

Lion Tales

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FROM THE DESK OF MRS. SHARON DICKMAN
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Thanks to all of the moms and grandmothers who attended Muffins for Moms. We had a great turnout. The students are so excited when a family member joins them at school. We look forward to Donuts for Dads (and grandfathers) on May 16.

Parent-Teacher Conferences were held on April 7th and 10th. Once again, we had a wonderful turnout. I was especially thrilled to see the happy faces on both the parents' and children's faces when I asked if it had been a good conference.

Students had an especially fun time during the Swimming and Pizza Party on April 1. Students in grades 1-6 had earned the reward because of their Iowa Test results. Next year, the requirements for attending the Swimming and Pizza Party will become a bit more rigorous. We also learned we needed more time to swim, so next year's party will be longer.

The last day of school will be Tuesday, June 3 with an 11:30 dismissal. Once again the school board will grill hotdogs for students as part of a special picnic lunch, provided the weather cooperates. It seems impossible that the end of the school year is so near!

Summer work includes repairing the sidewalk in front of the school so we can walk up to the door without fear of falling on ice or walking through puddles. The sidewalk on the North end of the building will be repaired as well. Unfortunately, the sidewalk cracked and one can trip when walking. The area outside of the recess door will be repaired since it is cracked and uneven. Heating and cooling units will continue to be installed. Because of these units it is doubtful that school will be dismissed early for heat. Classrooms on the West side of the building will have new windows installed as well. The window replacements are something we have been working on for a few years and should be concluded this summer.

In closing, it is with great sadness that I announce that Sandi Achenbach will be retiring at the end of this school year. She has been teaching at Olin for 36 years. I THANK her for her service! She will be missed terribly by staff and students. I know she is looking forward to golfing and spending time with family. We wish her all the very best and I hope she returns as a substitute teacher from time to time.

FOURTH GRADE

Mrs. Achenbach: The fourth graders were asked to nominate a character from the Meet the Challenge theme. They had to write a letter to me why his/her character met the challenge with responsibility, perseverance, and bravery. The students nominated Stone Fox, Little Willy, Max, Annette, Jean Driscoll, and Sadako. Kylie won the contest by writing about Sadako.

In Math, the students are working on fractions and decimals.

The Southwest Region of the United States, parts of speech, and race cars are being learned in the fourth grade.



Happy Birthday to the following students: Nicole and Xander in May. Emma in July. Kylie in August.

I hope everyone has a great summer.



Thank you Mrs. Achenbach for a wonderful fourth grade year.

Have fun during your retirement.

We will miss you.

Alexander

Mae

Jenna

Emma

David

Lane

Shannon

Ayiden

Emily

Kylie

Nicole

Anna

FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADE

Mrs. Armstrong: The 5th graders and 6th graders are making their last great push to understand and apply all the information they can in these last days.

The 5th grade is working on measurement in Math right now. They are understanding conversions from one measurement to another and will soon be working on perimeter, area, and volume. In Science they are trying to figure out Black Boxes, how to have other senses help you out in determining what is in or makes something up. They will soon be working on engineering, creating a Hum-Dinger, something that when you pull a string it hums and when you let it go it dings. In English they are working on adverbs and prepositions. They are preparing to write their final paper, a fictional story.

The 6th grade is completing their year in math by brushing up on concepts dealing with fractions and decimals. They are finishing fractions up currently and will start decimals soon. We will be looking at using these to figure out sales, percents, and what a bargain truly is in stores. In Science they are evaluating the forces, math, kinds of energy, and other variables that engineers have to work with in designing a functional Roller Coaster. They will soon be starting on their final projects, designing their own in my room complete with a paper, blueprints, vocabulary, and presentation.

Both grades are working in Literature Groups with reading and comprehending non-fiction literature that they will encounter in their lives in the future. They are working on directional concepts, living expense ideas, and what kinds of reading they will have to be able to understand in their near future to be able to drive, buy items, have a savings and/or checking account, and many different kinds of outside school applications.

