

CRY OF THE CARDINAL

St. John Lutheran School
Wrightstown, WI

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Full Edition

SCHOOL INFORMATION & EVENTS

Mission Festival Information

All students are welcome to celebrate our support of ministries outside of our own church. This semester students at St. John School and Sunday School are supporting the WELS Apache Mission in the White Mountain Apache Reservation of Arizona through their prayers and mission offerings. We are also celebrating this important work this Sunday at our annual mission festival. All families are invited to attend an information session at 9:00, a worship service at 10:15, and a potluck lunch following the service. The students in grades 1-8 are singing for this service and should plan to be at church by 10:00 A.M. We are also excited to share a little of what we have learned about the Apache culture in art class through the displays of work that will be present at the potluck lunch. The students in grades 4K/K(Friday afternoons) created medicine bags, the students in grades 1-3 made “stretched buffalo hides” and paper woven baskets, and the students in grades 4-8 made painted gourd creations and reed/cane woven baskets. All of the artwork shows examples of Southwestern Native American as well. More information about the Apache mission can be found at <https://wels.net/serving-others/missions/united-states/apache/>.

Picture Day

Thank you to all those who were able to join us for picture day. There have been several who have asked about a make up day, for sick children, or children who don't attend on Wednesday's. Another day is being scheduled and will be passed on as soon as it is set in stone.

Classifieds

Solid wood desk. It is six feet long, and three feet deep. It contains a ¼” think glass top, which can be removed. It is fairly heavy as it is not particle board. Condition would be 7/10. It can be seen and picked up at St. John Lutheran School. Cost: Free

5K Color Run/Walk

There is exciting news to pass on. We will be organizing and hosting an annual 5K Color Run/Walk this May. There will be plenty of details to come! The day will consist of a 5K Run, 5K Walk, 1 Mile Kids Run, and a Diaper Dash. If you are interested in helping coordinate this truly amazing opportunity please email me, Tim Raddatz, at trr61210@gmail.com. We will try and meet several times to make sure that we present an simple, yet amazing opportunity for the community to join us for a fun day!

FOX VALLEY LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL(F.V.L)

FVL Cheer & Dance Camp Info & Registration

Link to the Dance Camp info page (camp is Nov 12 - online registration with Nov 5 deadline)

<http://fvlschools.org/about/youth-sports/dance>

Link to the Cheer Camp info page (camp is Nov 19 - online registration with Nov 4 deadline)

<http://fvlschools.org/about/youth-sports/cheerleading>

FVL Schools ELA Committee Meetings This Week

Our first full ELA Committee meetings for the year will be held tomorrow and Thursday at FVL, from 1-4pm. Teachers participating in the effort this year are asked to pick between those two days and indicate their attendance on the Doodle link below (which had been previously sent out). If your teacher has not yet completed the October meeting Doodle, please pass along the following link. Thanks!

FVL Schools ELA October Meeting sign-up: <http://doodle.com/poll/s56xsmdtrfsgibqc>

FVL Schools Technology Conference Topic Survey

The FVL Schools Technology Conference Planning Committee met for the first time last week - thanks to those who were able to attend! A major goal for the conference is to provide topics that are relevant to the needs of your schools, teachers, and students. The committee would like to solicit feedback from your teachers regarding topics and possible presenters for the conference. Please distribute the survey link below to your faculty as soon as possible so that we might receive feedback within the next week or so. This will give the committee time to review and meet its target of making contact with possible presenters over Teachers' Conference weekend. Thanks for your time!

FVL Schools Tech Conference Topic Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/fvlschoolstechconfsurv>

TRUNK OR TREAT

Do you have a car? a UTV?, or motorcycle? Does it have a trunk or cargo area? Join us October 29th, for our 2nd Annual Trunk or Treat. This event is open to everyone from St. John School, Church, or the community at large. It is an opportunity for all children, and ADULTS, to come together to have a safe, fun, and enjoyable time all in one spot. There will be music providing by a dj, bouncy house, games, hot dog and chip dinner, and lots and lots of candy. This year we are also voting to see who brought their "A" game and will take home the top prize for BEST TRUNK. If you would like to enter, just email your name and how many cars to trr61210@gmail.com. Even if you don't bring a trunk, bring your kids and yourself for an afternoon of good company. We hope to see you all there!

**NO SCHOOL – THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27
and 28th**

CLASSROOM NEWS

Ms. Buss (Preschool)

Happy Mid-October!

The kids and I keep chugging along in our room and the first quarter of the school year will soon be over. Where does the time go?!

This week, we have added some new concepts into our classroom that will continue through the end of April. Each week we will have a letter of the week where we will work on that letter identification and the sound that it makes. This week as we start we are working on the letter T. The letters we will focus on as a class from this week through Thanksgiving are the letters T, A, B, P, and G. We be looking and playing games that have both the lower case letter and the upper case letter.

