



Raider Report

Student Absences

It is very important when your child is gone from school that you call the school as soon as possible or send a written note to notify us as to why your son/daughter is not at school. If we do not get a call or a note the absence will be considered unexcused. An unexcused absence could result in your child serving a Saturday school or ultimately losing credit in those classes that they missed more than ten times during the semester. Please help us in keeping that from happening, review the attendance policy with your student. If you have any questions, I can be reached at 654-3317 or rohrenr@esu2.org.

From Mr. Wilson

I'm sure just about everyone has experienced the winter blahs at least a little bit by this time of the year. It has been a long hard winter so far and there is a lot of winter left! The weather certainly has provided our school with some unique challenges in getting students to school and having school in session over the last few weeks. I appreciate all of your tolerance as we work through these challenges. You sure can't see the winter blahs in our staff and student body, however. They all appear to be a positive group that keeps plugging away in their classes and activities.

It appears, however, we will be making some days up this second half of the school year. Something none of us want to do but we do have to make sure we have all the hours and days in school that are required by state statute. We haven't decided on where and how we will make up days as yet. We will need to wait and see how many more days we will have be away from school for inclement weather through the next couple of months to indicate what we have to make up for school days. We will keep you all posted on our plan of action when the time is appropriate.

On another note, we have increased our security system to include video cameras both on the outside and the inside of our Logan View facility. These cameras record movements from various parts of the campus and are recorded for documentation purposes 24/7. The school administration and the Dodge County Sheriff's Office will be able access any segment of the video recordings at any given time there is a need. There has been a great deal of curiosity by staff and students in our new system as they watch the hallways and outside campus points of interest from the monitor in the office. The school will continue to look at issues of security to make our campus safe for everyone here. Come have a look at our new camera system.

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ChildFind Notification

The Logan View Public Schools requests your help in locating handicapped children. The schools implement the Federal Handicapped Children's Act (PL-94-142) which guarantees a free appropriate educational program for all children between the ages of 0 and 21 years of age. If you have a student or know of anyone 0-21 years old with special needs who is not enrolled in an appropriate education program, please call (402) 654-3317 or write to: Steve Wilson, Superintendent, Logan View Public Schools, 2163 County Road G, Hooper, NE 68031.

Notice of Nondiscrimination

Students, parents, employees, and patrons of Logan View Public Schools, District #594 are hereby notified that this school district does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, age, veteran status, or handicap, and is required by Title IX, section 504 and Title VI not to discriminate on the basis of gender in its educational programs, activities or programs.

From the School Nurse

To PARENTS OF KINDERGARTEN AND SEVENTH-GRADERS 2010-2011.

To enter Kindergarten and Seventh-grade, your child must have the following:

- A current physical (after May 1st for seventh grade and after March 1st for Kindergarten)
- Three doses of the DPT vaccine, one given after the fourth birthday
- Two doses of the MMR vaccine—first one after 12 months of age
- Three doses of the Polio vaccine
- Three doses of the Hepatitis B vaccine
- One dose of Varicella (chicken pox) vaccine (two doses after 13 years old) or documentation of the disease

Kindergarten students are also required to have a certified copy of their birth certificate and a vision exam.

There will be a new immunization requirement for student entering 7th Grade. As of July 1st, 2010, students entering 7th Grade will be required to have a "TDAP" booster at 10 or 11 years of age. If there is an allergy to the Pertussis part of the vaccine, a waiver needs to be signed to that effect.

These are all required before starting classes in August, 2009. Please call Sharon Sagehorn, school nurse, at 402-654-3317 if there are any questions.

REMINDERS FOR COLD AND FLU SEASON:

These simple actions can stop the spread of germs and help protect you from getting sick:

- **Avoid close contact** Avoid close contact with people who are sick. When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick too.
- **Stay home when you are sick.** If possible, stay at home from work, school and errands when you are sick. You will prevent others from catching your illness.
- **Cover your mouth and nose (with your sleeve if necessary).** Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve when coughing or sneezing. It may prevent those around you from getting sick.
- **Clean your hands with soap or hand sanitizer.** Washing your hands often will help protect you from germs.
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth.** Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose, or mouth.

Other good habits, such as getting plenty of sleep, engaging in physical activity, managing stress, drinking water, and eating good food, will help you stay healthy in the winter and all year.

I would like to remind parents and students of the importance of keeping your child at home for 24 hours after having a fever of 100 degrees or more, and for 12 hours after vomiting and/or diarrhea. Cooperating in this way should decrease the spread of colds and flu among the students while at school.

