

St. Paul's Lutheran School
Newsletter



2020

From the Desk of Pastor Reber

Our students are now deep into the school year. Most are doing very well with their studies. Many are involved with activities beyond the classroom: sports, dance, gymnastics, music, and a myriad of others. Add to all of that the racial and equality issues that now pervade news, television, and social media; add to that the issues and uncertainties of Covid-19, and it amazes me just how well our students are doing, in some cases better than their parents. Our students, your children, are not oblivious to what is happening in the world. They do feel the pressures you feel, and it can affect them. Thus I offer these words to you from Henri Nouwen, priest and theologian.

"One of the saddest aspects of the lives of many students is that they always feel pressured. . . . The word school, which comes from *schola* (meaning "free time"), reminds us that schools were originally meant to interrupt a busy existence and create some space to contemplate the mysteries of life. Today they have become the arena for a hectic race to accomplish as much as possible, and to acquire in a short period the necessary things to survive the great battle

of human life. Books written to be savored slowly are read hastily to fulfill a requirement, paintings made to be seen with a contemplative eye are taken in as part of a necessary art appreciation course, and music composed to be enjoyed at leisure is listened to in order to identify a period or style. Thus, [schools] meant to be places for quiet learning have become places of fierce competition, in which the rewards go to those who produce the most and the best."

I see this all too often as we over-schedule our children's time thinking they need to be going constantly; and then we tend to find ourselves over-burdened as with the proverbial "soccer mom." Therefore, take this to heart. Grant to your children some free time to explore for themselves, to develop and grow their imaginations. Rather than schedule somebody else to take up your children's time, save some of it for you. Let them read a book to you. Let them create a story board to tell you a story. Take time to just go out and be silly with them. They and you will enjoy the break from the competition and pressures of this world. And when you do, take time to take their hands in yours and thank God for the blessings they are for they are "⁵...the children God has graciously given your servant." (Genesis 33:5)

May God bless you and keep you,

Pastor Reber

Principal News

"Sent to Serve"

...even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (MATT. 20:28).

Our theme for this school year is "Sent to Serve." During my message to the students each morning, the students have been asked to make "service cards" to illustrate ways to serve God through serving their family, their friends, their church, their school, and their community.

Our first week we started with ways to serve our family. I want to share some of the service ideas submitted by our students.

"I clean up the living room." "I wait patiently." "I help my sister get things she cannot reach." "I take care of pets." "I fill gopher holes." "I cook with my mom." "I rake the leaves." "I clean the dishes after supper." "I pick up my baby brother's toys." "I help mommy make my bed." "I go to bed and do my homework." "I make presents for my family." "I help clean the house."

During these extraordinary and uncertain times, the students and teachers at St. Paul's Lutheran School look to Scripture when we are weary. We come together to work in our schools and communities to share the good news that we have a God who loves us. His commandment to us is to love our neighbor. We look to the Good News that Jesus was sent to serve, and in turn we are "sent to serve" in His name. Your continued prayers are very much appreciated as we continue to find ways "to serve" others.

With God's Help, Ms. Carolyn LaBrue



ADAA Memorial Golf Tournament

October 4, 2020

The Andy Deterding family has always supported St. Paul's Lutheran School of Enid. In honor of Andy, the family would like to continue this tradition and sponsor the ADAA Memorial Golf Tournament @ Turkey Creek Golf Club in Hennessey, OK. **THE DAY IS FINALLY HERE!!! PLEASE BRING YOUR GOLF CLUBS AND A FEW FRIENDS AND SIGN UP TO PLAY AT 1:00 pm on OCTOBER 4, 2020.** Register your team in the St. Paul's office or by calling 580.234.6646. **ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND.** Please share this opportunity with your friends, family, and local businesses.

Ms. Stover's Pre-K News

Fall has officially arrived and the Pre-K has been busy looking for signs of autumn. They have noticed nuts, squirrels and a few colored leaves on the ground and in the trees. They are excited to share the changing leaves they find with friends. If you happen to know a Pre-Ker, don't be surprised if you are the recipient of a fallen leaf! Earlier this month we read a poem about gray squirrels that shake their bushy tails, so you may see us outside shaking our tails.

In October we will be learning about pumpkins, scarecrows, and spiders. Cool! We will also get to see a fire truck and learn how to be fire safe. Pre-K is so much fun!

Ms. Penny Stover

Mrs. Lamle's Kindergarten News

Hi All!