Mrs. Onken:

In 6th grade Reading, we are reading the novel Fever 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson. It is interesting to read about the events that occur and how the main character, Mattie, survives through the Yellow Fever epidemic in Philadelphia in 1793. In Social Studies, we are reading about China and India in the Middle Centuries. In English, we just wrote a story. It could be about anything as long as it was from our imaginations! It was fun to be able to write about anything and have any kind of character we wanted to write about!

In 5th grade Reading, we are now reading the novel The Witch of Blackbird Pond by Elizabeth George Speare. This is set in colonial Connecticut and how a 16 year old girl named Kit has to adapt to life in the colonies. We had some good background to the setting of the novel since we just learned about the colonies in Social Studies! In 5th grade Social Studies, we are now reading about how our nation expanded and events that took place leading up to the Civil War, which is our next chapter.

As this is the last Lion Tales of the year, I want to wish the 6th grade the best of luck in their future!! Have a great summer!

IOWA AEA ONLINE

Iowa AEA Online is a virtual library that provides no-cost access to 14 high-quality, web-based resources for grades preK-12 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. These resources are even accessible during the summer!



AEA Digital Library: This contains curriculum resources from leading producers of preK-12 content. This collection will continue to grow! Current resources include physical science, life science, earth science and financial literacy.

AP Images: This contains over 9 million primary-source photographs, sound bites, maps, charts, timelines, and text stories from the Associated Press.

Atomic Learning: This contains professional development resources and curriculum materials to infuse 21st century skills into the classroom. It includes access to over 50,000 tutorials.

BookFLIX: This is an online literacy resource for grades PreK-3 that pairs fictional video storybooks with related nonfiction books. Read-aloud feature provides accessibility to all readers.

Britannica Digital Learning: This is a suite of products for grades PreK-12 to support student research and classroom instruction.

CultureGrams: This resource for grades K-12 provides an insider's perspective on daily life and culture, including the history, customs, and lifestyles of the world's people.

Gale-Cengage Learning: This is an eResource package for grades PreK-12 offering content from magazines, newspapers, and reference materials. Ten different resources are designed for age-appropriate access.

iCLIPART For Schools: This is a collection of more than 7.8 million royalty-free photos, clipart, fonts, animations, and sounds.

Learn360: This is a comprehensive library of educational videos, video clips, images, audio files, newsreels, speeches and other resources.

SIRS Issues Researcher: This is a 9th-12th-grade resource that provides exploration of the origins, perspectives, and essential questions under debate on over 300 pro/con social issues.

Soundzabound: This is a K-12 resource that contains licensed audio that can be used without copyright infringement in videos, podcasts, and other forms of multimedia.

TeachingBooks.net: This is a K-12 resource that contains collections of author video interview, book readings, teaching resources and lesson plans to support student reading skills and interests.

Teen Health & Wellness: This is a 7th-12th grade resource that provides students with nonjudgmental, straightforward information on today's teen health and wellness issues.

TrueFlix: This is a 3rd-6th grade resource that combines Scholastic True Books content with reading supports and a deep and diverse collection of related videos, images, Web links, and text.

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 school.

