# **PCA Eagle's Nest Weekly News**

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Thank you, Mrs. Grey, for providing lunch for our teachers this past Friday. Thank you for such a wonderful treat! We appreciate your generosity and we appreciate you!

CLASSROOM FEES: 5th-8th Grade: Lab fee \$5 4th-8th Grade: Planner \$4 If you have not paid for these fees, the charge has been added to your TADS account. You may choose to pay this fee at the office.

5-8th Grade Parents:

New Study Bibles have arrived for those students who do not have a study Bible. The cost of these Bibles is \$15.00 each and is payable at the office. Please contact Mr. Odell with any questions.

# SEE YOU AT THE POLE

This Wed., Sept. 24th is See You at the Pole. Please arrive a little early on that day as we meet in the gym and will go directly to the flag pole to pray at 8 a.m. Parents are welcome to attend.

If you are driving for a field trip, please come to the office to fill out paperwork. We will need a copy of your driver's license and a current copy of your insurance card. If we could get the paperwork completed before the trip, it will save a lot of time. Thank you.

# WASHINGTON D.C. TRIP

There is still availability for the 7th/8th grade trip to D.C. next spring. Please stop by the office for more information. For those going, there are opportunities to earn money for this. Please keep an eye on your e-mail as more details are coming in.



# **UPCOMING SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:**

	Sept. 23	6 p.m.	Basketball game @ Dimmick A & B
	Sept. 24	8 a.m.	See You At the Pole
	Sept. 24		Mega Brain at Metro Center
	Sept. 24		Progress reports issued
	Sept. 25	6 p.m.	Basketball home game vs. Deer Park A
	Oct. 2	6 p.m.	Basketball home game vs. Lostant
	Oct. 6	6 p.m.	Basketball game @ Logan Junior High A
	Oct. 7	6 p.m.	Basketball home game vs. Trinity Catholic
	Oct. 13	NO SCHOOL	COLUMBUS DAY
Oct. 14-17 Prairie Conference Girls' Basketball Tournament			
	Oct. 20	8:30 a.m.	GRANDPARENTS DAY !!!!

# Boys Basketball

Boys basketball practices will begin this Thursday after school and will go until 4:30. Practices will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We are one month away from our first game!



# From the Library

What fun we are having in the library this year! Great job returning those library books on time.

Remember I'd you are interested in donating a book in honor of your child's birthday to contact me. I have some suggestions.

Finally, we will be having a used book sale soon. If you have any children's books or any adult Christian books you would like to donate to the sale, please drop them off in the school library. Thank you.

Happy Reading!

# Kindergarten ~ Mrs. Ackerman

Here is a look at what we will be doing this week:

**Phonics:** We will review all of the vowels, how to write them, and their sounds. We will practice the "t" and "l" blends. They will learn *Bb* and *Nn* and their blends. Blends are a consonant and vowel sounded together.

**Math:** Review: 0 - 9, pennies, counting to 20, right/left, "number families," and writing 1, 2, and 3. New concepts: 10, 11, "after numbers," and writing 4.

**Social Studies – Community Helpers:** In this unit we will talk about some of the people who work in our communities. The students will be reminded that a community is a place where people live, work, and play. We will study these community helpers: pastor, teacher, policeman, salesperson, farmer, veterinarian, doctor, nurse dentist, server, postal employee, baker, firefighter, and a mayor. This week we will learn about a dentist, postal employee, and a mayor.

**Bible – Young Isaac:** The students will know that God keeps his promise to Abraham and Sarah. Isaac is born! They will know that they are special! We will spend time talking about ways that God made each one of us special. As a <u>surprise</u> to the students, I am asking that you to please supply a baby picture and a note about the thoughts and feelings you had when your child was born. I will share the pictures and notes during our Bible lessons on Thursday and Friday as we talk about how special we are. The pictures and notes will be returned on Friday.

## **Other Notes:**

- Are you a community helper? Would you like to share with us how you help our community? If so, please contact me. We would love to meet some community helpers!
- Officer Rob came last week to teach some important ways to prevent bullying.
- We had a community helper come to our class. My mom, Mrs. Read, is a nurse and she showed us a stethoscope, her hat, and lab coat. She also read a few books about the important job that a nurse does and how the heart works.



Buster will go home with Jack for the weekend.