Leaves of red, yellow, orange, and brown, pumpkins, scarecrows, acorns, squirrels, owls, candy corn: I LOVE AUTUMN!!! I hope you all do as well! We are going to be making all of these things during art time! We are working SO hard at learning all of our letters, letter sounds, numbers up to 15 and of course writing! I will be sending a letter home soon about sight words. I'm asking that each of you please take about 5 minutes everyday to practice them with your child. These words are SO very important in the reading process! These littles have almost mastered using our SeeSaw app! We are also using the StarFall and Reading Eggs apps. I'll be introducing them to Epic (a wonderful reading app) in the near future.

So sad to say no Pumpkin Patch this year! The Methodist Church has cancelled it due to COVID, but I promise I will be doing fun things in our classroom with a pumpkin or 2 or 3!

God's Blessings to Each of You
Mrs. Rhonda Lamle

Mrs. Harbron's First Grade News

First graders have been busy reading and taking Reading Counts quizzes. Almost everyone has met their first quarter goal! In science we've been learning about our senses and about fall. In English we're learning about nouns, verbs, and types of sentences. I'm looking forward to another month filled with learning in October!

Mrs. Heather Harbron

Ms. Mitchell's 2nd/3rd Grade News

Happy Fall Y'all!!!

The 2nd and 3rd grade are learning a lot about Oklahoma. This week we are learning about some famous Oklahomans, Jessie Chisholm and the famous Chisholm Trail, and Oklahoma's natural resources.

We are learning to read out of the Bible and are working hard on memorizing Psalm 91.

Have a blessed week!

Ms. Marilyn Mitchell

Ms. Collums' 4th/5th Grade News

Happy Fall!!!

Multiplication facts, multiplication facts, multiplication facts.....memorization of multiplication facts is extremely important. It will make math so much easier. Practicing for five minutes a night with flash cards will make all the difference. We will be starting a friendly competition for banana splits soon, so get those flash cards out and start practicing!

The first book report is due on October 9th. This is a two part project, summary and a setting map. These are to be done at home. All the instructions are in the "Reports and Projects" folder. Two were turned in early. Great job Reagan and Ava!!

Blessings,

Ms. Wendi Collums



Remember to check your child's back pack for notes every night!



Fall Class Parties

Friday, October 30

Contact your child's teacher for information regarding party details.

We will not be doing a costume parade this year, but students are invited to dress up and we will have class parties for the children.



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No School

October 15th and 16th

Enjoy your break!

NO SHORTS AFTER FALL BREAK!

With the weather getting cooler, shorts will no longer be acceptable after Fall Break. We will start back wearing them after Spring Break. Thank you!



Parent Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, October 14th

8:00-11:30AM

NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Parent Teacher Conferences are on WEDNESDAY, October 14, from 8-11:30AM. Please watch for notes in your child's bag to schedule a time. Communication between teachers and parents is a vital step in your child's success! We look forward to meeting **** Special Note*****

In an effort to keep everyone safe and healthy, we have devised a plan for entering the building for your child's conference.

- Parents will be asked to wear masks.
- Unfortunately, no siblings may accompany you to the conference.

PRE K and KDG parents: Please enter through the same alley staircase that your child enters and exits each day.

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Grade Parents: Please enter through the double red doors by the office.

4th and 5th Grade Parents: Please use the outside staircase up to the third floor. This is the one on the west side of the building by the playground equipment.



Red Ribbon Week

October 25-October 31

Information will be sent home soon!



Fire Prevention Week

National Fire Prevention Week is October 4-10. As of now, our plan is to have The Enid Fire Department bring a fire truck to school at 8:30AM on October 13th to discuss fire safety with our students. The theme this year is "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen." Be sure to plan and practice your escape plan with your family. More details about the coloring contest coming.



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Awards Chapel

Our 1st Quarter Awards Chapel will be on Wednesday, October 21st @ 9:00AM in the sanctuary. Christian Discipleship and Reading Counts Awards will be presented! Parents are welcome to attend. Please wear a mask and following social distancing signs on the pews.



Physical Education

We have been blessed with some beautiful weather during the month of September. Getting outside and being active are two great ways to stay healthy. PreK, Kdg, and 1st grade have ran races and love the many variations of tag we have played. Scooter time is always a favorite! We have learned the rules to many games and also learned about PE stations and working together. Mrs. Lamunyon has been working with grades 2-5 on the rules of horseshoes for the week of the Cherokee Strip. They also reviewed how to place four square and wall ball. They also are finding ways to stay active by increasing their numbers for their fitness test. The next unit will be rackets starting with badminton.