MARCH 2014

B.U.G.S



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

Pre-Kindergarten



2nd Grade



4th Grade



Kindergarten



3rd Grade



5th Grade



1st Grade



6th Grade



OLIN ELEMENTARY ACTIVITY CALENDAR

~ May 2014 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Grant Wood Hearing Tests K, 1 st , 2 nd , and 5 th grades	2	3
4 Kelly McAfee Dance - Mtg. Room 4:45-7:45	5 School Board Meeting 6:00 - Meeting Room	6 Safetouch Presentations 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.	7	8	9 Professional Development Early Dismissal 12:30	10
11 Clover Kids Meeting Room 4 - 5:30	12 Title I Extravaganza School Library 5:30 - 6:30	13	14	15 PK & Kindergarten Field Trip Central Park 8:30 - 1:00	16 Donuts for Dads - 7:30 a.m. 1 st & 2 nd Grade Field Trip Niabi Zoo Leaving at 8:30	17
18	19 School Board Meeting 6:00 - Meeting Room	20	21	22 Spring Concert Gym 6:00 - 7:00	23 Alumni Banquet Set Up Gym 6:30 - 9:00	24 Alumni Banquet Gym 5:30 - 10:00
25	26 NO SCHOOL	27 5 th & 6 th Grade Field Trip Central Park 8:30 - 2:30	28	29	30 All School Field Trip Camp Courageous 12:00 - 3:00	31

Olin Elementary Lunch Calendar

~ May 2014 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Menu Subject to Change *Daily breakfast includes listed menu item & 100% juice/fruit and milk ½ pint of 1% or skim milk served with meals	June 2 *BKF: Cereal Cook's Choice	June 3 *BKF: Cereal Sack Lunch		1 *BKF: Cereal Turkey Gravy over Biscuits Glazed Carrots Peach Halves Cake	2 *BKF: Cereal Sub Sandwich Potato Rounds Corn Applesauce	3
4	5 *BKF: Cereal Mandarin Orange Chicken over Seasoned Rice Baby Carrots Fruit Choice	6 *BKF: Cereal Taco Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese Mix Corn Apple Slices	7 *BKF: Egg Sand. Pizza Cheese Bread Stick w/Marinara Sauce Salad Steamed Peas Orange Smiles	8 *BKF: Cereal McRib Tater Tot Baked Beans Bananas	9 *BKF: Cereal Hot Dog Baked Chips Baby Carrots Apple Sauce	10
11	12 *BKF: Cereal Hamburger Tossed Salad Steamed Carrots Baked Beans Fruit Cocktail	13 *BKF: Cereal Mac & Cheese Fresh Veggies w/Ranch Salad Apple Wedges	14 *BKF: Egg Sand. Chicken & Noodles Green Beans Salad Fresh Grapes	15 *BKF: Cereal Chicken Nuggets Fresh Broccoli Salad Pineapple Tidbits	16 *BKF: Cereal Breaded Chicken Patty on a WG Bun French Fries Corn Pears	17
18	19 *BKF: Cereal Beef and Bean Burrito Romaine & Tomato Mix Corn Chips & Salsa Fresh Apple Wedges	20 *BKF: Cereal Meatball Sub Salad Fruit Salad Fruit Choice	21 *BKF: Egg Sand. Pork Sandwich Oven Fries Baked Beans Sliced Peaches	22 *BKF: Cereal Turkey & Cheese Sub Lettuce & Tomato Baby Carrots Fresh Melon	23 *BKF: Cereal Salsbury Steak Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Broccoli Oranges	24
25	26 NO SCHOOL	27 *BKF: Cereal Mandarin Orange Chicken over Seasoned Rice Vegetables Bread & Butter Tropical Fruit	28 *BKF: Egg Sand. Spaghetti Green Beans WG Garlic Bread Stick Fresh Orange Smiles	29 *BKF: Cereal Mini Corn Dogs Mixed Vegetables Bananas	30 *BKF: Cereal Cheese Pizza Salad Corn Orange Wedges	31

Mark Your Calendar:

- May 5: School Board Meeting
- May 9: Early Out
- May 12: Title 1 Extravaganza
- May 15: PK & Kindergarten Field Trip
- May 16: Donuts for Dads (And Grandpas)
- May 16: 1st & 2nd Grade Field Trip
- May 19: School Board Meeting
- May 22: Spring Concert
- May 24: Alumni Banquet
- May 26: No School
- May 27: 5th & 6th Grade Field Trip
- May 30: All School Field Trip
- June 3: Last Day of School

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