

Lion Tales

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FROM THE DESK OF MRS. SHARON DICKMAN OLIN SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT/PRINCIPAL

Olin Elementary has much Good News to share! We received word from the Department of Education (DE) of the verification of the Olin PrK Program. Last October the (DE) conducted the state mandated 2-day site visit. While the team was in the building they observed in the PrK room, read documents, interviewed parents of students currently in the program, and visited the playground at Little Lions Daycare. However, the Little Lions Daycare playground does not meet the DE regulations and thus a new

playground for the PrK students will be constructed on school property this spring. The PrK playground will be fenced in with climbing equipment. This verification means that the Olin PrK program is a quality program for four year olds. Mrs. Andrews, PrK teacher is to be commended for the developmentally appropriate instruction provided to the four year olds.



Students will have completed the Iowa Assessments by March 1. Before the Iowa Assessments began, students in grades 2-6 were shown their scores on the Reading and Math tests from last year and the minimum score to be proficient. Students then set their own goals. Mrs. Armstrong shared with me that the fifth graders were attentive when she explained to them what the different scores meant and the scores to reach proficiency. This year students have a very special incentive to try their very best. Students who are proficient in either Reading or Math or improved by 5 points in Reading or Math from last year's score are invited to participate in a swimming and pizza party. The swimming party will be held after school on April 1 at Camp Courageous. Students will be bussed to Camp Courageous, pizza provided and bussed back to school. Specific information will be sent home once we know the students who will participate.

I am excited to announce that Olin Elementary has received an Early Literacy Grant from the DE. The amount of the grant is \$13,400 and can only be spent on certain items or activities. We have decided to purchase a new reading series. Through the analysis of the results of the Iowa Assessments, other literacy assessments, and the Iowa Core Standards we have determined that the current reading series does not align with the new Iowa Core Language Arts Standards. Teachers will be examining and piloting the reading programs of at least three different companies this spring. A decision will be made by the end of the school year.

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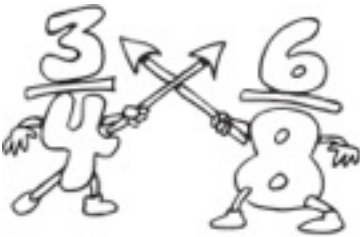
PRE-K-6TH PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Mr. Husak: It's that time of the year again. Time for **JUMP ROPE FOR HEART!!** Our kickoff to start the fundraiser will be in early March, followed by 2 weeks of the students going around raising money. The money goes towards helping those young students who are battling heart problems. The students will be hard at work practicing their jump roping skills and towards the end we will have an activity-filled time slot for all the students. Finally, the end of the event day I will hand out prizes to the top 3 fundraisers along with taking a pie in the face. Thank you for your help.



FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADE

Mrs. Armstrong: The 5th graders have been working on multiplication of fractions. Next, they will start division with fractions and mixed numbers. After that, they will look at understanding Geometry concepts. In Science, the students are building boats using clay and trying to figure out what makes the best clay boat that can hold the most cargo, marbles. Then we will work with other concepts dealing with water. In English, we are just starting a research paper. This is a concept that they must acquire well because they will be writing many of these in the following years.



In 6th grade, the students just finished a unit on Perimeter in Math and will be starting one on Area and then Volume. They are working on learning the different ways to tell time using the sun, moon, water, and current technologies in Science. Both of the grades are finishing a unit on Science Fiction and Fantasy in Literature Groups and will be working on understanding non-fiction writing for everyday life next.

Mrs. Onken: In 6th grade Reading, we started to read Hatchet by Gary Paulson and discussed what connections and questions we had with the text. We are enjoying seeing how Brian will survive in the wilderness. In 6th grade Social Studies, we just finished learning about Ancient Greece and will be having a classroom Olympics competition for a day. In 6th grade English, we are working on a unit with adjectives and will soon be writing a research paper.



In 5th grade Reading, we began to read The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster. We are enjoying seeing what adventures Milo is having in "The Lands Beyond". In 5th grade Social Studies, we are finishing up learning about the 13 colonies by putting together a book about them that compares and contrasts their characteristics.

