

October 22, 2020

"Know It All News"

Our Lady of the Prairie, 200 E Church Street Belle Plaine, MN 56011

PRINCIPAL LETTER

How is your pledging going for the Marathon? As of Wednesday, October 21, students have brought in close to \$800 in pledge money. Students are working hard to reach the school goal of \$6,000 so that we can celebrate in November with a week of special theme days. Remember 100% of pledge money turned in will go towards your family's fundraising assessment.

We will be having special activities for our Marathon of Prayer next week. Watch for more information to come!

OLP K-6 teachers had the opportunity to work with, Andrew Stokes, a math coach from Tierney this week. They were given tips on how to use the NWEA MAP assessment data to better help their students reach math goals. They are all very excited to use this information in their classrooms.

Cooler weather, changing leaves, and SNOW have been part of the fall experience. The changing seasons are such a beautiful gift God gave to us. Please remember coats, hats, gloves, and boots!

Peace, Wendi Alessio

FATHER MICHAEL KALUZA

During this very unusual pandemic year, I want to express my great appreciation and gratitude to my colleagues at Our Lady of the Prairie. We are blessed with excellent faculty and staff who have demonstrated great fearless courage during these uncertain times. They have adjusted to new protocols and procedures and contributed to keeping everyone safe and healthy. They are awesome and amazing and I admire their desire to serve in a Catholic school and further the mission of the Church. Our students are very fortunate to have caring and committed professionals caring for their educational and spiritual growth. I am honored to work with these professionals and proud to be on the team. As we get back from MEA Break, let's say a prayer of thanksgiving for all the good people of OLP!

God bless you,
Father Michael Kaluza

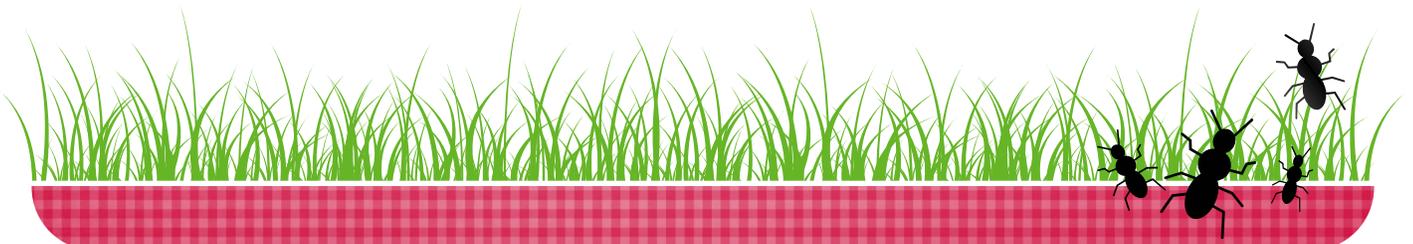


Important Dates

Picture day is next Wednesday, October 28 at 8:45. Forms were sent out this week.

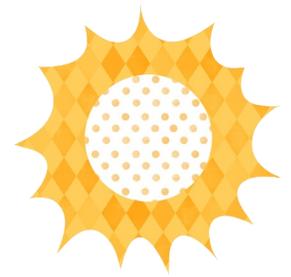
Halloween

Students may wear their costumes on Friday October 30 following lunch. Student are not allowed to wear makeup, and or bring in any sort of weapon. If your costume consists of many accessories, best to leave the accessories at home!





Teacher Scoop



TEACHER ASHLEY

During October fire prevention week preschoolers practiced what would we do if there was a fire. Where would we go? We also had the opportunity to have a virtual field trip at the Belle Plaine fire department. Thanks to a preschool parent! Now we are moving on to the excitement of Halloween! Learning about night animals. We played a game called Bats are Nocturnal. Preschoolers "fly" around while the lights are out then "sleep" when the lights are on. I can't wait to see everyone's costumes!

MRS.URLICK

This week the first grade is working on spelling CH words. We are practicing them daily and will have a spelling test on Friday. First grade is learning about what the super kid Etabetta likes to do for fun - plant in the garden! The kindergarten is learning more about Oswald. He is a super kid who loves creating odd animals. Some of them wear glasses! Both grades are learning a new Halloween math game this week. We are all going to learn new routines as the weather is telling us we need to bundle up before going outside this week!

MS.CATES

When we got back from fall break, I was excited to see all the learning that went on during distance learning. The students had an opportunity to share their insect traps with their friends, we even had two friends bring in the traps they made. In religion, students learned about the Holy Spirit and how it helped the early disciples spread Jesus' teachings. In social studies the students researched, created and presented their model citizen biographies. In science the students created and presented their animal project. Each student picked an animal to live in a new habitat. They had to write about the adaptations it would need to survive in its new environment. In math, the second graders are practicing their subtraction to 20 skills and the third graders are adding multiple three digit numbers with and without regrouping.

MRS.ALESSIO

The 4th graders have been working on their first book report of the year. Everyone chose a fictional book and will be writing about it. As part of the process, we have been learning about how to write a brief summary and what that means. We have also been learning about compound and complex sentences and how they can make our writing more interesting.

MR.LOPAHS

Our 5th & 6th graders are hard at work post-break! We are mastering basic Algebra skills in Math, Spelling and Reading up a storm in Language Arts, and leading Mass and looking up the Daily Readings in Religion. With the 4th graders we are learning all about Energy Savings at home in Science. And in Social Studies we are in the middle of our US Government and Citizenship unit learning all about the 3 Branches of Government.

MRS.NORA

Fall/Cold weather is upon us, please make sure your child/children have hats, mittens/gloves, scarves, winter jackets, snow pants and snow boots so they can have loads of fun at recess. Otherwise they have to stay on the blacktop fun, but not as fun. We are also still looking for more lunch helpers (one for each) Monday, Tuesday, Friday and one for every other Thursday. You must complete the "Essential 3" before you can start. You will need to go to this link https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?theme=0 to register as a new member. Choose St. Paul and Minneapolis, MN (Archdiocese) and begin registration, choose Our Lady of the Prairie Belle Plaine, MN. Online you will fill out the background check and code of conduct forms, you can also register for the required live Virtus training session. Contact Nora Wermerskirchen at 952-270-0781 if you are able to help.

