

Concordia Lutheran School Newsletter

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Concordia Lutheran School News

Second Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt



Concordia Sunday School will host the 2nd annual Community Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 16th. We need donations of plastic Easter eggs and Easter candy to stuff the eggs. These donations can be left in the school office or in the bin in the Narthex. If you have any questions please call Kathy Mumm at (815) 315-2337.

Donuts with Dad

All Dads, Grandfathers, and/or special father figures are invited to enjoy a donut and some coffee or juice on Friday, April 15th, from 7-8 a.m. in the commons. We are looking for "mom" volunteers to help serve donuts.

Family Fun Night at Skateco



Join us on Saturday, April 30th, from 4:45-6:45 p.m. at Skateco for a night of skating and fun with friends and family. During this time Skateco will be rented out to Concordia School ONLY! The cost for this event is 1.00! Snacks will be offered for \$1.00 each and include: pizza, pretzels, hot dogs, corn dogs, fries, and drinks.

Phil's Friends Chapel Fund

Phil's Friends is a Christ centered cancer ministry. They provide support and comfort to those who are fighting cancer. Phil's Friends also distributes care packages to cancer patients and their families. Each week your chapel offering goes towards helping Phil's Friends comfort those who are fighting cancer. So far this year our school has raised \$765.83 for Phil's Friends. Way to Go!



Recruitment Committee Meeting

Join us in the library on April 20th, at 6:00 p.m. Help us think of fresh new ideas and ways to get Concordia's name out there throughout the community and more enrollment for our school and early childhood center.

Scoopie Night

Scoopie Night will be held on Monday, April 18th, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Come out and support your school by attending Scoopie Night. We are also in need of volunteers to help serve food at the event. If you are willing to help out please contact Marisa in the ECC office.



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Mrs. Gritzmacher's Kindergarten & 1st Grade Class



Our Kindergarten and 1st grade students are working hard at their reading skills. Kindergarten is working on their Phonics. They also have been working on short stories at home and then reading the story to Mrs. G for a grade.

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The K and 1st Graders have been having fun with Mrs. Brick. They have been focusing on children from other countries. I think they are truly learning to be thankful for what they have here in America. They certainly have a lot to share with me when they return to our classroom. I enjoy learning something new too.

During Lutheran Schools Week our Kindergarten-8th Grade classes were able to enjoy the performance of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat". It was amazing to see kids, the same ages as our students, successfully perform a thrilling musical.



Mrs. Holecek's 2nd & 3rd Grade Class



What have we been doing all quarter? READING!!!! With the National AR Challenge contest going on during the third quarter, our students have really pushed themselves to become outstanding readers.

First quarter: 142 tests; second quarter: 331 tests; third quarter: 592 tests. As you have heard, the third grade reading students came in #1 in the nation out of 87 schools! The second grade reading students also did a great job: #5 out of 85 schools! Even the school moved from eighth place last year to #5 this year! Some of the parents may have wondered what happened to the homework during the last two weeks of the contest. The students really wanted to read and were begging to have more time. I made a deal with them: if they kept reading and showed no sign of getting "bored," I would not give them the usual homework. It worked! I now have students that want to read all the

time. They finish work quickly so they can read. They want to give up recess and after-school play time to stay and read longer so they can take tests.

Our students have been enjoying a "Reader's Theater" book from Mrs. Hodge to present during Chapel time. We have given two plays already and are working on one more to present before the end of the year.



Mrs. Edge's Art Class



The Art Fair was a huge success. We had lots of very creative and unique projects. Over 140 different projects were entered in the Art Fair.

Our 4th-8th graders are working on paper mache egg projects. Kindergarten -3rd graders are making spring flowers and bugs from recyclables.

The older students are also finishing up making shape books about artists to share with the younger students. Look in the school office for some our students' artwork that is on display.



Mrs. Hodge's 4th & 5th Grade Class



During the third quarter we have continued to keep ourselves busy. In Science, we did an in-depth study of the rainforest. We transformed our classroom into our own version of the rainforest. Each student created their own rainforest habitat along with the animal they researched. The animals were made out of aluminum foil and masking tape.

They then were painted to look like the animal that was researched. We learned about where the rainforests are located, as well as the people, plants, animals and products that are found there. The students seemed to really enjoy this unit.

In Math, we continue to work on fractions. In Social Studies we will be learning about the states and how they came to be. In English, we worked on writing essays and continue to work on writing complete sentences.

We enjoyed the celebrations that came with Lutheran Schools Week. We were able to sing our class song for the LSW worship service as well as for Grandparent's Day. Our trip to see "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" was a lot of fun. Everyone enjoyed the production.

Third quarter seemed to be tough for many students as they were busy with basketball and preparing for the annual Talent Show. As things seem to settle down, I am looking forward to the attention being brought back to the classroom. I am proud of my students and for all the ways they continue to grow.

