. If anybody else wants to place an order for school logo wear, let me know and we can have another one before Christmas.

In every newsletter you will find news from Little Bloomers. Please, read this section to avoid confusion. If you need to children to stay in latchkey after school remember that you have to call in to see if there is room. There is a strict ratio policy that needs to be followed because of licensing. Ms. Jill plans staff according to the amount of students signed up for each day. So call as soon as you know that you will need this service.

There is a mass at St. Elizabeth to pray for all those that have passed away. On this All Souls' Day, let us pray,

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Eternal rest grant unto them, O lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Amen.



**LOOKING AHEAD
IN NOVEMBER**

**Friday, November 4
NO SCHOOL**

&
K. of C. Spelling Bee
at Reese High School
Auditorium – 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 22
8th Grade to
Tuscola Tech Center
8:30 – 11: 00 A.M.

November 23-25
Thanksgiving Break

Monday, November 28
Classes Resume

Monday, November 29
5:30 p.m. Yule Lighting
Program at Trinity
Lutheran

**LOOKING AHEAD
IN DECEMBER**

Wednesday, December 14
First Reconciliation
6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 20
Christmas Program
7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 21
through
Monday, January 2
CHRISTMAS BREAK

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3
CLASSES RESUME



Mrs. Cameron – Kindergarten

We are collecting food items for those in need in the Reese area. Please bring in non-perishable food items to school to help fill our table in front of the office. The classrooms are competing to see which classroom can bring in the most items and in the area of creativity.

Our upcoming curriculum includes: Religion –We choose what is good, Mary chose to say Yes to God, Thanking God, every day is a day of thanks, giving thanks at mealtime, thanking God for everything In Math we will be identifying time to the hour, ordinal position, and numbers 0 – 10, writing money amounts to ten cents, problem solving, paying for items to 10 cents using pennies, are comparing objects by weight. Reading/Phonics – letter sounds (t, p, n, f, medial a) as well as blending with those letter sounds. We will be adding two, three, four, come, me, and five to our sight word vocabulary. We will continue to listen for and identify one and two syllables. We will work on onset and rime, concepts of print, tracking print, using illustrations to understand a story, and making predictions.

Scholastic book orders for November will go home next week and are due back on November 14th. Parent teacher conferences are next week. I look forward to the opportunity to meet with all of you. I will be setting up times for conferences this week.

Have a terrific week! Blessings, Mrs. Cameron

Mrs. Territo – 1st & 2nd Grade

Many thanks to our parents, **Mrs. Wolschleger, Mrs. Russell, and Mr. and Mrs. Goodrow**, that organized the wonderful Halloween party for the 1st and 2nd grade students. Also thanks to all the parents that contributed treats or lent a hand. The kids had a ball!

I'm happy to inform that every 1st and 2nd grade student reached their Accelerated Reader goal for the first marking period. There were many hands that helped our students reach their goals especially the **5th- 8th grade students** and **our honor students** who worked with the 1st/2nd graders to assist them with their testing. As well as **Mrs. Boensch**, who worked with the students many mornings to insure testing time was available.

Please read the inserts to this week's newsletter for information about Food Pantry donations and donations for "Bring Santa to Our Troops." Both of these are worthwhile causes that we, at St. Elizabeth's, have chosen to support. 1st/2nd grade students will be creating an invitation to invite special veterans or current members of the military to our Veterans' Day Celebration on Friday, 11/11. We certainly hope that you can join us, on this special day. Please rsvp to Mrs. Territo if you can attend. Please remember to contribute either 20 individual snacks or \$6 for the month of November. Our classroom snack cupboard is getting a little bear. As the weather cools off please remember your child should have a school dress code color sweater to keep in their locker.

Our curriculum this month will cover:

1st/2nd English—Sentence structure; types of sentences; continue the writing process; poetry

1st Religion—Discussing the Saints; changes in the mass; following the Ten Commandments

2nd Religion—Sacrament preparation with Mrs. Bremer

1st/2nd Social Studies—The globe; land formation; bodies of water; the continents

1st/2nd Science—States of matter and their properties ; Using simple tools to measure and observe;

1st Reading—Dolch words; long and short vowel sounds, blends; story maps

2nd Reading— Silent e words; homophones, multiple meaning words; story maps; ven diagrams

1st Math—Continuing time; shapes; ordering; money; sets

2nd Math— Continuing patterns; clockface; addition facts; even and odd numbers; fraction intro

Mrs. Redwanz – 3rd & 4th Grade

Thank you, Tim and Aimee Goodrow, for donating the pizza for lunch on Monday. That was so generous of you!! I think that the children really enjoyed their day. We had lots of fun!!

If you haven't scheduled a conference with me yet, please call and do so. I will not be here next Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday. That is why I sent out my available times early. Remember, there is no school this Friday, but I will be available for conferences.

Good luck to Leslie Licudine, as she participates in the K of C Spelling Bee this Friday night!

