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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Oh the Places We've Gone!... Our theme this year has carried us into deeper thinking about Math and how it applies to our every day lives. The theme has also taken us into many more places with interesting characters, settings, and themes! Students have also earned "passport stamps" to travel to: Los Angeles, Hawaii, Australia, Italy, Egypt, Antarctica, China, Ireland, Mexico and hopefully will end the year in England.

In September, we committed to good communication between school and home. Many of you have provided your e-mail which is a big help! We send the newsletter electronically to most with approx. 60 students getting a paper copy to take home. The student planners is another communication tool we use that students should be showing their parents each night. Part of learning and growing is having students become more responsible for their own learning. This includes getting information home to parents.

PTA has been an incredible blessing this year. They have supported our academic efforts through providing funding for books, field trips, and assemblies. Thanks to all of you who have helped in any way.

We will have a Back to School night in August which will include a structured parent meeting explaining procedures for each grade level. Information will be coming later on this.

We have thoroughly enjoyed your children this year! It has been a pleasure to get to know our families and work alongside you!

Nancy Van Wyk, Principal

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MAY CALENDAR:

May	Cycle Day	Activity
1	2	5R to Ashton Park 5:30 Boy Scouts
2	3	2:00 DISMISSAL
3	4	4 th Grade to Pella Tulip Time Mrs. Barr's Class to Simpson College 5L to Ashton Park 6:00 – Cub Scouts
4	5	5S to Ashton Park
7	6	DIBELS and STAR End of Year Reading Tests to be given this week. 5B to Ashton Park 6:00 – Cub Scouts
8	1	4 th Grade to Exercise Your Character in DSM. 5:30 – Boy Scouts 6:00 – PTA at TJ
9	2	2:00 DISMISSAL Student Council- Community Service Project (City Parks)
10	3	5 th grade to Iowa Children's Water Festival 6:00 – iSPIN Parent Mtg. – LMC 6:00 – Cub Scouts
14	5	1:00 3 rd Grade orientation visit from T.J. 6:00 Cub Scouts
15	6	1:00 3 rd Grade orientation visit from T.J. 5:30 Boy Scouts
16	1	2:00 DISMISSAL
17	2	11:20 – Student Council Pizza Party 12:30 – NTAG INVISION in gym 6:00 – Cub Scouts
18	3	6 th Gr. SCIENCE FAIR
21	4	6:00 – Cub Scouts
22	5	10:00-11:30 4 th Gr. Track and Field Day 12:30-2:30 5 th /6 th Track and Field Day 5:30 Boy Scouts
23	6	2:00 DISMISSAL
24	1	(Track and Field Rain Date) 6:00 – iSPIN Parent Mtg.-Gym 6:00 – Cub Scouts
28		No School – Memorial Day
29	3	5:30 – Boy Scouts
30	4	1:00 DISMISSAL – LAST DAY

WW/TJ PTA MEETING

May 8, 2011

Thomas Jefferson

6-7:30 pm

(childcare provided)

WW WALK-A-THON:

What a great effort by students and staff during our Walk-a-Thon! Pledges raised will go to support our literacy efforts in the building (Books, Books, Books!). Robyn Friedman did a wonderful job of organizing this for us!! Pledges should be collected and turned into the office by May 1st.

T.J./W.W Joint PTA Meeting:

PTA minutes for April 3rd, 2012

Attendance: Nancy Van Wyk, Diane Babcock, Deana Gast, Ina Heidemann, Denise Templeman, Sarah Muhs, Carrie Garrett, Lisa Sharp, Rishell Myers, Ryan Zink, Amber Zink, Megan Holden, Stephanie Critchfield, Robyn Friedman, Hilary Mastio, Nicole Biondi, Michelle Stalzer, Joe Klingensmith,

Meeting called to order by Joe Klingensmith

Inspirational prayer by Joe Klingensmith

Agenda: Carrie Garrett, 2nd Stephanie Critchfield

March Minutes: Hilary Mastio, 2nd Robyn Friedman

TJ Treasurers Report: Stephanie Critchfield, 2nd Michelle Stalzer

Principal's Report: Lisa Sharp— Thank you for the suppers for conferences! They were great! And thank your for the snacks for testing 3rd graders. Pictures are the 9th. Concert is the 12th. Submitted grant app from Wal-mart foundation for the playground with a topic of health and fitness (\$5,000). May 2nd HS is having a community service day. They will come and help with the courtyard. Would love to have parents involved from 11:40-2:30. Robyn: Contact Project Awake (Nathan Unsworth) about plant sale. On April 23rd TJ presents to the school board at 7pm. Would we be willing to provide snacks? Megan Holden: Round up is next week. All 5 kindergarten classes received the farm bureau grant. Will buy books and seeds, etc.

I. Committee Reports:

A. Labels and Box Tops: Mrs. Peters class won overall. April 17th in OmahaBox Top university. If anyone would like to go, let Denise know.

B. Membership: Claudia is interested in helping.

C. Teacher Appreciation: Teacher appreciation is May 7th-11th, 2012 Stephanie and Deana will chair. Robyn will contact massage therapists. Would the teachers be willing to join www.teacherlists.com? If all teachers join, the school could receive lots of prizes.

D. School Events: Turn off the TV night is April 19th, 2012 from 6-8 pm. Luau theme. Stephanie has décor. Would teachers be willing to help? If you are interested in helping, please let Robyn know. City Wide Book Sale: Need 2 people per shift. Thursday night 6-8. Friday 10-12, 12-2, and 6-8.