As we begin fourth quarter, we will continue to work hard in all areas.



Mrs. Norman's 6th - 8th Grade Class



It's hard to believe 3rd quarter has come to an end. Let's take a look back at all we did...

In the classroom, we continued our efforts in English by looking at the parts of speech including verbs, adjectives, and adverbs. Students enjoyed creating graphs and playing probability games in math. We completed our literature textbooks, which allowed us to start a novel study of "Al Capone Does My Shirts," which is a diary account of a middle school aged boy who lives on Alcatraz Island during the 1930s. The students, using the World Wide Web, explored Alcatraz Prison and researched the famous convicts that once lived there.

Science brought lots of fun projects this quarter. Each student chose a food item to observe during the quarter, and the subsequent weeks gave us a firsthand view (and smell) of the rotting process. By the end of the quarter, the food was unrecognizable and pretty gross, as their journaled accounts of the changes proved! Students made creative 3-D models of atoms for our study of chemical/physical properties of atoms in an overview of Chemistry. During the last week of the quarter, we studied earthquakes and students worked in groups to create earthquake-safe structures. One group was actually able to create a structure that stood through our simulated 20 sec earthquake. In social studies we explored different aspects of geography and culminated our study with Country Book Reports that included physical and political maps, travel guides and research about people, places and things from a county of their choice.

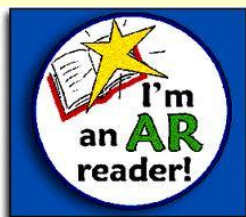
Lutheran Schools Week was a blast! Students enjoyed creating a class banner, seeing "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat", and dressing for the daily themes. The middle school

students prepared and worked a bake sale to kick off Lutheran Schools Week to raise money for Heifer International. We raised \$140, which brought our grand total to \$250! This will allow us to buy a water buffalo for a family all the way across the globe. Thank you to all who bought goodies in support of our cause.

The school year is coming to a close, and we have so much to look forward to. Spring Break, Easter, the spring program and graduation just to name a few. While saying goodbye to each other is always difficult when the year comes to an end, I am confident that our final quarter will be full of cherished memories that will take us into the next chapter of our lives.



Accelerated Reader



The results are in for the 2011 National Accelerated Reader Challenge. Our school competed with many other schools throughout the country. As a school, we ranked 5th out of 92 school! Here are the results b y c l a s s :

First Grade	11th/69 schools
Second Grade	5th/ 85 schools
Third Grade	1st/ 87 schools
Fourth Grade	22nd/ 88 schools
Fifth Grade	13th/86 schools
Sixth Grade	20th/85 schools
Seventh Grade	14th/ 73 schools
Eighth Grade	6th/ 72 schools

ACCELERATED READER MILLION WORD CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the following students for reaching milestones in reading:

Savana Schubert - 1,011,293
 Alexandria Edmiston- 1,013,965
 Luke Anderson - 1,499,372
 Joey Rigotti - 1,512,462
 Ellie Gritzmacher- 1,773,751
 Megan Clarida- 2,154,519
 Kylie Anderson- 3,326,858

Keep up the good work!



Our Accelerated Reader Program has been amazing this year! We have had our entire 8th grade class become million word readers! We surpassed last year's word count in December. We now have a first place class in The National Reading Contest. Our school placed 5th in the nation overall. We have six students who are million word readers with more to join them soon. We have three students reading at a certification level of Honors. We are seeing reading improvements in all of our students. 90% of our students read at or above grade level. We surpassed the national average of average number of books read by student. All of this is very exciting!

We are also encouraging many reluctant readers to read more and are trying hard to help all students succeed with AR. If you would like ideas for helping your student find good books or help understanding the AR program see your students teacher, Mrs. Holecek, or Mrs. Edge.

Calendar of Events

April

12 th	Culvers Hot Lunch Day
13 th	Sixth Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.
14 th	PTL meeting 6:15 p.m.
15 th	Donuts with Dad 7:00 a.m. in the commons
16 th	2nd Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt
17 th	Palm Sunday
18 th	Culver's Scoopie Night @ North Main
21 st	Maundy Thursday Worship 7:00 p.m.
21 st -25 th	Easter Break
22 nd	Good Friday Worship 7:00 p.m.
24 th	Easter Sunrise Worship 6:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast 7:30 a.m. (please rsvp) Easter Festival Worship 9:00 a.m.
29 th	Scrapbooking 6:00 p.m. Commons

May

2 nd -10	Think Link Assessment; 1 st -8 th grades
TBA	Walcamp, 1 st -3 rd (8:30-2:45)
6 th	Muffins with Mom @ 7:00 a.m. in the Commons
12 th	PTL Meeting 6:15 p.m.
19 th	8th Grade/Kindergarten/ECC Graduation/Spring Concert in the gym - 6:30 p.m.
23 rd	No school for students - Teachers' Institute
24 th	Field Day