Bible Lesson: Jacob and Esau	day	clay
Memory Verse: Psalm 34:13	play	way
Arithmetic: Counting, number formation, patterns, addition and subtraction families 1-10	pray	stray
Phonics: Chart 6, 7, 8	gray	hay
Poetry : The Secret	stay	you
	spray	to

## 2nd Grade ~ Miss Luft

Our Bible verse this week is Exodus 19:5a: "Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession." We will recite this verse on Friday. We are continuing to learn about Moses and the Israelites.

In phonics class we are working on charts 6, 7, and 8. We are learning about accented syllables and how to divide words into syllables. English chapter over nouns has been completed. Our new unit of study will be on how to write directions. In math class we will continue to work on addition and subtraction facts, reading thermometers, and combining dimes, nickels, and ten dollar bills. On Friday we will have spelling test 5, phonics test, and math test 4.

Happy fall!



**Spelling List** 

## 3rd Grade ~ Mrs. Finley

Greetings! Fall is finally here! I pray that we will be reminded of God's love and majesty as we observe the beauty of the changing colors around us.

This week in Bible, we will learn how Jesus equips workers. Our memory verse is *Mark 2:17*. On hearing this, Jesus said to them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." We will have a test over this verse on Monday next week. Spelling Test 3 will be this Friday.

In math, we are learning how multiplication and addition are related, drawing lines to the half-inch, the nickel and \$5 bill, and the meaning of division. *I am going to try something NEW in math.... We will be doing all of the worksheets as usual, except for the green problems. On the occasion that more review is needed, we (or individual students) will do some of the green problems as needed.* 

We are writing game instructions in English.

In science, we are learning about plants and doing an experiment with lima beans. We will have a quiz and test next week. Information about this is on the homework sheet in the Take-Home folder.

Keep up the good work, 3<sup>rd</sup> graders!

#### 4th Grade ~ Mrs. Odell



Our new Scripture portion to be memorized is John 3:16-21

We will test on spelling list 5 Wednesday and start list 6 that same day. We are reviewing measurements and equivalents and continuing on with division in math, so the children need to review division facts (actually – addition, subtraction and multiplication facts get rusty in such a few short weeks!) We are learning plural and possessive nouns in English. We are watching our "garden" grow and the sample leaves, flowers, and seeds are so interesting. Thank you for your help with this. History is teaching us about early America and the New England colonies. We are becoming acquainted with the Declaration of Independence.

Please make sure your child finishes <u>Song of the Brook</u>. We will be writing a book review on it next week.

Enjoy your week as you walk with the King!

# JUNIOR HIGH

#### Make-up Work

Junior High students who are absent should, if at all possible, have someone come pick up their homework which will be on the table at the entry into the Junior High Wing by the end of the day. Parents will also need to get whatever books are necessary out of the student's locker. If the student is feeling up to beginning the homework, that is most helpful, as it is sometimes very difficult to catch up once one falls behind. Should a parent *not* be able to pick up the assignments the day the child is absent it is the students responsibility to pick them up first thing in the morning upon returning to school. Students have one day for every day absent to make up missed work. This includes tests. Class time may or may not be used to make up tests. Students may need to use study hall time or come in after school.

It is imperative that students attend school whenever possible. Students with a fever should stay home and be fever free for 24 hours as should those who are vomiting or who have diarrhea. Being tired or "just not feeling good" are not reasons to stay home. Encourage your children to tough it out...to give it a try, to persevere. Many things learned in class cannot be made up because they are learned through class discussions or activities. Those discussions and activities cannot be recreated.

## 5th Grade Language Arts ~ Mrs. Van Den Bussche

This week we will wrap up Unit 1 in Literature with a final quiz on the last story. We have learned a lot about characters, plot, setting and theme. The Unit 1 test will be next week. We look forward to beginning our first novel after that.

In Grammar the students are learning how to write compare and contrast essays. They will begin writing their own towards the end of the week.

As usual, Spelling tests are on Wednesdays. Students should be studying on their own.

#### 6th Grade Language Arts---Mrs. Kiser

In literature we will finish Unit 1 by the end of this week with the Sherlock Holmes play, *The Dying Detective*. That means a unit test will be coming up probably on Tuesday of next week! Students should study their list of literary terms and their daily quizzes to prepare for the test.