E. Fundraisers: TJ Trot on April 19th. Each classroom will walk or run for 20-30 minutes. We need volunteers to help keep track of how many laps they do. Use rubber bands to keep track of each child's laps? Start at 8:30. Teachers can count rubber bands at the end. Stephanie

can help 8:30-10. Robyn will be there all day. Hilary will get cups and Rice Krispie treats. Prizes for the top 3 pledge earners from each school (Gift Cards?). Top runner in each class will get a 1st place gold medal. Principals will let us know about a postpone date for rain. IDEA: MathatonEvery grade has 30 math problems and got sponsors per question. F. Reflections: Carrie will purchase gifts for the five that went to state. Will spend around \$10-\$15 per child. Will have them ready to hand out at the last assembly.

G. Concessions: Did a call campaign but will email out again. Concession dates: April 16th, 17th, 19th, 24th, 26th, May 1st, 3rd, 8th, 17th, 18th, 20th. Contact Lisa Miller (641-521-9899) newtonptaconcessions@gmail.com Ideally they would like 5-7 people per night. Will send out email reminders to those who volunteer.

H. Open Your Heart: Rishell—thanks to everyone who helped raise funds and supplies. There have been many children and families who have benefited from Open Your Heart this year. Rishell and Sommer will run OYH next year.

I. Book Fair: Sarah Muhs—Book fair is a Buy One Get One! April 16th-20th. 9:30-3:30 Wednesday from 9:30-2:30. Extra hours on Thursday from 530-8. Luau theme in the library. Email Sarah at semuhs@yahoo.com

J. TJ Playground: Diane: Will have a meeting with Eric Smith (maintenance) and then will have a committee meeting soon after. We would love to get as much purchased and as much put in during the summer as possible. Trying to find a couple days to put equipment in and would love help. District is paying for a gate and perhaps some tiling. Eric is looking at information for speed bumps. <PETITION for pick up and drop of lane!!!>

K. Nomination of Officers: President: Stephanie Critchfield, Vice President: Amber Zink, Treasurer: (Have a few people in mind.), Secretary: Carrie Garrett

II. Unfinished Business

A. Jean Morgan Grant sent in.

III. New Business

A. Thank you letters from first and second graders for the blues in the school.

B. April 13th-14th State PTA convention in DSM. Reflections award ceremony. Vendor fairFree stuff. Great information. We have money allotted if anyone would like to attend. National convention is the end of June. City wide will fund your trip if you'd like to join the board.

C. Relay for life. Change for cancer, mid-May.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Michelle Stalzer, 2nd Stephanie Critchfield

City-wide April 17th, 2012 at 6:30 in the Annex building TJ/WW meeting on May 1st at 6:00 in the TJ Library.

Respectfully submitted by Amber Zink



Fourth Grade Forum:

Happy month of May 4th grade parents! The end of the school year is in sight and we wanted to update you on some things coming up for your children. The 4th grade is participating in the 26 day countdown. We will be sending home a week by week schedule every Friday instead of a list of activities for all of the days. You should expect information from your child every Friday regarding the next week's activities.

The 4th grade will also be taking a field trip to Pella next Thursday, May 3rd. If you are interested in being a chaperone, please contact your homeroom teacher. We are only able to take a couple of parents per class so contact us soon if you are interested.

Students are working hard on meeting their behavior goals and getting to Mexico. With our theme this year, we have visited many places while working towards being safe, respectful, and responsible. We will be ending the year by visiting England and having the kids participate in Olympic style events. Thank you for all the constant re-teaching and reinforcement you have helped us with this year regarding behavior at school!

Fifth Grade Findings:

In our science world, we are exploring plants and simple organisms. To enhance our science lessons, all 5th grade classes will be taking a field trip to Ashton Park. Mrs. Lucas' class went on April 30th, Ms. Roth is going May 1st, Ms. Luetje will be going on May 3rd, Ms. Starcevic will be going on May 4th, and Mrs. Baker will be going on May 7th. Students are required to wear pants for the field trip and will need to bring a sack lunch with a drink.

On May 10th, the entire 5th grade will be traveling to Ankeny to enjoy the Water Festival. We will be divided up into different groups and attend different activities throughout the DMACC campus. Lunch will be provided for us.

SUMMER MEAL PROGRAM:

We will have a menu for the summer program starting on July 2nd -August 3rd, 2012. The program will be at the Berg Elementary School and will serve a free meal from 11-12:30. (Monday-Friday)

ART and ADVERTISING:

Jodi Maher and Pam DeBruyn visited the art room so 6J could experience how to create advertisements for local businesses. Students discovered: What is most important to customers, Cost of advertising, Artistic design skills. Thank-you Newton Daily News for this opportunity! We loved seeing our artistic ads in the paper last week!~Mrs. Saugstad



STUDENT COUNCIL:

Emily Bostwick from the Jasper County Animal Rescue League was the guest speaker at our student council meeting. She was accompanied by her dog Phatty, who she rescued a few years ago. Students enjoyed getting to know him.

Emily discussed the daily operation of the Animal Rescue League, shared how students could help, and also answered questions that council members had.

Below are some of the items on the Animal Rescue League's wish list. Donations and support and always appreciated.

Laundry detergent

Dish soap

Paper Towels

Peanut Butter

Dog and cat Toys

Canned dog and cat food

Cat litter

Wash cloths

Towels and blankets

Empty pizza boxes, cereal boxes, and egg shell cartons (no styrofoam please)

A big "thank you" to Emily for sharing her work with our students.

Animal Rescue League...