Handwashing

Handwashing is the single most effective way to prevent the spread of infections.

Hands are warm, moist, parts of the body that come in frequent contact with germs that cause contagious illnesses.

Rubbing hands together under running water is the most important part of washing away infection germs. Disposable wipes and waterless hand cleaners should not be used as a substitute for washing hands with soap and running water. When running water is unavailable, waterless (alcohol-based) hand cleaner may be used as a temporary measure until hands can be washed under running water.

SOAP

Liquid soap should be used because children may not have the dexterity to handle a bar of soap. Soap does not have to be antibacterial to be effective. It is the physical action of handwashing that removes soil.

HOW TO WASH HANDS

Always use warm running water and a mild liquid soap. Disposable wipes and hand sanitizers do not effectively clean hands and do not take the place of handwashing.

Wet the hands and apply a small amount (dime to quarter size) of liquid soap to hands.

Rub hands together vigorously until a soapy lather appears and continue for at least 20 seconds. Be sure to scrub between fingers, under fingernails, and around the backs and palms of hands.

Rinse hands under warm running water. Leave the water running while drying hands.

Dry hands with a clean paper towel. Avoid touching the faucet handles or towel holder with clean hands.

Turn the faucet off using the towel.

Throw the towel in a trash can with a plastic bag liner.

WHEN SHOULD HANDS BE WASHED

CHILDREN

Upon arrival at the school

Immediately before and after eating

After using the toilet

Before and after using individual play items or moist items (such as clay)

After playing on the playground

After handling pets, pet cages, or other pet objects

Whenever hands are visibly dirty

After sneezing or coughing

ADULTS

Upon arrival at work

After using the toilet

After coming in contact with a child's bodily fluids, including runny noses or vomit

After sneezing or coughing

After handling pets, pet cages, or other pet objects

Whenever hands are visibly dirty

After cleaning

Before going home

Before and after eating, drinking, or taking a break

After handling one food and before handling another

Wellness

7 Tips for a Longer, Healthier Life

Reported by: OzarksFirst.com Thursday, Jan 21, 2010 @08:04am

Want to live a long, healthy life? The American Heart Association has seven secrets to doing just that.

The Association Says these tricks will give most 50-year olds at least another forty years, free of stroke and heart disease.

- *It's most effective if you've never smoked or stopped at least a year ago.
- *Maintain a body mass index of less than 25 -- which is the cut-off for being overweight.
- *Get at least 150 minutes of moderate exercise, or 75 minutes of vigorous exercise, each week.
- *Keep your total cholesterol below 200.
- *Maintain a blood pressure below 120/80.
- *Record a fasting blood glucose of less than 100.

*And follow four of the following five dietary recommendations:

- Eat 4 1/2 cups of fruit and vegetables a day.
- Eat two or more 3.5 ounce servings a week of fish.
- Drink no more than 36 ounces of sugar-sweetened beverages a week.
- Eat three or more 1 ounce servings of fiber-rich whole grains a day.

-And finally... Consume less than 1500 milligrams a day of salt.

Researchers are saying thousands of lives could be saved if Americans reduced the daily amount of salt in their diets by just 3 grams.

One doctor says the profit could be on a scale compared to that of cutting smoking by 50 percent, saving \$24 billion annually in health care costs.

Men typically have over 10 grams of salt each day, while the average woman is over 7 grams.

Logan View Cinch Sacks Available

The Logan View Track & Field team is currently selling cinch sacks. These are 13.5" x 18" durable nylon backpacks with a drawstring for easy opening and closing. These bags will be royal blue, black, and white, and they will have an attractive "Raiders" screen-print on the front that proudly displays that your son/daughter and you are proud to be from Logan View.

These bags will be for sale at various sporting events this fall, or you can order them by contacting the school at 654-3317. The price for these cinch sacks is \$12 each. If you are interested, or have other questions, do not hesitate to contact Joe Foust at school (654-3317), home (402/685-5317), or by email (jfoust@esu2.org). Thank you again for your continued support. GO RAIDERS!



