



March 14, 2019

# The "Know it all" News

Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic Church and School, 200 East Church Street, Belle Plaine, Minnesota 56011

## The Principal Says...

Last Monday we celebrated the kick off to the OLP Read-a-thon! Thanks to our HSA Chair Gosia McGowen who organized a reading party that included snacks, reading with friends around the Gathering Space and crazy socks! Don't forget students should be reading at home and gathering pledges for Read-a-Thon during the month of March!

On a daily basis, students experience a variety of reading from oral reading to silent reading, read

aloud books by adults or with peer partners, guided reading, and choral reading. We strive to build as much reading as possible into each day.

Save the Date! We will be having an Open House on Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup> both during the school day and then again from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Please spread the word to families who may be interested in checking out OLP!

The end of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter is fast approaching (March 22). Report cards will be

sent home on April 5th.

Lastly a quick reminder we will be on spring break from March 25-29<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy your time off!

Peace,  
Wendi Alessio



### Mark your calendar:



- ☺ 3/15 Children's Mass Hosted by Grades 5 & 6
- ☺ 3/21 OLP Open House 8:30am-2:00pm or 5:30pm to 6:30 pm
- ☺ 3/22 Children's Mass Hosted by Grades 3 & 4
- ☺ 3/25-3/29 No School—Spring Break
- ☺ 4/7 Waffle Breakfast
- ☺ 4/19 Good Friday—No School
- ☺ 4/22 Easter Monday—No School
- ☺ 4/24 Alumni Pizza Lunch



## OLP SCHOOL DAY BEGINS AT 8:20 AM

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.** Announcements are read at 8:20 a.m. and we would like all students to hear what is in store for the day.



In the classrooms I continue to answer questions, read Bible stories, and listen to things that our students want to share with me. A couple weeks ago, Mrs. Alessio and I were at a meeting at which we were encouraged to do the very kind of praying with scripture that I have been doing in her 5th and 6th grade classroom; that made me feel good about our time together! I have noticed that in the 3rd and 4th grade classroom the students can get caught up with and preoccupied with elements of a story that are not particularly significant, and that can make it challenging to get a point across to them. Some of the 1st and 2nd grade students remember various topics or activities that have got me distracted and off on a tangent in the past; they try to get me to go down some of those roads again, but I try to resist. The kinders seem to like to share random aspects of their lives; some of them share quite a bit! I hope they have all been reading at home this March!

All the Best in Christ,  
Fr. Brian Lynch

# Here's what's happening in the classrooms:

Pre-K did an instrument exploration day this week. They share so well!

Kindergarten is finding out the different feel of marching versus galloping and discovering which pattern works best with different songs.

1st/2nd graders are exploring different rhythms and learning different percussion families. We also have been composing some simple rhythms.

3rd/4th graders have begun their recorder unit. We are learning a lot of new notes this week!

5th/6th graders have been working on challenging rhythms by doing bucket drumming.

Mrs. Gleason

This month we are learning about Careers and Transportation. Our preschoolers brought in show n tell items to explain what their moms and dads do at work. Then drew a picture of what they want to be when they grow up. I loved hearing their ideas! A mommy, dog fixer, jungle pilot, electrician, and mayor were a few ideas they came up with. We had the opportunity to meet two nurses and police officer. We listened to each others hearts with stethoscopes.

In science we had a few experiments: car racing on ramps, what objects roll, and sink or float.

During lent our afternoon class has prayer stations. Each station has a fun game that encourages prayer.

- Teacher Ashley

This week the kindergarten students met our final superkid, Hot Rod. Hot Rod likes to build and race cars. He is teaching us all about the letter Hh. In math we are practicing decomposing numbers, and this week in particular we are working on breaking apart the number 10. In religion we are continuing our Lenten journey and keeping track of the days of Lent with our file folders we created.

- Mrs. Urlick

In first and second grade we will be learning about synonyms this week. We are going to make synonym leprechauns. 1st grade is also working on main idea and vowel pairs. 2nd grade is working on soft C and G. In math 1st grade is working on tens and ones, 2nd grade is working on 3 and 4 addend problems. We continue to work on our arctic animal research writing and we are excited to try and catch a leprechaun on St. Patrick's day!

- Mrs. Zabel

As we enter our first full week of Lent, we reflect on our Lenten promises and our prayer chain reminds us to say a special prayer for someone or something. In math, the third graders are working on multiplication strategies and multiplication/division fact families. The fourth graders continue to work on long division, with and without remainders. In science students presented their research on hurricanes and tornadoes. Finally, the Iditarod wrapped up this week. We had a great time following the mushers as they made their way across the Alaska frontier.

- Ms. Cates

This week the 5th and 6th graders finished their presidents and first ladies projects! They are excited to share them with the class along with other classes in the school! In math the 5th graders have working on adding and subtracting fractions and the 6th graders are learning to construct different types of graphs.

Mrs. Alessio



## REGISTRATION FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR IS IN FULL SWING!

- Many of our K-6 families took advantage of the "Early Bird Registration" and received \$25 off their registration fee!
- For those of you that have not registered for the 2019-2020 school year, the fee is \$100 per family at this time.
- The fee goes up to \$150 on April 15. Register now to avoid the increase!



### 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.



OLP SCHOOL WAFFLE BREAKFAST and CCW BAKE SALE

Sunday, April 7

8:30 to Noon!