In composition we are still working on our short stories about slavery. We are trying to get between 600 and 1600 words so that some may be eligible for the ACSI contest. We are working on including metaphor, similes, and personifications in our writing. It is a BIG job.

We are working on List 3 in spelling, and on prepositional phrases in grammar.

#### 7th-8th Grade Language Arts

In literature we continue on with the study of short stories, most always having a daily quiz over the assignments. We are also working on Vocabulary List #3.

In composition we are revising our original short stories. The first drafts were due yesterday. Our stories must contain dialogue, figures of speech (metaphors, etc.), and at least 5 vocabulary words from List 2 and from List 3. Word count requirement is 600-1600 words.

In grammar we are studying verbs. The Chapter 3 test will be coming up soon.

#### 6th Grade, Jr. High Science and History ~ Mrs. Cook

#### **5th Grade History**

\*This class' Nation notebook city report is not due until Monday. They have done most of it in class. They will have their quiz over a new map on Monday.

#### **6th Grade History**

We are so serious about our mapping this week! Quiz on Wednesday over map page 11. Test over chapter 3 will be on Friday. \*Nation notebook city report will be graded Friday.

#### 7/8 Grade History

We are aiming for our quiz over chapter 5 on Friday. This has been a new chapter about Assyria, Babylon, and Persia. We are studying the legacy of David.

#### Science

**5th Grade** We are studying Mammals.

**6th Grade** This group is also studying Mammals. Quiz 5 will be on Tuesday and Quiz 6 will be on Thursday. Our test is on Tuesday of next week.

\*Both 5th & 6th grades are working on projects about mammals. They should have gathered all needed information by this Wednesday. The actual project isn't due until Oct. 17th so they have plenty of time to prepare it. It is important that these are student generated. Parents may assist, but students should be able to produce the project on their own.

#### 7/8th Grade Science

We are testing Tuesday of this week over chapters 1 & 2.

Our new section will be on body systes, tissue types, & prenatal growth development. We will need some eggs (raw) next Tuesday for an "eggsperiment." The purpose is to learn about tissue and balance.

I want to commend this class on their dedication. Our observation sheets have for the most part, been very thorough!





12:00-2:30 for 5th-8th grader. If you can drive, contact the office. We will need a copy of your driver's license and a copy of the most current insurance card. Also, we may need a few drivers to stick around and go through the exhibits with the students, but most can just drop off and pick up. Please be at the school by 12:00 noon and be back to the Metro Center (side lot) by 2:25 p.m.

#### 7/8th Grade Jr. High Math & Spanish - Mrs. Bermudez

8<sup>th</sup> Algebra I- We are solving equations and formulas. We are solving for different variables of a formula.

 $7^{TH}$  Math- We are doing all order of operations with decimals. We will also be converting fractions to decimals.

6<sup>th</sup> Math- We are learning about division by primes. We are also finding the GCF and LCM. We will begin fractions soon.

5<sup>th</sup> Math- We are converting measurements. We will be learning how to cast out by 9's to check our work.

7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Spanish- We are learning our animal words. We are making sentences using all articles. We are learning our adjective words.

6<sup>th</sup> Spanish- We are learning our school and animal words. We are making sentences using our articles.

## Parents,

It's time to turn in all those Box tops for Education you've been saving over the summer. Send them to school the first two weeks of October, and I will count them. The class with the most Box Tops per student earns a party. Be sure they are not expired. If you downloaded fun sheets to put your Box Tops on, do NOT put bonus labels on these sheets. These have to be accounted for separately. Help us earn some money for the school by saving and turning in those Box Tops for Education!

The Holiday Sale was so successful last year and the students had such a great time picking out gifts for family and friends that we are going to do it again this year. Start setting aside items for the sale, holiday décor (Thanksgiving & Christmas), items that students can purchase for Christmas gifts (books, toys, unused candles, stationary, nice scarves, knick-knacks, dishes, etc.). The only clothes we'll sell are holiday shirts, sweaters, etc. We will set up Thursday evening and open for business at 7:45 a.m. Friday, October 24. Students will have time during the morning to shop. We'll open to the general public from 1-6 p.m. Friday. Anyone who can help set up and/or work the sale, please see me. Help is always greatly appreciated. The blessing of seeing these students' excitement and ministry to one another is awesome!

**Beverly Neff** 