Mrs. Katie Lamunyon

Ms. Carolyn LaBrue



Library News

Exciting things are always going on in the library! We are preparing for our One Book, One School Event that will now take place on Friday, October 9th during the school day. I am so sorry that parents will not be able to attend due to Covid 19. I was anxious for the kids to get to challenge and beat you in a trivia game about our books. I have lots of fun activities planned for those students who finished the book. Please remind them to tell me if they have completed this novel. PreK through 2nd graders are not participating in the Sweet Sixteen of the Redbud Award. Sixteen books were selected by librarians, parents, and book companies as the top read aloud picture books for the year. Two selections are read aloud to your children and then they vote for their favorites. We read "I Want a Pet, and Dirt Cheap" as our first selections. These realistic fiction books ran a close race. We will be reading these throughout the year. Ask your children which book swayed their vote from our first pairings. Stay tuned for further favorites and see how we compare to other children voting in the state of Oklahoma. Be sure to stop by our school FB page and listen to and discuss the book When Virona the Carona Came to Town. It was posted on the 21st of September. This book will give you the perfect opportunity to discuss our continued need for social distancing and mask wearing. Fall is the best time to grab a sweater, sit by an outdoor fire and enjoy a good book. God continues to bless this school with sweet kiddos and great parents. Let me know if I can ever be of service to you.

Mrs. Karen Boardman
Library Media Specialist



Music News

We are doing a variety of music activities this year! Classes are learning through activities and games about a variety of music theory. Some of the important musical elements we are learning go from steady beat for the younger ones to rhythm patterns for the older ones. In addition, we are studying composers. Our composer this month is Mozart. He was quite a child prodigy.

We are learning sign language for our chapel songs. We are following state guidelines and only humming the songs with masks on. There is so much to learn about music that we will be experts about all things music! The students are having a great time!

Blessings,

Ms. Dian Salisbury

PTL NEWS

Our next meeting will be **Monday, October 5** at **7:00 PM** at 1810 E. Broadway. We can't wait to see you there!



Dine Out

Thanks to everyone who came out to Marco's Pizza in September! October Dine Out will be at the **Willow** location of **Taco Bandito** on October 22 from 10:30 AM to 8:00PM



For our Fall Fundraiser, we will be selling cookie dough. Order forms will be sent home October 9. They are due back November 4. Cookie Dough orders will be delivered to school on November 20. They must be picked up that day as we do not have the ability to store them.



We need a volunteer to put together Cookie Dough order form packets to send home on October 9. Contact Crystal in the office.



Box Tops and Best Choice need to be turned in by **October 26**

If you need help downloading the BOX TOPS APP – contact Crystal @ 580-478-7289/

Thank you for supporting our school!

★ September Star Students ★

Pre-Kindergarten	Jack Daugherty
Kindergarten	Bella Weldon
First Grade	Cora Schlichting
Second Grade	Oakleigh Wallace
Third Grade	Kyrstin Harbron
Fourth Grade	Reagan Orr

CONGRATULATIONS!

happy birthday

October Birthdays!

David Brittle - 1
Garrett Brueggemann - 1
Caden Sneed - 3
Ava Cuthbertson-17
Lesmon Jilly - 20
Cora Schlichting - 24
Izabella Weldon - 26
Gemma Fitzmaurice-30
Reagan Orr - 31

Church News



We invite you and your family to join us for services every Sunday morning in October.

We offer an 8:00AM service and a 10:30AM service, as well Sunday School at 9:15AM. Sunday School will reopen on October 11, 2020, at The Early Childhood Center (1810 E. Broadway Ave.). We will have a "Children of the Light" Bible Study (via live-stream only) that will air on Sundays...Time TBA. Our Nursery is open during the 10:30AM service for children 4 and under.

You are welcome in this house.



Trunk or Treat

DATE: November 1, 2020
TIME: 5:00-7:00 P.M.
WHERE: St. Paul's Parking Lot

*Thank
you*

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who has entrusted their child/children to us.

Every staff member takes their job seriously! We all care about your child's spiritual, emotional, physical, and academic well-being.

It is a privilege to work with your child and with you, as we work together to do what is best for your child/children.

PLEASE tell others about our school. YOU are the best advertisement for St. Paul's Lutheran School.