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Upcoming Events

- ◆ 10/7 - 2:00 Dismissal
- ◆ 10/8 - 7th grade field trip to Central
- ◆ 10/12 - MS QSP Fundraiser
- ◆ 10/13 - JH V-Ball @ New Sharon
- ◆ 10/14 - JH F-Ball @ BGM
- ◆ 10/15 - K-3 Fire Prevention
- ◆ 10/16 - 6th grade field trip to Mariposa
- ◆ 10/21 - 2:00 Dismissal
- ◆ 10/30 - 2:00 Dis., End of 1st Qtr.

Principal's News

We are already a little more than halfway through the first quarter. As I walk through our classrooms, it is clear that the students have settled in to the new school year. It is exciting to watch them learn and grow!

You may remember that we participated in McTeacher's Night last year to raise money for an author visit. It was a fun and successful night that resulted in a visit by Iowa author Jacqueline Briggs Martin. She shared her expertise with all of our students in elementary and middle school.

We are excited to announce that L-S will once again take part in McTeacher's Night at the McDonald's off I-80 exit 168. L-S will receive 20% of the sales from 4:00 to 8:00 PM on Tuesday, October 27th.

Our staff members will be learning new talents to proudly

Changes in the Weather

Although the school year is flying by, it does not seem like our local meteorologists should already be talking about the possibility of snow. As the weather begins to cool down and more layers are needed for recess, please make sure your child's jackets, sweatshirts, gloves, etc. are labeled so we can return them

serve you hamburgers, fries, drinks, or anything else you may choose to order. If you don't have time to stop in and eat with us, don't worry. Drive-thru orders also count as part of the fundraiser.

The money raised will go toward an exciting experience for our students. Rice University, the Houston Museum of Science, and NASA have partnered to create the Dome Theater Mobile Planetarium. The Dome Theater will provide our students with a unique opportunity to explore science and history concepts. To learn more visit

www.dometheater.net. Mark your calendars for October 27th and we'll see you at McDonald's!

Thank you for sharing your children with us each day!

- Teri Bowlin

to the correct student if they end up in the lost and found.

We know these can often be expensive to replace. By being proactive, we can hopefully help you limit trips to the store to buy cold weather items.

Library Corner by Bonita Jansen and Monica Lanser

SUMMER READING PROGRAM A SUCCESS

This summer our reading program was "Be Creative @ Your Library". Students had to complete the following goals: Kind-1st Grade - 50 books, 2nd-3rd grade - 30 books, & 4th-6th grade - 20 books. The readers had to read in their reading level. On September 23, 2009 was the day to reward our readers. We had a pizza party for all the students who had made their reading goals. The following students completed their goals: Josh Hardenbrook, Brooke Maston, Sydney Jansen, Ryan Annee, Noah Johnson, Joshua Morningstar, Aliya James, Logan Allbee, Kyle Van Gorp, Coby Cordes, Elana Newell, Krystal Van Dyke, Korinne Jansen, Riley Terlouw, Megan Van Zante, Dalton Hackert, Hadley Tice, Matthew Sparks, Elizabeth Doane, Emily Rozendaal, Maren Egging, Yana Van Wyk, Slater Young, Jacob Morningstar, Emily Van Gorp, Kaylee Maasdam Shaleah Van Wyk,

Makayla Rozendaal, Kole Kinion, Camryn Russell, Hailey Scandridge, Skyler Young, Garrett Cordes, Madison Johnson, Rebecca Morningstar, Brett Maasdam, Zach Van Waardhuizen, Haley James, Alexis Hardenbrook, Tyler Van Zante, Makenzy Rozendaal, Jelissa Rozendaal, Brenna Lanser, Levi Cordes & Cooper Scandridge. We had a great time celebrating our reading success at our pizza party.



Counselor's Corner by Nicholas De Penning

I have been able to watch several football games up close this fall. Listening to the team huddles and how they communicate and work or don't work together is very interesting and sometimes comical. Good teamwork and communication makes the game go smoothly and the teams can handle adversity when it comes.