Guidance News

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) TIME!!! FAFSA Worksheets have been given to your students. Go to www.fafsa.ed.gov to print the FAFSA worksheet or to apply on line. The Educational Quest Foundation is a free service in the assistance of filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). If you have questions when filling out the FAFSA, call Educational Quest Foundation at 1-888-357-6300 or direct call to Omaha at 402-391-4033 or 888-357-6300. It is better to ask questions when filling it out so you don't have any mistakes. If it gets sent back to you, it will take another 2-4 weeks before the college will receive it. It is time to apply now for a PIN (Personal Identification Number), so it can be used as an electronic signature when the FAFSA is completed on-line. This will: speed up the process, eliminate the signature page, and allow on-line corrections to the SAR. Go to the www.pin.ed.gov and click on "Apply for PIN" graphic and enter the requested information. You will have your own unique PIN within 3-5 days if you use e-mail or 5-7 days if mailed to your

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home. Students keep the same PIN each year and parents can use on PIN for multiple students. If you have questions call Educational Quest Foundation.

Juniors interested in the Girls and Boys State programs are encouraged to stop in the guidance office for information. Juniors will have an information meeting during raider time (Boys—Jan 27th and Girls—Feb 3rd) with representatives from the local American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, and last year's Boys' and Girls' State candidates. The students will need to fill out an application, do a resume, and go through an interview process. This is a wonderful opportunity for young people to learn about our state government and meet other juniors from around the state. It is a fun week with little expense. Application forms are due February 12th to Mrs. Kraus. Interviews for the girls will be February 16th. Boys State will be determined at a later date.

The next ACT testing date is April 10th. The registration deadline is March 5th. ACT instructions for registering online and practice tests may be picked up in the guidance office. Juniors who plan to attend a four-year college are encouraged to take this test. Most students improved their score if they take it a second or third time. John Baylor ACT Test Prep is in progress for the LV juniors.

Second semester is underway. Pre-registration for next year will start in March. Parents, this is a good time to talk to your children about the classes they are interested in taking for next year. High School teachers and staff will be talking to the high school students about graduation requirements, college entrance requirements, and answering questions the students may have. Logan View graduation requirements are in the handbook. Students will register online with Power School, more on that next month.

The ASVAB Test (optional) given to juniors will be on April 7th, at 8:30 a.m. Achievement Testing (ITBS) for 7th-9th grade is tentatively set for March.

Senior Parents—Ads Available

Senior Parents may purchase Memento Ads to congratulate their graduate in the 2009-2010 yearbook. Samples are available to help with ideas for ad designs. Contact Mr. Polk (654-2312 or jpolk@esu2.org) if you have any questions concerning a Memento Ad.

Senior Picture Deadline

Seniors who did not get their pictures (Senior portrait and Baby picture) turned in by February 1st will be contacted with a final deadline. Pictures not received by that deadline will not be included in the 2009-2010 Yearbook.

Yearbooks for Sale

The 2009-2010 Raider yearbooks went on sale in January. The cost is \$40. The books must be paid for at the time they are ordered. There are also some yearbooks from previous years. They may be purchased for \$30 each.

Media Center News

We would like to welcome two new media aides this semester. They are: Zach Dunlop and Jess Ramirez. We are looking forward to a great semester! A special thanks to the following media aides who were with us only first semester: Jordan Johnson and Sam Moeck. You were a wonderful asset to the Media Center, Thank You!!

Here are some goods sites to read book reviews, order or download books:

www.borders.com - They have a great hold feature. You can shop your local stores inventory online, put a book on hold and go in to pick it up from the checkout. If you don't have time to browse the shelves this is a great time saver.

www.barnesandnoble.com - They have a wide variety of book reviews and great customer comment sections.

www.amazon.com - You can find almost any book ever published.

www.archive.org/details/texts - Is a great site to download books to your computer or electronic reader, such as a Nook or Kindle. This way you can read a good book at anytime! This site is also a great place to get research information.

SPORTS & ACTIVITIES

Important Dates

Girls and Boys Basketball Conference Tournament

Saturday, January 30th—Girls and Boys Bunny Bracket @ West Point
Monday, February 1st—1st Round Girls @ North Bend
Tuesday, February 2nd—1st Round Boys @ Wisner
Thursday, February 4th—2nd Round Girls @ North Bend
Friday, February 5th—2nd Round Boys @ North Bend
Saturday, February 6th—Girls and Boys Finals @ North Bend

Conference Art Show—February 4th-6th @ North Bend

Girls Basketball Sub-Dist.—February 15th, 16th, and 18th at Oakland

Boys Basketball Sub-Dist.—February 22nd, 23rd, and 25th at Oakland

Wrestling Conference Tournament—Saturday, February 6th at West Point

District Wrestling—February 12th and 13th at West Point

Conference Speech—Saturday, February 27th at Lyons

Be sure to check out highschoolsports.net for the latest scores, pictures, and schedule changes for Logan View High School.

