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When the school and home work together, children succeed !

FROM THE PRINCIPAL...
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Constitution Day

Public Law 108-477 requires all educational institutions receiving Federal funds to an educational program on the United States Constitution on Sept. 17th for the students served by the educational institution. Princeton students all learned about our Constitution with many activities held in classrooms that day. Some students studied the Preamble, some created classroom constitutions, and others viewed videos that helped them understand this great document.



We also celebrated by asking students to wear red, white, and blue that day. Everyone looked very patriotic!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- October 14: Family Movie Night 7:00 p.m.
- October 19: Market Day Pick Up (3:15-4:15)
- October 26: School Pictures by Lifetouch
- October 28: Halloween Family Night(6:30-8:30)
- October 31: Halloween Black and Orange Day



- November 1: Teacher Professional Day-NO SCHOOL
- November 2: Chat with the Principal
- November 4: End of 1st Card Marking-11:25 AM Dismissal
- November 4: No Cook Night-Eat at Olga's in SCS
- Week of November 7: Delivery of Morley
- November 8: PTO Meeting-7:00 PM
- November 11: Family Movie Night-7:00 PM
- November 15: Morley Money due
- November 16: Evening Conferences
- November 17: Afternoon/Evening Conferences
Students 1/2 day -
11:25 AM Dismissal
- November 18: Students 1/2 Day-11:25 AM Dismissal
- November 23: Thanksgiving Recess-11:25

The Facts...
Our kids... our future

**on the Macomb County
 Special Education
 Ballot Proposal**

- 1 in 7 Macomb County students receive special education services
- Last year, Macomb County schools lost over \$103 million in funding
- Home values have decreased by an average of 34 percent, resulting in lower special education funding
- Proposed increase will cost the average household \$.20 cents per day
- Proposed funding will positively impact all Macomb County students

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

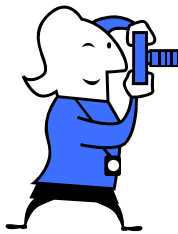
Although it may seem like there is still lots of time, the holidays are fast approaching and these are difficult times. Many of the organizations that are willing to help want names at the beginning of November. So, if your family, or another family you know, needs assistance during the holidays, please let me or Mrs. Michalowicz know as soon as possible. All names and information will be kept confidential. Families will be contacted before being placed on lists for help, to assure that they are comfortable with receiving assistance. Due to the number of families in need of assistance, unfortunately we may not be able to provide assistance to all who respond. You may contact me by phone 586-445-4190 (ext. 2403) or by email; bmorisette@scslakeview-k12.com. You may also contact Mrs. Michalowicz at smichalowicz@scslakeview-k12.com. We must have all names and contact information by October 28. We cannot submit names after this date.

Sincerely, Barbara Jo Morisette
 Elementary School Counselor

Lunch News...

Hot lunches are \$2.50, this includes entrée, vegetables, fruit, bread and milk. Additional milk, white or chocolate is \$.50. Extra entrees may be ordered for \$1.00 and student must notify they are ordering extra when they order lunch. Children who forget lunches or lunch money will be given a hot lunch. Repayment is due the following day.

YEARBOOKS AND SCHOOL PHOTOS...



Order forms have been sent home for both yearbooks and school pictures. These order forms look very similar. If you order a yearbook before 10/24 the cost is \$9.00, **after** 10/24 the cost is \$10. The order deadline is 12/12/2011. If you are paying by check make payable to Lifetouch.

Picture day is scheduled for 10/24. Please complete your order form and return to your child's teacher.

NEWS FROM STUDENT COUNCIL...

Student Council is just starting back with our classroom votes for student council representatives. We encourage students to vote for their peers who they consider responsible, honest, motivated and an overall role model to represent their class. Last year, Princeton student council started a Go Green program that encourages the school to recycle and be aware of helping the environment around them. We earned an Evergreen flag which was the highest flag given by the MISD. You can see our Evergreen flag hung in the front hallway! We will continue on the Go Green path with this year's student council and begin other endeavors as well! Stay tuned for the results of the 2011-2012 Princeton student council.

Save the Date!!

Save the date for "The Incredible Christmas!" Princeton's annual Music Concert for grades K-4 will be held at Lakeview High School's auditorium on Monday, December 12, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Please plan to bring your student and the whole family for this musical production. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

See you there!



SEX ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Sex Advisory committee is looking for new members to join! Members may include teachers, parents, and/or students. It is helpful to have different perspectives in our meetings to get diverse opinions. Please contact Tracy VanPeeren in the Curriculum Office, Jason Townsend at Jefferson Middle School, or Jamie Hitt at Lakeview High School for more details.