DENTAL SEALANT PROGRAM

Linda K. Thomsen, RN, BS - OLIN SCHOOL NURSE: Olin Elementary School has been offered the opportunity for all students in 2nd grade through 6th grade to participate in a FREE school-based sealant program offered by the Iowa Department of Public Health-Oral Health Bureau. Dental sealants are a treatment consisting of applying a plastic material to one or more teeth for the intended purpose of preventing dental cavities or other forms of tooth decay. The Centers for Disease and Control (CDC) and the American Dental Association (ADA) have published evidence supporting the use of dental sealants that can reduce decay in school children by more than 70 percent.



A registered dental hygienist from HACAP and the St. Luke's Hospital Dental Health Center will be at the Olin School three days during the last week of March to provide this FREE service for our students. The hygienist first cleans and dries the tooth to be treated, then applies a slightly acidic solution on the tooth to create a rough surface that helps the sealant bond, and finally paints a thin layer of liquid plastic material on the pits and fissures of the back teeth. After application of the plastic liquid, blue spectrum natural light is shone on the applied material for a few seconds to cure the plastic.

If you would like your child to participate, please complete and return the consent form that was mailed to you no later than March 14, 2014. If you have any questions, please call Linda Thomsen, School Nurse or Sandy Weirather, Health Secretary at 484-2170.

Kindergarten

Mrs. Tjaden: In reading, we are nearing the end of our "Playful Pets" theme. This week we will read our last story called *Snow on Snow*. It is about a little boy sledding with his dog, and the dog gets lost. They search forever and finally find him in a snowbank.



We have also talked about the different types of pets you can have in and outside of the home. We learned that it takes a lot of work to take care of a pet. The students know that it is important to feed, water, change their bedding, and to love their pet just like in the story we read.

The Kindergarten class will be having a "stuffed" Pet Show on March 7th to show off their special pet and how they take care of it.

In Math, we have started a new chapter on Time. This is a difficult skill to learn with learning the short and long hands on the clock along with what the numbers on the clock mean. We will be spending quite some time on this unit. By the end of the chapter, the students will be able to tell time to the nearest hour and half hour.



Olin Elementary Kindergarten Round-Up will be held on Wednesday, April 16th.

Additional information will be published soon.

FOURTH GRADE

Mrs. Achenbach: We read Sarah, Plain, and Tall and Skylark in Reading. In Math, long multiplication, symmetry, area, and perimeters have been learned. The Wisconsin Fast Plants unit is being learned in Science. March is famous Women's Month. The students will be assigned a woman and create a poster about his/her woman. The students created their own Mt. Rushmore. They picked out four people they admired and drew a replica of the monument with their own people.



What is your prediction? Will March come in like a Lion or Lamb?

Happy Birthday to Shannon.

iCLIPART FOR SCHOOLS: Iowa Area Education Agencies provide twelve dynamic online resources for grades preK-6 to all Iowa accredited schools. Iowa students have access at school and at home (Internet access required), 24 hours a day, seven days a week. These online resources



give your child access to a wealth of information for assignments, classroom projects, and personal interest. One of these online resources is iCLIPART For Schools. iCLIPART is a collection of more than 7.8 million royalty-free photos, clipart, fonts, animations, and sounds. Students can access these online resources at www.iowaaeaonline.org using the username and password they are given at school. The password can also be obtained by contacting the elementary school.

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE PULL TABS UPDATE

On February 12th, Linda K. Thomsen, Olin School Nurse delivered another 30 pounds of pull tabs to the Iowa City Ronald McDonald House. Please continue to collect pull tabs. Any type of pull tab will work, even those on soup cans, sardine cans, etc. (Only the tab, not the metal lid.) The last deposit of tabs will be collected on Monday, March 31st and taken to Iowa City the following day.