Music News

On Sunday, February 14th from 2:15 – 5:00 p.m. the Logan View music department will be hosting “Sweets with your Sweetheart.” This fundraiser event will include students in Band and Choir from 5th through 12th grade. Not only will the full ensembles play, but there will be many solos and small ensembles scheduled as well. The concert is intended to be a casual event where people may come and go as they please. Desserts and other refreshments will be served and we will be accepting free-will donations to benefit all Logan View music students. Look for announcements posted throughout the community, and invite as many family members, friends, and others as you would like. We want our students to be heard. Also note that since this will end at 5:00 p.m. you can still go out for a Valentine’s Day dinner with that special someone. We look forward to seeing you there.

Thank you to everyone that bought Discount Cards from our junior high and high school music students. We made over \$2600 with this fundraiser and have been able to purchase 22 new music stands with storage cart, and 60 new leather choir folders.

Saturday, February 20th is Elkhorn High School’s Band Olympics. This is a solo and small ensemble contest for 9th and 10th graders. This year, Logan View is sending 12 soloists to this contest, which is more than double from last year. Results should be published in the next Raider Report.

The Junior High Choir Contest this year will be at the Malcolm Music Contest on Thursday, March 18th. Please note that this is a change from the original calendar due to a scheduling conflict. The time for this event will be determined later, but will be sometime between 4:30 and 9 p.m. The Junior High Band Contest will be at Norfolk again this year on Saturday, April 17th. This is not a change from the original calendar. Friday, April 23rd is the date for the High School Band and Choir at the District Music Contest in Yutan. More details will be coming as we get closer to these dates.

The final concert for all junior high and high school music students will be Tuesday, May 11th at 7 p.m. Thank you for your continued support of music at Logan View. Go Raiders!

FCCLA News

The family and friend potluck was a big success in spite of the weather. During our game session, we found out that many of our family is quite talented with their toes and that some of our family members don't mind chewing gum with the wrapper still on! A big thank you goes out to Kaleigh Nemec and Abby Stollberg for planning the entertainment and to the families & members for the fantastic tables of food.

STAR competition was held at Logan View on Wednesday, February 3rd. Logan View had the following entries: Elliot Janssen & Kayla Bending in Illustrated Talk JR with the topic of "Sugar Overload", Austin Peterson & Brooke Ellerman in Promote and Publicize FCCLA, Marisa Ruwe and Kaliegh Nemec and Abby Stollberg in Interpersonal Communications with the topic of creating better communication within a student sport team. Stay tuned for pictures and results in the local newspaper.

FCCLA week will be observed during the week of February 8-12. The officers have many activities planned for the week. Pictures will be posted on the website.

The annual Sweetheart Dance will be Saturday, February 27. The candidates will be selected and will be announced in the local newspaper. The dance is open to the Logan View High School students and their dates.

Close-Up

Participants of Close Up had their final payment due on Wednesday, February 3rd. This payment was the amount that was left on their balance. Students were given a summary of their account at a meeting during Raider Time on Tuesday, January 26th. Account information can also be accessed at www.closeup.org. You will need your participant ID and password to view your account. If you have any questions, please contact Vanessa Tanderup at 654-3317 or vtander2@esu2.org. Thank you to everyone that has helped to support the Close Up program this year!

Spring Musical

This year's musical, titled "The Ever After," will be performed for the grade school students at a matinee on Wednesday, March 17th at 1:00 p.m. in the Logan View High School Lecture Hall. Public performances will be Friday, March 19th, and Saturday, March 20th, at 7:00 p.m. Admission is \$3.

"The Ever After" is a musical comedy set during a popular daytime talk show. Host Monterey Jack Chesterfield Williamson works his magic to resolve the differences between Cinderella and her estranged stepsister, work through a prince turning back into a frog! All in a tidy episode replete with pauses for commercial sponsorship. Students have begun working on both the music and dialogue and are looking forward to the production's performance nights. We look forward to seeing you there!

Academic Decathlon

The Logan View School Academic Decathlon Team participated at regional competition held across the state. Midland College hosted some of the small schools and very small schools competition. The focus of the competition was the French Revolution.

