



PCA Eagle's Nest Weekly News

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There will be NO school next Monday the 18th, in observance of Presidents' Day. Happy Birthday, President Lincoln!

GRANDPARENT'S DAY IS COMING TO PCA!!! It will be on Friday, Feb. 15th! We will begin with a breakfast at 8:30 in the gym, a program at 9:00, and then classroom visits until 11:00. We will need breakfast casseroles, coffee cakes, muffins, fruit, juice, and flavored creamers. Please let the office know what you will be bringing! Justin and LeAndra Harris are signed up for kitchen help but we will need more. Please let the office know if you can help with this special morning. We will set up for Grandparents' Day on Thursday, Feb. 14 after the home volleyball game. Please be sure to RSVP for your grandparents!

PCA Registration for 2013-14 school year is open, and we all ready have over 20 students enrolled! Register early so you are sure to have a spot for next year! Registration opens to the public on Feb. 25. Be sure to encourage friends and family to consider PCA for their childrens' education!

Jefferson school will have a preschool screening for readiness on March 18th at Jefferson. If you are interested, please call Jefferson school at 875-4417 for details.

Congratulations to Sam Wolbrecht, Gabe Cook, and Serenity Laurino for doing so well at the ACSI Spelling Bee last Friday. All were in the top half of spellers, and Sam placed 3rd in the 6th grade competition, earning the right to compete in the final spell off! We are proud of all of you!



Be sure to check out the seedling room leading to the garden. It is almost ready for in-door planting to begin! It's wonderful! Students will be planting seeds next Friday, Feb. 22! A new grow light donated from Ace will warm them up so they will sprout!

UPCOMING SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

- Feb. 14 Valentine Parties for K-4
- Feb. 14 6 p.m. Home VB vs. Dalzell
- Feb. 15 8:30-11:00 Grandparent's Day
- Feb. 15 end of progress report term
- Feb. 18 NO SCHOOL
- Feb. 19 6 p.m. VB @ Deer Park
- Feb. 20 progress reports issued
- Feb. 20 4 p.m. BVEC Speech Contest at Buda for 5th-8th
- Feb. 21 6 p.m. VB @ Cherry
- Feb. 22 4th Grade trip to Springfield
- Feb. 25 Registration opens to the public
- Feb. 26 12:30 p.m. Bureau County Spelling Bee @ the Metro Center
- Feb. 26 6 p.m. Home VB vs. St. Louis
- Feb. 28 6 p.m. Home VB vs. Dimmick
- March 1 NO SCHOOL
- March 1 ACSI Elementary Speech Meet @ Peoria Christian @ 9:30-2:30

Time to reclaim your belongings!

Come check out the lost and found table in the foyer starting Wednesday! You never know what has walked away and entered into that special lost and found box! Get your items this week! All unclaimed items will be donated this weekend to the closet!



Kindergarten ~ Miss Read

Hello, Kindergarten Families! Here is a look at what we will be doing this week:

Phonics: We will continue to review the special sounds we have learned so far: *ck in duck*, *e in me*, *o in go*, *y in fly* and *ay in pray*. Our new special sounds will be *st in stop* and *pl in plane*. We will learn how to read blends that begin with these two special sounds, too. We had an oral evaluation today. Reading homework will be coming home today (Tuesday) and Thursday. Please remember to sign the bookmark and return both the book and bookmark to school. Books with stickers on the cover may stay home!

Math: New concepts: The number words *five* and *six* and counting by 5's. Review: number words *one*, *two*, *three*, and *four*, reading clocks set to the hour, the 1 – 6 Addition Families, and half of objects. We will do special Valentine Math on Thursday!

Social Studies – Children of the World: We will be visiting Sara in Israel. Israel is a small, but very important country. As we study Israel this week, we will learn that many Bible stories really happened in this country. We will see pictures on the Sea of Galilee and be reminded that Jesus' disciples fished there and that this is where Jesus walked on water! Jerusalem is an important city in Israel. David became king in Jerusalem and Jesus came into the city on a donkey on Palm Sunday. Israelis have learned to grow crops in this desert area. They grow cotton, olives, oranges, and grapefruit. Today, children in Israel wear clothes a lot like ours, go to schools like ours, and enjoy soccer like we do. Although Israel is a very old country, we can see modern buildings like ours.

Bible – Jesus and the Disciples: The students will know that Jesus calls the twelve disciples to work with Him in ministry. Jesus teaches the disciples to rely on God. I pray that the students will express a desire to follow Jesus and serve others. Please practice John 13:35.

Other Notes:

- Remember...there will be no school next Monday, February 18.
- Winter DIBELS testing results are in. Please see either Mrs. May or myself if you would like to see how well your child scored!
- Valentine's Day is almost here! We will celebrate on Thursday at 1:30!
- Grandparents Day will be Friday, February 15th! We invite all Grandparents to join us from 8:30 – 11:00.

A note went home last Friday about a coloring contest sponsored by the Illinois State Dental Society. Please contact PCA with any questions!

Have a great week and happy Valentine's Day!