Curriculum for November

English- singular and plural nouns; verbs in the present, past, & future; helping verbs

Spelling- 3rd: /ou/ and /ow/; /au/ and /aw/; final double consonants

4th: /ou/ and /ow/; /oi/ and /oy/; /c/, /k/, and /ck/; soft c and soft g

Writing- writing as a process; poetry; cursive handwriting

Reading- 3rd: trickster tales; reading strategies; comprehension

4th: mysteries; reading strategies; comprehension

Math- 3rd: word stories; money; subtracting three-digit numbers; comparing and ordering

4th: rounding; geometry; fractions; word problems

Religion- Unit 2: *Son of God, Son of Mary*; memorizing prayers

Science- Earth and its resources

Social Studies- Eastern States

Mrs. Bojo – 5th & 6th Grade

****HARTLEY INFO**** We will be leaving for Hartley today at 9:30 AM and will return on Friday around 1:30 PM. Please, make arrangements for your child to be picked up at school or to attend the latchkey program. All parents are welcomed to join us for the “Everything Goes” game night on Thursday. It starts around 7:00 PM and usually lasts about 2 hours. As far as directions to camp, Hartley is easily found on the web.

I will be holding conferences next week every day from 9:15AM until 9:45AM and 2:20PM until 3:00PM. These times are during my specials. I will also have conference times available next Monday after school. Any other days I have other commitments, but might be able to make arrangements if you contact me with what day and time works for you. Please feel free to call me at home.

All 5th and 6th grade students have been given new Accelerated Reading and Accelerated Math goals! While the Accelerated Math goals have to be worked on at school, the Accelerated Reading can and should be worked on at home. Please have your child read every night for a minimum of 20 minutes.

Just a reminder that the poetry project is due November 11th which is next Friday! Please check with your child on his/her progress on this assignment.

CURRICULUM FOR NOVEMBER

Religion – continue Unit 2: Son of God, Son of Mary with a focus on the mystery of the Incarnation and our encounter with Jesus in Baptism and Confirmation.

5th Reading – Literature circles & Poetry Units

6th Reading - Literature circles & Poetry Units

Spelling – 5th – vowel sounds: vowel + /r/ sound, homophones, compound words

6th – final /er/, /en/, /el/ sounds, words with -ed or -ing

English – continue working on Writing to express an opinion, Criterion Writing

Math – 5th – division, associative property, reading scales, time and elapsed time, fractions, lines, angles, polygons, rounding, triangles, mixed numbers, pattern recognition

6th – divisibility, ration, rate, multiples, division, fractions, measure of circle, angles, LCM, reciprocals, measuring & drawing angles, areas of rectangles, expanded notation, elapsed time, percent, place value, decimal numbers, data

Social Studies – Chapter 3 – The Age of Exploration and Chapter 4 Encounters in the Americas

7/8 English Language Arts – Writing Unit on Convincing Others, grammar unit parts of speech: Noun, Pronoun, and Adjective

Have a good rest of the week! ☺ ~Mrs. Bojo

Mrs. Papesh – 7th & 8th Grade

The Knights of Columbus have donated some of their leftover Christmas cards from their sale to our class. They are out in the hall to look at and purchase if you'd like, proceeds will go towards the DC trip. They will only be out there a few more days so hurry in and see if you're interested. Big thanks to the Kof C for helping us out.

CURRICULUM FOR NOVEMBER

Religion - Jesus, fully human and fully God. New Life through the Cross. Sharing the Good News.

Pre-Algebra - Solve Multi-step equations and inequalities - graph. Factors & Prime Factorization, Greatest Common Factors, and Least Common Multiples

Algebra - Ratios & Proportions, Solve percent problems. Graph Linear Equations and functions - slope-intercept form.

Reading - Literary Focus - Plot and Setting, understand conflict - external, internal; suspense, and foreshadowing. Make and evaluate predictions. Understand Science Fiction.

History - The 13 Original Colonies

Science - The heart structure and function. Work. Energy - thermal, potential, kinetic, Law of Conservation of Energy.

5/6 Science - Adaptations - structural and behavioral. Behaviors - learned and inherited. Ecosystems, Land & Water Biomes - food webs, energy pyramids, producers, consumers, decomposers. Carbon-dioxide & nitrogen cycles.

HOME & SCHOOL CORNER:

Aileen Stuart, President



COOKIE DOUGH SALE

It is that time of the year for our cookie dough sale. **Each cookie dough tub, popcorn bag or cake is \$10.** This is a quick and easy fundraiser for St. Elizabeth School. **Order forms are due back on Friday, November 11th with money.** **Cookie dough will be ready to be picked up on November 21st immediately after school.** What a great way to get your holiday baking done a little early!!

Checks need to be made out to St. Elizabeth School.

If you have any questions, please, call Katie Mocny at 989-882-9096.



LITTLE BLOOMERS CORNER:

FROM YOUR DIRECTOR, JILL MUYLLE

Hello, there! Below are some important dates to keep in mind with the holiday season approaching:

CLOSED - THURSDAY & FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH & 25TH

CLOSED - MONDAY-FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26TH THROUGH DECEMBER 30TH.

LITTLE BLOOMERS WILL RE-OPEN ON MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 2012.

Please mark your calendars!! Thank you.

STUDENT COUNCIL CORNER:

from your President Tommy Papesh

Please, bring in non-perishable food items for the Christmas food baskets. The classrooms are competing against each other in the area of creativity and most items donated. Kindergarten has an awesome start!
Box tops will be collected November 7th – 11th.

We had a great Halloween party. Thank you to all of the families that donated items for our games.

Let's go 7th & 8th, 5th & 6th, 3rd & 4th, and 1st & 2nd! Come in and see our creations made out of canned goods and other food items!