This school year, the staff is focusing on teamwork and team building to help increase unity in our already well working team. We are also working on teamwork to enable us to pass it along to our students.

Having the students work well in their classroom and in small groups takes careful communication between all members.

When I have come into the classroom for social skills lessons we have been working on improving our communication skills. Being able to be an effective listener and knowing when to add new information is important for good communication. We have discussed that arguing, blaming, or interrupting can stop good communication. I have taken time to have the students practice

speaking with another person one on one and working in groups. We have also practiced sharing in front of the class. Being able to effectively share and listen in each of these situations helps a person be a quality teammate. The more chances the students get to work as a team will help build a comfortable classroom and better learning environment.

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Middle School News by Jeff Corbett, Middle School Math

MAKE ME A NUMBER!

The MS math students have a fun and interesting challenge this fall. Their task is to “make” Mr. Corbett a number. What this means is that they must create a math problem which equals the designated number for their class period.

There are rules. The math problem must use each digit 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5. Each digit can only be used once. They can combine digits to make double-digit numbers.

They are allowed to use any symbols along with these digits.



Here’s an example: To make the number 62, they could write $54 + 3^2 - 1 = 62$. Of course, there are probably many other ways to “make” 62.

Our MS classes started with number one and have

progressed making every number up to 60, at this point. After a class makes the number, the next class’s challenge is to make the next number. Whichever class makes the most numbers, wins the contest. Perhaps you have seen your child making these numbers as part of their homework. Encourage them to be prepared for their turn to “Make me a number”!

Health Watch by Joan Fopma, School Nurse

A good education for your child depends on many things, including good vision. Your child uses his eyes constantly in the classroom and at play. If vision skills are not functioning properly, your child may struggle in school. One in four children experience vision problems. Many children do not realize that the way they see is

not normal or that their vision is changing.

I have started the annual vision screening for all students in first through eighth grades. If a student is having problems during the screening, I will send a referral note to the parents, or give them a call. Regular professional eye examinations by an

optometrist or ophthalmologist are recommended to fully assess the health of your child’s eyes.

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Staff Spotlight by Kyle Van Dyke and Mary Chaffin

MRS. CONOVER

Mrs. Conover, age 36, is the Art teacher at Lynnville-Sully elementary and high school. Her favorite subject in art to teach is Advanced Art: Clay. If she could have any other job in the world, she would like to be a National Geographic photographer.

I learned some interesting trivia about Mrs. Conover. Her favorite book series as an adult is the *Twilight* series. Her favorite book as a kid was *Little*

House On the Prairie. Her favorite toy as a child was a kettle that she filled up with grass and moss to make "stew" (she tried to feed that to her horses). She has played instruments, too. She has played trumpet, piano and guitar. Her favorite food is pepperoni pizza and crab legs.

Mrs. Conover grew up in Grundy Center. Her immediate family includes McKinley age 9, Denali age 6, Alexy Bell age 3, and her husband, Ben, age 38. They love to go on vacations and enjoy spending their time fishing and camping.

If she was given \$1,000,000,000 she would build a new gym and remodel her art studio. She would love to have a digital photo lab, so her classes could put more digital art into their projects.



Student Council Update by Karli Roozeboom

Alexa Vander Leest and Laura Eckles

Middle School Dance

The middle school dance will be on November 4th, 2009. All students should dress-up nice. The dance will start at 6:30 and end at 8:30 pm. There will be a snack bar provided with pizza and pop. Alexandria Goodyk said, "I'm excited to dance and have a fun time with all of my friends." Eighth grader Korey Exline said, "I'm so stoked for the music and dancing coming up!" The middle school dance will be great fun for the students to dance and talk with their friends. We encourage everyone who is eligible to attend. To be eligible you must have:

- Less than 5 AMTS,
- Less than 1 hour of detention,
- no Saturday school,
- no failing grade in any subject, and
- no suspension from school.

We hope to see everyone at the dance.