Logan View had 11 students participated in the various level and divisions. Leah Harmon, Adam Kruger, Jake Kment, Tanner Kremke, Alex Liston and Cody Weltikol comprised the Regular team. Marisa Ruwe, Nate McCormick, Abby Stollberg, Brittany Epperson and Jordan Schlueter were the alternate team.

Results for the students who received medal are:

Mathematics: Golds-Leah and Jake, Silvers-Alex and Brittany-Gold, Bronze-Jordan

Language and Literature: Silver-Marisa, Bronzes-Cody, Alex, Brittany, Jordan, and Nate

Art: Silvers-Brittany and Marisa, Bronze-Nate

Music: Bronze-Abby

Econ: Gold-Brittany

Science: Silvers-Brittany and Abby

Top scorer for Logan View was Leah Harmon who received a gold medal.

The team from Logan View placed 6th in the small school division.

Speech Team

The Logan View Speech Team began their competitive season on Saturday, January 16th at the Pierce High School Invitational. BreOnna Schneck and Anthony Ramirez earned superior ratings for their poetry performances. In January, students also competed at North Bend Central and their home meet, the Logan View Invitational. February will be a busy month as well with contests at West Point Central Catholic, David City, and the East Husker Conference meet at Lyons-Decatur Northeast. Look for results in upcoming issues of the Raider Report!

Booster Club

The winter sports season is in full swing. The Logan View girls and boys basketball teams and our wrestling team are heading into the last half of their seasons. Check out their schedules and be sure to come out and cheer them on. Go Raiders!!

The annual Soup Supper Night was held on January 16th when Logan View hosted Wisner-Pilger for a full day of basketball. Thank you to all of the Booster Parents who helped work the event that day and to everyone who supplied soup and bars and donated their time and effort. A special thanks to Ruth Ready for helping to organize the soup supper this year. It was a great success!

At the December Logan View Sports Booster's meeting members agreed to purchase some new items for our school. The recently installed large screen TV located in the cafeteria can be used for replays of games and matches and our fans and guests have really enjoyed watching televised sporting events when there is a break in the action in the gym. Included in the list of other new items are a DVD tower, a button maker, new championship and runner up banners and a wrestling banner. In addition, LV Boosters agreed to a \$2000.00 allotment to start the funding for a new scoreboard for the track and football field.

Mark your calendars for the next Logan View Sports Boosters meeting which will be held on Monday, February 8th at 7:00 pm in the Logan View Lecture Hall. We invite all parents who have a child participating in sports at Logan View to attend.

Fan Appreciation Nights are a great time to come out and cheer on The Raiders!! A big thank you to Pam Mowinkel and Patti Popken for putting together a night for our wrestling fans complete with banana splits. Thanks to all of the parents that helped put on such a great night for our wrestling fans. Basketball fans get ready to enjoy an evening with fun events and lots of basketball on Friday, February 12th. The Logan View boys and girls basketball teams will host Lyons/Decatur. We hope to see you there for another great Basketball Fan Appreciation Night!

Elementary News

Elementary Calendar

Thursday & Friday, Feb. 11 & 12

Thursday, February 18

Friday, February 19

Saturday, February 20

Week of March 22

Wednesday, April 1

NO SCHOOL

Parent/ Teacher Conferences

K-6 Assembly @ LV Lecture Hall

NO SCHOOL

Dodge County Spelling Bee @ Fremont

ITBS Testing

Kindergarten Roundup

NO KINDERGARTEN CLASSES

From Mr. Schultz

The canned food drive went very well, with nearly 700 pounds of food collected. The total was great considering two days off and one late start in our two-week contest period. The 5th Grade won the contest by bringing in 200 pounds by themselves. The real winners were everyone who participated to help the Low Income Ministries, Thanks for your support.

K-6 Parent-Teachers Conferences will be held on February 11th-12th. There will be no school on those days for K-6 students. The conferences are very important to your child's education; please make a special effort to attend.

Just a reminder to all patrons of the district that our PIE (parent organization) is collecting Boxtops for Education, Campbell Soup labels, HyVee receipts and printer cartridges. There is a collection box in the front hallway of the Hooper building, or can be dropped off in the office or your child's attendance center or your child's classroom.

Kindergarten Roundup

Logan View Public Schools Kindergarten Round-up will be held Thursday, April 1st, at the Logan View Kindergarten building. If you have a child who will reach the age of 5 by October 15th, 2010, he/she is eligible to attend kindergarten this Fall. Please call the elementary office in Hooper, 654-3315, to register your child as soon as possible. Preliminary enrollment forms will be mailed after you have registered your child. Please call for more information, questions or concerns.