This week for our literacy program we have focused on the theme of a Circus. The class discussed what kind of acts they would watch at a circus, what kind of things they would see (like clowns), and also what kind of animals they would see like lions, elephants, and horses. To go with our Circus theme, we had a classroom wide Circus this week where the kids were able to pretend to walk on a tightrope, train animals in the circus rink, and try to do some juggling on their own. After this week, the theme for the next two weeks will be Apples and Pumpkins.

As October ends, we will start ending our study of the number 3, and we will begin to study the number 4 in November. Our math studies will also continue to grow as we add more games on top of the ones that we are currently playing. We will start to look at patterns more frequently as we go into next month.

On Monday, October 31 our class will have a Harvest Party. There will be treats beforehand, and games to play, and activities to do during the party. Your child may wear their costume to school that day, however keep in mind that if they stay the whole day that you may want to include a change of clothes for rest time. Also, if you would like to be present for the Harvest Party you can let me know at miss_jbuss@yahoo.com. We will have our party from 10-11:30.

Next week we will only have three days of school. School will be closed on Thursday and Friday to allow teachers to go to the state Teachers Conference on October 27th and 28th.

As always, I leave you with a Bible passage to remind us all where to focus our eyes. This time I leave you with Psalm 16:8 - I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

Mrs. Wicks (Prek & K)

It always impresses me how quickly children this age soak things up. We have added some difficult work over the last couple of weeks, and the students have risen to meet the challenge. In Christlight, we have been learning some tough 'concept' stories (in contrast to more 'action' filled stories). This past week we had the stories of Nicodemus and Jesus teaching the woman at the well about the water of life.

For literature, we have gone through letters c, g, o, and now a. We have begun hunting for the correct letter sound in the beginning, middle, and end of words. Pre-K friends are finding their way in sounding things out slowly to pull apart sounds. Kindergarteners practice sounding out and writing 3, 4, and 5 letter short vowel words. Both groups practice reading selected sight words on a daily basis.

In math classes, preK students are all about pattern blocks (a manipulative that allows sorting by shape or color and matching geometric patterns), graphing, and one-to-one counting. Kindergarteners have been hit hard with addition fact work, adding a number to itself all the way up to 9+9. This has been a bit of a challenge for most; if you are

asked to work on it at home with your child, use manipulatives to help. Eg: 6 spoons plus 6 spoons equals 12 spoons, 2 hot wheels plus 2 hot wheels equals 4 hot wheels. We will keep working with manipulatives until we memorize facts naturally; don't feel that your child needs to do everything in their mind right away.

Other class happenings include wrapping up our dinosaur unit, talking a bit about elections (the children were surprisingly vocal about who was the good person to vote for), practicing drawing shapes and animals as we pay attention to details, and learning fun new songs.

** Please note: our harvest celebration party will be on Monday, October 31st. Your children may dress in costume if they like and may bring a treat if you wish. Please ensure that any costumes have easy bathroom accessibility and do not come with weapons.

Mrs. Bunn (Grades 1-3)

We had a great time on our field trip to Baird's creek. Our guide, Mr. Charlie Frisk, had lots to tell us about trees, plants, animals, and streams. Our favorite part was scooping for small creek animals and using the large net to catch a variety of fish. The numerous hands-on opportunities were a hit with the students. Check out the video at our school's Facebook page.

Next week we will have a speaker from the Wisconsin Dairy Council. Our presenter will share with us the incredible journey from milk to curd. They will learn how milk is made into cheese and visually experience the science behind this important Wisconsin industry.

We will be having our fall festival (Halloween) movie party on Wednesday afternoon, October 26. Your child may bring a snack that day if they would like, but it is not necessary. Go to www.SignUpGenius.com/go/60B0848A5AE2DA46-grades for a sign up or search at SignUpGenius.com under Jennifer Bunn or my email, mrsjbunn@yahoo.com. You can also call or text me your info. We will wait to wear our costumes until the following week. Students are welcome to wear their costumes on Trunk or Treat day at church on Saturday, October 29 or on Monday, October 31. Please be considerate of other students and dress "for fun and not for fright" when wearing a costume to school.

Mr. Raddatz (Grades 4 – 8)

We are three weeks away from wrapping up the first quarter. I again want to remind parents that everyone should have received an email containing information to access grades online. After following directions included in the email, and looking at grades, there are a few things to note: 1. Low grades may mean that assignments are missing, or haven't been corrected. When an assignment is recorded, the software mandatorily fills in a score of "0." 2. Each day, minus a few, assignments are listed on BrightWheel. Any questions, about assignments can be communicated right through the app. 3. Our class continues to work on communication. Skills such as listening and thinking before quick replies, clarity in regards to the words that are chosen, articulating clear, concise messages, conveying clear information to others when asking questions, all skills essential to continued important in personal and written communication skills.

Basketball has started up in Wrightstown. St. John's policy for extracurriculars allows students to participate within the public school district, or a neighboring WELS school if they have available space if we do not currently offer a team. I try my best to pass on this information from these schools, however, it is kindly asked that if a parent chooses to participate with one of these teams, that they are the contact for any dates and times of play.