STUDENT MEDICATIONS



Many children are able to attend school because of the effective use of medication in the treatment of chronic disabilities or illness. If your child requires prescription medication at school, a written order from a physician detailing the name of the drug, dosage, and administration time needs to be submitted to the office. Additionally, written permission from the parent or guardian is required.

Medications must be brought to school in the current, original container appropriately labeled by the pharmacy or physician.

If your child requires **non-prescription** medicine during the school day written permission is also required from the parent.

Forms for both prescription and non-prescription medication can be obtained from the school office.

If you have any questions, feel free to call the school office.

Thank you for your cooperation.

NEWS FROM 4TH GRADE...

As many may know, the fourth grade students are the only elementary students to take the writing MEAP this year. In preparation for the MEAP and many tasks to come this year we have been focusing on ways to improve our writing. Both fourth grade classes have been spending a great deal of time on using graphic organizers to make sure the writing is clear and focused. We also have been working on good leads, the setting, the main event, and the wrap up ending as well. In addition, we have been working hard to become great editors by using editing and revising strategies often. We have practiced many of these writing elements several times this year and will continue to practice them throughout the year.

We will also be focusing on setting a purpose in writing; students that know why they are writing a piece, or for whom they are writing for, will help them with appropriate word choice. We will be practicing setting a purpose in class. One way we will be doing this is by encouraging students to participate in author's chair. I have learned that students that share their writing with others are more inclined to make it memorable. Please ask your student to share their writing pieces at home as well. Encourage them to write and give them positive feedback. "Talent alone cannot make a writer. There must be a man behind the book." -Ralph Waldo Emerson



THINK SAFETY...

A few reminders to ease the traffic flow at arrival and dismissal times:

- ◆ Please keep the drop-off lanes moving, with backpacks packed and lunches in hand.
- ◆ Please do not walk in the parking lot with your child.
- ◆ Please use the designated cross walk when crossing all streets.
- ◆ Please no parking on north side of Statler street (signs posted) between Princeton and Ursuline.
- ◆ Please drive slowly when entering/exiting the east parking lot.



Hats Against Hunger

Princeton raised \$177.05 towards the District-wide drive "Hats Against Hunger" on September 23rd. Many students and staff wore hats of all varieties. Lakeview raised a total of \$1,365.00 which will be used to feed hungry in our local, state, national and global communities.

We'd like to thank all the volunteers who came to Bethel Lutheran Church on Sunday, October 16th to help package the meals that will be delivered to needy families in our community as well as to those around the country and world. I'm very proud that so many Princeton parents, students and teachers helped with this worthy cause.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

As the month of October comes to a close, we have many things to celebrate. Our students have been working hard, and have completed their first cycle of the NWEA universal screening assessment. In addition, the 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders have completed their MEAP testing. You will get the results of the NWEA assessment with your child's report card in November. MEAP results should arrive some time in the late spring.

In classrooms, students continue to work on their basic skills, and have been meeting in small groups for reading. It takes a village to raise a child, as the old saying goes, and it is important that teachers and parents work together to help our children become more proficient readers. Simple things you can do at home really make a difference. There is a wonderful website called Reading Rockets that has fabulous information for parents. The website is: <http://www.readingrockets.org/audience/parents/>

I will also put a link on our Princeton website for you to easily access this great resource. You'll see in this newsletter that I printed one of the pages called *Tips for Parents of First Graders*. These tips are applicable for ALL students, no matter the grade level, but the site includes many different lists for different age groups. Reading is the most important skill a person can have; it opens the door to everything. Help your child be the best he/she can be!

Halloween is going to be here before we know it! Students may wear their costumes to our Halloween Family Night on Friday, Oct. 28th. I'm excited to see what everyone will come dressed as! We will showcase them in a parade that will culminate our Halloween festivities that evening. We'll also have a DJ for dancing, face-painting, and lots of fun things to do! On Monday, Oct. 31st, children are encouraged to wear orange and black to school. All classrooms will have a classroom party on Monday as well.

CHAT WITH THE PRINCIPAL



On Wednesday, Nov. 2nd, I invite any interested parents to come in and chat with me. This event is designed to give parents an opportunity to learn more about our school and how decisions are made regarding our curriculum and instruction. I can share things like our School Improvement Plan, or whatever you would like to know more about. I'm going to simply call it Chat with the Principal and will hold 2 sessions: the first one at 9:00 AM, the second one at 6:00 PM. You don't have to register, just come in to the office, sign in, and meet me in the media center. I will do another one in January, March, and May. If you have specific items you would like me to address, just send me an email and I will get you as much information as I can - smichalowicz@scslakeview-k12.com I'm looking forward to seeing you!