Basketball Skill Sessions

The Girls' and Boys' High School basketball programs will be hosting skill three sessions for students in the 3rd-6th Grades. Sessions will be conducted by Coach Turner and Coach Gahan at the Logan View gym. The cost for the skill sessions is \$10 per player. The sessions are:

Saturday January 30	9:00-10:30 a.m.
Saturday, February 6	8:00-9:30 a.m.
Saturday, February 13	9:00-10:30 a.m.

We will work on basketball skills, fundamentals, drills, contests, and games. A registration form is attached at the end of the newsletter.

Elementary Media

Accelerated Reader Teams are moving up the point charts!! A rally was held for the "In the Valley League" at the Hooper site on January 12th and one for the "On the Hill League" was held one on Friday, January 29th. Individuals were rewarded for points as well as teams for their standings. Thanks to the P.I.E. group for supporting our efforts with their donation to go toward prizes! We will hold a similar reading gathering for K-1 students for "Read Across America" in March.

Second graders talked about "companion books", or those with a sequel. It's fun to see how the same characters and story lines are continued in another story! The books we read were: Saving Sweetness, and Raising Sweetness. Both books used some figurative language and gave students the ideas if what idioms are.

Sixth Graders used the thesaurus on Microsoft Word to locate synonyms for a list of words. They realized that the words were actually from "Jingle Bells" and they sang the wintery song with some strange variations. There's a reason why lyricists use specific words for their songs! We learned, too, that John Pierpont had no ideas he was writing a song that would last for decades as he'd considered himself a failure all his life.

Fifth graders just began studying the "fantasy" genre. They are locating some titles and call numbers for many fantasy authors on OPAC. They will also complete a fantasy story and type it on their computers. It's interesting to see how many different directions a story line can go!!

First Graders have been reading from a series about the adventures of Little Polar Bear. They are also creating a booklet about places a polar bear can hide. It's fun to color, cut and glue for a story, too!!

Fourth Graders are working on "researching reference sources". Once they've become familiar with several of them, they'll put them to use by answering several questions by accessing the reference materials.

Third graders will soon be viewing a "filmstrip" titled the "Frog Prince" and completing several activities related to that!

Title I

Parent-teacher conferences are being held in February. There was a note in your child's Friday folder stating a time for the main classroom teacher. Mrs. Obermiller will try to be available at that time for conferences but because of her other jobs she might not be there all the time slots. If you would like her to at your conference, please let her know. You can send a note or call the school at 654-3315 to request her to be at your conference. Mrs. Hiebenthal will send out a schedule next week with times for your student on it. Please let us know if those times do to work for you.

Title 1 cont.

Due to conferences and in-service trainings, there are a few days we know there will not be school. We will be sending home books for the children to read, reading games to play, and math games to play. Remember practice improves the skills.

Call if you have any questions or concerns. Thank-you for sharing your students with us.

Mrs. Obermiller and Mrs. Hiebenthal

Kindergarten

February is always a fun and exciting month for Kindergarten. We will look for shadows on Groundhog Day, celebrate the long awaited 100th Day of School, President's Day and Valentine's Day.

We have worked hard at learning all of the letter names and each of their sounds, how many sounds we can hear in words that are made up from those letters, and how many word parts we can hear in words. We are starting to read and write more words, too. Some words you can sound out and some words you just have to learn how to spell!!

We like to sing our National Anthem following the Pledge each morning, along with learning the days of the week and the months of the year. For President's Day we will take a closer look at the presidents that are on the coins we have been learning to count with. This month we will be learning to count by 5's! We know how to count by 1's and 10's.

We know the groundhog is just one of many animals that hibernate during the winter months, but other animals hunt for food or store food away for the long, cold days of winter. Our world continues to expand as we explore the other regions of the world where Arctic animals live. They live in the cold all year!

February is also the month we study good health. Good nutrition and exercise will help keep us healthy. We are inviting community helpers to visit our classroom and read stories to us. Superintendent Wilson and Principal Schultz came and read to us already. We hope they can come back and read to us again!

First Grade

In math we are learning 2-digit addition without regrouping. We have made grocery stores in our rooms to help us learn this skill. We are learning to skip count by 5's and we practice our addition and subtraction facts every day.

Our reading stories are getting longer and harder. Everyone is doing a terrific job learning all of the sight words. It takes a lot of extra practice at home and we appreciate all the support and help the parents give to the children.