JANUARY 2014

B.U.G.S



**Kings and
Queens**

Pre-Kindergarten



Kindergarten



1st Grade



2nd Grade



3rd Grade



4th Grade



Students are taught and reminded to make choices based on:

- The **SAFETY** of all students and adults
- Treating all students and adults with **RESPECT**
- **RESPONSIBLE** behaviors

5th Grade



6th Grade



~ March 2014 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3 BKF: Cereal/Yogurt Hamburger on WG Bun Leaf Lettuce & Tomato Sweet Potato Fries Fruit Cocktail	4 BKF: Fr. Toast Chicken Nuggets Fresh Broccoli Salad Strawberries & Bananas	5 BKF: Egg Sand. Cheese Pizza Celery & Cucumbers Cinnamon Rolls Orange Smiles	6 BKF: Pancakes Ham Sandwich Sweet Potato Mash Green Beans Fresh Kiwi	7 BKF: BRK Pizza Macaroni & Cheese Seasoned Peas Fresh Baby Carrots Apple Wedges EARLY OUT - 12:30	8
9	10 BKF: Cereal Hot Dog Potato Wedges Broccoli w/Cheese Fresh Apple	11 BKF: Fr. Toast Chicken Wrap Romaine & Tomato Mix Steamed Carrots Tropical	12 BKF: Egg Sand. Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce Salad Green Beans Garlic Bread Fresh Grapes	13 BKF: Pancakes Tacos Lettuce, Cheese Refried Beans Cinnamon Puff	14 BKF: BKF Pizza Tuna & Noodles Green Beans Salad Orange Wedges	15
16	17 COOKS CHOICE	18 COOKS CHOICE	19 COOKS CHOICE	20 SPRING BREAK	21 SPRING BREAK	22
23	24 BKF: Cereal Hot Ham & Cheese Potato Wedges Fresh Broccoli Fresh Grapes Choc. Chip Cookie	25 BKF: Fr. Toast Pepperoni Pizza Tossed Salad Garlic Bread Stick w/Marinara Sauce Fresh Banana	26 BKF: Egg Sand. Taco Refried Beans Black Bean & Corn Salsa w/WG Chips Sliced Pears	27 BKF: Pancakes Goulash Gr. Pepper Strips & Fresh Baby Carrots Applesauce	28 BKF: BKF Pizza Fish Patty Green Beans Salad Orange Wedges	29
30	31 COOKS CHOICE	1/2 PINT OF 1% OR SKIM MILK SERVED WITH ALL MEALS				
MENUS SUBJECT TO CHANGE						

OLIN ELEMENTARY MARCH, 2014 ACTIVITY CALENDAR

~ March 2014 ~							Apr 2014 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
4 Feb 2014						1	
2 Tim Zaruba - Gym 3:30-6:00	3	4	5 Kahm Sauer - BBall Gym 4:30-8:00	6	7 Early Dismissal - 12:30	8 Adult Dodge Ball - Gym 4:00 - 10:00	
9 Tim Zaruba - Gym 3:30-6:00 Kelly McAtee - Mtg. Room 5:30-7:45 (Dance) Nick Balchek - Mtg. Room Clover Kids 4:00-5:25	10 READ ACROSS AMERICA - ISLAND THEME	11	12 Kahm Sauer - BBall Gym 4:30-8:00	13	14 Youth Dodge Ball - Gym 5:00 - 9:00	15	
16 Tim Zaruba - Gym 3:30-6:00	17 SNOW MAKE UP DAY School Board Meeting Meeting Room - 6:00	18 SNOW MAKE UP DAY	19 SNOW MAKE UP DAY Kahm Sauer - BBall Gym 4:30-8:00	20 SNOW MAKE UP DAY	21 SPRING BREAK	22 4-H Basketball Fun Tournament - Gym 8:00-4:00	
23 Tim Zaruba - Gym 3:30-6:00 Kelly McAtee - Mtg. Room 5:30-7:45 (Dance)	24	25 Dental Sealant Program Mtg. Room 9:00 - 2:00	26 Kahm Sauer - BBall Gym 4:30-8:00 Dental Sealant Program Mtg. Room 9:00 - 2:00	27 Sherri Hunt - ECI 8:30 - Dental Sealant Program Mtg. Room 9:00 - 2:00 BUGS ASSEMBLY	28 3 rd Quarter Ends	29	
30 Tim Zaruba - Gym 3:30-6:00	31	Notes:					

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