



November 15, 2018

The "Know it all" News

Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic Church and School, 215 North Chestnut Street, Belle Plaine, Minnesota 56011

The Principal Says...

Great Job Student Council! Our OLP Student Council sponsored a food drive this week for the local food shelf. They did a wonderful job organizing the event and collecting the food as it came in. They will be delivering the items next week.

Thank you for all your help last weekend at the Waffle Breakfast! As parents of Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic School, your help is an important part of every fundraiser. Not only is your

help critical to the success of our events, but it is also something we ask of all of our families – the gift of time to ensure success. Thank you for making this commitment. A special thank you to our coordinator of the fall Waffle Breakfast-Dawn Skluzacek!

OLP students in preschool through sixth grade will be attending a performance of Winnie the Pooh at the Old Log Theater on Tuesday of next week. Thanks to the HSA for providing tickets and

giving our students the opportunity to attend this production.

I want to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving! Thanksgiving is a wonderful holiday because it is a time to be with family and celebrate all of God's gifts to us. God's greatest gift is His love to us and the love we can pass on to our families and friends. Safe travels to all!

Peace, Wendi Alessio



Mark your calendar:

- ☺ 11/16 Birthday Mass
Hosted by Grades 1 & 2
- ☺ 11/20 Old Log Theater Field Trip
- ☺ 11/21-23 Thanksgiving Break—No School
- ☺ Field Trip
- ☺ 11/30 Childrens Mass
Hosted by Grades 5 & 6

Brrrrrr.....

With the cold weather approaching, please remember to send appropriate outdoor clothing for your student(s) including coat, hat and mittens, snow pants and snow boots.



SCRIP IS OFFERED WEEKLY!

Order your gift cards now, for shopping you plan in the future – everything from groceries, to gas, to restaurants. It's money in your pocket and builds a tuition credit for the OLP 2019-20 academic year! Relatives or friends may also place orders and credit your family – this helps build your credit, quicker!

HOW DOES IT WORK? ALL ORDERS NEED TO BE IN BY FRIDAY with your check at 3 p.m. to process and receive by the following Friday.

Please note: We must have a minimum of \$1,000 in orders in order to process as we do pay shipping on non-local scrip orders. If we have lower orders, we will not process until the next order. Call with questions 952.873.6564.



24 HOUR SICK RULE!

If your child misses school or leaves early due to illness, they may return to school when:

- ◆ Temperature has been below 100 degrees for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medicine (such as Tylenol or Motrin).
- ◆ A minimum of 24 hours has passed since last vomiting or diarrheal episode.

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Here's what's happening in the classrooms:

In 5th & 6th grade Science we are beginning a Unit on the Scientific Method. That means the students will be hard at work finding, testing, and showcasing their own Science Project! This will be a fun experience and allow the students to explore their understanding for the Scientific Method. For Social Studies we are continuing our venture into the Origin of our country. We are discovering all the different groups that settled in North America from Europe and how it eventually resulted in what we know today as the Original 13 Colonies.

For Technology we are continuing our unit on Coding for grades 3-6. Through this experience students are beginning to understand how to make things happen "one step at a time" and see the results. Our K-2 students are continuing to explore the keyboard and, specifically, practicing to use certain hands and fingers to press certain keys.

-Mr. Lopahs

Preschoolers are having so much fun in our pretend grocery store. They are learning to take turns and wait patiently as they check out at the cash registers. We have also introduced Environmental Print. It was fun seeing how many children could recall print they

have seen. We played a game with containers. Preschoolers had to find the friend who had the lid to their container.

Thank you for your donations to the food shelf. November is a great month to teach children about helping others.

- Teacher Ashley

This week the kindergarten students are finishing up their book about Alf. After Thanksgiving break, we will learn about a whole new Superkid! In math we are learning all about equal numbers, and we are continuing our learning about the numbers 0-5. We are very excited for next week to come, as we are having the PreK students join our class for a Thanksgiving feast. It will be great to celebrate Thanksgiving with our dear friends!

- Mrs. Urlick

A great big thank you to Mrs. Ginny Morgan for stepping in to the 1st and 2nd grade class room while Mrs. Zabel is on maternity leave. We are so lucky to have her!!!

- Mrs. Zabel

Last week we had fun creating a story about a turkey getting into trouble. Some of these stories are quite hilarious. See for yourself, they are hanging up in the hallway. In math, the third graders are working on addition with regrouping and the fourth graders are subtracting with and without regrouping. In science we are taking a closer look at Earth's different ecosystems, both on land and in water. Finally in social studies, we learned different map skills. We learned about hemispheres, longitude, and latitude in order to find states, countries, and continents.

- Ms. Cates

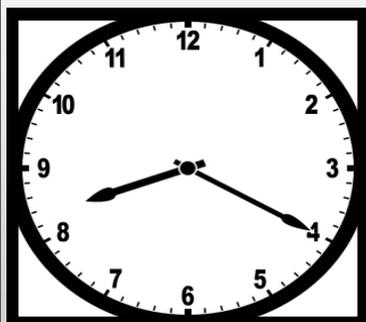
The 5th and 6th graders have been making booklets in Religion as we learn more about the Seven Sacraments. 5th Graders are beginning to work with decimals in math and 6th graders have been learning about least common multiples and greatest common factors.

Mrs. Alessio



Children's Birthday Mass

Join us at Mass on Friday, November 16, 8:30 am, where we will recognize our students celebrating September, October, November and December Birthdays! Coffee, Juice and Donuts will follow Mass in the Gathering Space.



OLP School Day Begins at 8:20 A.M.

Parents: Please have your child/ren at school each morning so that they have enough time to take off coats, change from boots to shoes, hang backpacks, etc. and **be in their chair by 8:20 a.m.** Somewhere in the newsletter each week will be a random sentence. When you find the sentence, cut and paste it into the subject of an email to Mrs. Alessio and your name will be put into a drawing for a \$10 Kwitk Trip gift card. This weeks random sentence is: When life gives you lemons, make lemonade! Announcements are read at 8:20 a.m. and we would like all students to hear what is in store for the day.