In social studies we learned about Martin Luther King, Jr. We read several books and did some writing to celebrate the life of this important man.

In February we will celebrate Valentine's Day with a class party. We will be celebrating Black History Month by studying George Washington Carver and Rosa Parks. We will be learning about peanuts, the human body, and of course George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Second Grade

The students in Second Grade have been working hard in the New Year. January went by quickly and it is time for Parent Teacher conferences again. We look forward to discussing your child's progress on either February 11th or 12th. You should have received a note with your scheduled conference time in your child's Friday Folder. Look for a note soon in your child's Friday Folder concerning Valentine's Day parties. A big thank you goes to parents who have provided treats for our parties. They have been delicious and greatly appreciated!

Students continue to work in the unit "Look Around" in reading. The stories have to do with surprises all around us. Continue to read the stories and leveled readers at home. We have students at a variety of fluency levels in our classroom. For some, it is important to work on basic reading rate. Others need to slow down a bit and pause when there is a comma or period. Students who are reading smoothly should work on adding expression to their oral reading.

We will write a story this month in English class. Students will read and identify characteristics of a published model. The goals for the project are to write an interesting beginning sentence, make sure their story has a beginning, middle, and end, and include interesting details about the setting, characters and plot. They will pre-write, draft, revise, proofread and publish their original story.

Our math focus for February will include numbers and operations, data analysis and probability, and measurement. We will work with subtracting two digit numbers and reading pictographs. Continue to work with your student at home on daily fact practice and homework pages. Please make sure that you check their work before they return it the next day. Help your child with and areas of difficulty and sign the page so that we know you have looked at it. Thank you very much for working with your child on this very important component of Saxon Math.

We continue to work on the unit titled Ways of Living in social studies. Our snow days prevented us from completing this unit in January. We hope to complete this unit and begin our next unit in February. It will deal with people at work.

We are presently working on the unit Our Earth in science. Our next unit will deal with weather and space. One of the sections in this unit discusses storms. Our students have had a lot of experience with that this year! We anticipate much sharing about our winter weather.

Third Grade

February is a busy month in third grade. Now that we have finished our unit on verbs in English, we are practicing writing a friendly letter. We will be sending a letter along with our Flat Stanley to a friend or relative. Hopefully, Stanley will have a wonderful journey and we will learn more about the community that Flat Stanley visited. We will also be writing a friendly letter for our personal narrative for our portfolio.

During the Parent Teacher's conferences, the students will be involved in sharing their success and some of the things that they need to work on during the rest of the year with their parents. Their parents and teachers will also share some of the student's success and some things that they can do to prepare them for fourth grade.

In Reading, we have started a new book and our theme is Tell Me More. This unit will help children learn more about the world. In addition, they continue to read Chapter books during RRT. We have finished Chapter Four in Social Studies and will be learning about how communities grew in the 1800s and the different types of transportation during that time. We are also starting a new unit Science and are studying how plants and animals interact and what food chains and food webs are.

We are finishing our capital letters in Cursive and will begin writing cursive in one of our subjects. In March, we will be writing perfect squares, adding money amounts, learning about the temperature on the Celsius Scale, and will continue to learn multiplication and measuring. This month Mrs. Bliemeister will take class to the Care Center so that they can spend time with their Grandfriends.

Fourth Grade

Although students will have some days off in February, they will be very busy learning when they are in the classroom. In Science, students will be making and learning about simple machines. They will also be writing expository essays about future careers that interest them. Fourth graders are making valentines to send to the Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System of the Department of Veterans Affairs. This has been an annual project for the fourth graders for the past several years. A few of the topics for Math will be geometry, long division, and multiplication.

Fourth graders have finished learning about all five regions of the United States. A 50 States Fair culminated the United States geography portion of social studies. Nebraska history is the next topic in social studies.

The focus in reading class is biographies. Students will be reading several biographies and autobiographies and doing a book project. In English class students are learning about capitalization and punctuation in sentences.

Andy Warhol is the artist of the month in February. Students will be creating valentine pictures in his style. They will also be using the computer to create some Warhol-style art using photographs of themselves.

We look forward to visiting with parents and students at conferences. It will be a time to visit about student progress made so far this year and about goals to work towards for the remainder of this school year.

Fifth Grade

The fifth graders will be going on their field trip Wednesday, February 17th, to the Omaha Symphony at the Holland Performing Arts Center in Omaha. We will also visit the Mormon Winter Quarters in Omaha, and the Western Historic Trails Center in Council Bluffs, Iowa. We will leave at 8:25 a.m. and return shortly before the end of the school day. We are looking forward to the day and want to thank all of the parent volunteers who will help us with the day!