~ Miss Read

1st Grade ~ Mr. Clausen

Things we will be working on this week are:

Arithmetic:

1-14 families

Patterns

Counting by 3s,5s,10s, 25s

Telling time

Bible

Hebrews 13:16

Feeding of the 5,000

Sharing

Phonics:

Chart #12 and #13

Spelling:

alone	alike	afraid
awake	ago	amount
asleep	arose	away
around	along	again
apart	aside	says

Poetry:

"God Gave Me Eyes"
By Olive Burt

2nd Grade ~ Mrs. May

Have a blessed week!

3rd Grade ~ Mrs. Finley

Have a great week!

4th Grade ~ Mrs. Odell

We are continuing a major "love" portion of Scripture. It is I Cor. 13.

We are still working with fractions in math, studying list 22 in spelling, learning of our state's growth in history and moving on to oceanography in science. We continue work on our Illinois state notebook. We will be writing a research report on a famous Illinoisan as we work through our next English chapter. They are to begin to fill in the pages that need to be completed independently. Pictures may come from magazines, brochures, your own camera, internet, or most any other source. Please let me know if you need assistance with this.

We are excited to go to Springfield on February 22. We hope to tour the current state capitol and the old one, too, in the morning. We will be arriving at The Lincoln Museum by 1:00 and hopefully we'll be able to stop and visit Lincoln's tomb. We should leave by 7:45 a.m. and we will hopefully be back by 7:00 p.m. I am figuring 2 ½ hours for the trip each way. The children will need to bring a disposable packaged lunch. We will stop for supper so they should bring a little money. I do not have my drivers secured, but I will need two.

Our Valentine party is from 1:30 - 3:00 on Thursday. There are 9 children in our class and we will have opportunity to trade Valentines. I am asking the children to make a lovely/interesting container at home for their Valentines. It could be a shoe box, a bag, a decorated large envelope. Enjoy!

Has your child handed or mailed the invitation to a grandparent? They may bring as many as will come and if they want they may even "adopt" a grandparent for the day.

5th Grade ~ Miss Luft

Our field trip to Springfield is being postponed. We will not be going this month. I will let you know the new date for the trip as soon as a decision has been made.

Language Arts

Our spelling test over list 19 will be on Wednesday. We are starting a new chapter in our Language books. We will be learning about verbs. Students will have a vocabulary quiz over "The Bird's Place" on Thursday.

Science

We are continuing our study of the weather. Students will be getting instructions this week about a project that they will be doing for the Science, Art, and Talent Show in March.

SCIENCE

6th Grade Science

We have finished our unit on Space. Our test will be on Wednesday. On Thursday we will start a new unit. We will be learning about matter and chemistry. Students will be getting instructions this week about a project that they will be doing for the Science, Art, and Talent Show in March.

7th Grade Science

We are continuing our unit over fish, reptiles, and amphibians. We will have a quiz on Wednesday and Friday this week. Students will be getting instructions this week about a project that they will be doing for the Science, Art, and Talent Show in March.

8th Grade Science

Students tested over chapter 7 on Monday. We have started chapter 8 over magnets and magnetism. Students will be getting instructions this week about a project that they will be doing for the Science, Art, and Talent Show in March.

MATH ~ SPANISH ~ COMPUTERS ~ Mrs. Bermudez

8th grade Math- Algebra I- We have been working on fractions in Algebra. We will be moving on to linear equations.

Pre-Algebra- We are working hard at mastering our Algebra. We will not be doing the business chapter so that we may continue work in Algebra. We are doing much better and learning a lot. We will begin radicals and square roots.

7th grade Math- We are learning about integers. We will be using our integers in all orders of operations.

6th grade Math- We have learned perimeter and area for rectangles, squares, parallelograms, and triangles. Make sure you are showing ALL YOUR WORK AND LABEL!!!

5th grade Math- We just went through a chapter on graphs. We will be working with temperature formulas and learn a little about negatives.

JUNIOR HIGH SPANISH

8TH grade- We quickly went through our chapter on adjectives. We have learned over 55 verbs. Students need to study their pronouns and conjugated forms of these verbs. We are quizzing each day of Spanish over these.

7th grade- We will quickly go through chapter on adjectives. We are still working at learning our conjugate forms of these verbs. STUDY, STUDY, STUDY!!!

5th/6th grade- Our sentences are getting much better. Remember to watch when to use singular or plural.

ELEMENTARY SPANISH

Everyone is doing an awesome job in their books and learning. We are working hard in class to make sure we finish our books before the end of the year.

8th Language Arts ~ Mrs. Kiser

Here it is Valentine's Week, and we are reading the greatest love story of all time: Romeo and Juliet! Most of the reading will be done in class so we can discuss as we go. There will be a quiz on each act, so note-taking is critical. Since Shakespeare wrote 154 sonnets, we will be trying our hand at writing one ———using iambic pentameter and Shakespeare's rhyme scheme of ABAB, CDCD, EFEF, GG. On Monday, March 18 we travel to the Chicago Shakespeare Theater on Navy Pier to see their production of Romeo and Juliet. What an amazing time we will have!

Junior High classes will not be having Valentine's parties. Room mothers may bring in a treat but there will not be a party. K-4 parties will be from 1:30-3:00.