In Reading, we will be learning about imaginative stories. We will also be learning about how smog affects our Earth.

In English, we will be working with capitalization and punctuation; we will use commas and pronouns. We will also be writing to our Pen Pals again.

We will make Valentines for our local veterans during the first part of the month. Thanks to all of those members of our community who have taken time to serve our country. We appreciate their service and commitment to keeping our freedom!

We will have a Creative Communications Contest. Mrs. Von Essen will be sending home information about this in our Friday folders. Each student is eligible to try out for it. They could become a "Top 10 Poet" and win over \$3,000 in prizes! Good luck to everyone who chooses to participate!

In Math, we will be working with ratios and fractions. We will spend a lot of time learning about greatest common factor, least common multiple, and learning how to add and subtract fractions. We will continue working on our math facts as these seem to be stumbling blocks to a lot of our students.

We will also be working on our Chemistry unit in Science class during February and March. We will do a lot of mixing and stirring during this unit. We hope to get started on our simple machines by March.

In Social Studies, we will learn about the French influence of colonial America. We will do a French Leader project in class and your child will present it to their classmates. We will learn about some of our Presidents as we near President's Day. We will also learn about the things that led up to the Boston Tea Party, and we will do a play about the Boston Tea Party.

We are looking forward to Student Led Conferences that will be held on the 11th and 12th of this month. Your child has worked very hard to prepare for this special event.

Fifth Grade cont.

We are very proud of our students for working so hard. We want to continue to encourage all of our students to work toward being on the A Honor Roll or the A/B Honor Roll. We know it is very possible for them all to do it with some hard work and perseverance! It is always a pleasure to work with such great people, thanks for letting us be a part of your child's life. –Mrs. Uehling and Mrs. Von Essen

Sixth Grade

The Sixth Grade has studied about Teddy Roosevelt riding with the Rough Riders. We are learning about WW I and WW II. We are searching our families for men or women who helped during the wars. We continue to write Josh Marreel.

In math we are building sculptures with geometric solid shapes. We will judge the sculptures for the most creative, colorful, used the most shapes. We will be judging this week.

In science, we are having fun with waves, sound and light. We looked through the Spectroscope to see the light split into the spectrum.

Clubhouse News

Out-Of-School Days

There are a few planned dates coming up where there will not be school. Please mark your calendar for the remaining CLC field trip and /or activity days. As usual, a note will come home telling you what the field trip or activity will be, but pick-up and drop-off times/sites, and other specific information. You just need to return the bottom portions of those notes to sign your student up for the Out-of-School CLC days. Those dates are:

February 12th
March 15th

February 19th
April 13th

March 12th

Evaluation

We had our official yearly evaluation on Friday, January 22nd. Please call if you have any questions or would like to know the results. We need families to join the Advisory Group. Call 654-2221 if you are interested. Parent and student surveys are coming up in late March.

New Schedule

Kindergarten and First Grade have usual activities set up for each day of the week. Those are: Mondays-Guest Reader or Science Club, Tuesdays-Art Club, Wednesdays-Sports Club, Thursdays-Music Club, and Fridays-Computer Club.

The other grades all have activities planned for each day, but the staff has to be extremely flexible and able to change plans at the last minute due to homework loads, which vary on a nightly basis.

Africa Pen Pals

We are still waiting for our letters from our sister school in Africa. We've been told it takes a bit of extra time for the first group of letters to arrive and the schools to get use to their new pen pals. We'll continue to anxiously wait for the mail!

Thank Yous

Thank you to Lucas and Claire Parr's family for donating more goodies for the Treasure Box. Thank you to Jaydee and James Ruppert's Grandma for donating sacks of pretzels. Math Club here we come! We really appreciate both families generosity.

Thank you ahead of time to Olivia Doughty's Mom for volunteering to come and help us. Her work schedule has changed and we are thrilled that she will be able to help us out a bit each week. Yea!!

Thank you for being patient with the weather. It has made it interesting to say the least. Please check the hotline if you are questioning if there is school. Hopefully the new phone system is working well and alerting you to late starts, school closings, PIE meetings, and any other pertinent information.

Anything Else

Please continue to call 654-2221 if your student will not be at CLC, their schedule changes, or you need anything else. As always, call if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions.