

Prairie Pages

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Fairfax Middle Campus

Gibbon Elementary Campus

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Note From Miss Groehler - After a few weeks of many absences, all children were back in school on Monday, November 2nd! I learned that three missing children was a bit workable and six missing children was tough. A big thank you to parents and extended family members for picking up assignments, helping your children with their homework, and a super big thank you to the parents who made sure that the work got turned into the teacher! Your wonderful help was greatly appreciated.

Students in Pre-K through grade 4 will bring home a note telling parents of the scheduled time for parent/teacher consultations. Students will bring this home next Monday, November 9th. Please look for it in your child's folder.

Parent / Teacher Conferences – November 6 will be the end of the first grading period. Report cards will be handed out on Wednesday, November 11. Parent/Teacher conferences will be on November 17-18-19. Notes from both sites were sent home concerning sign up times and dates. Your assigned times will be sent home with the children.



Singing - Immanuel children, many positive comments were made after you sang "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" (e.g. "They really learned a lot of long verses in that one!") Next we will be singing the "Hymn of Thanksgiving" on Sunday, November 29. Please keep reviewing at home, in the car, etc!

Timberwolves "Read to Achieve Starting 5 Program" – PLS grades 1-8 will again be participating in this reading program, which runs November 9 through January 15. Students who read at least 500 pages during this time will receive a special Timberwolves prize package. This package includes a cool Timberwolves special gift, a bookmark and poster, and a ticket to the Timberwolves game on March 28 or April 3. Last year we had 50 students receiving this prize package. Keep in mind that the pages being read could not be a classroom assignment but reading on their own. The



purpose of this program is to encourage at-home reading with adults, so please continue to encourage your child to read, read, read!

Parents – If you ever have questions about the Prairie Pages, please feel free to ask Mrs. Graupman or me (Mr. Ristow). We do our best to keep you informed each week.

Art 7th-8th Graders – On Friday, November 6, Miss Endorf would like all 7th – 8th grade students to bring old clothes for painting. It is going to be a messy art class.

Forensics – The students in grades 5-8 continue to work on their forensics presentations. The MLC Forensics Meet will be held on Thursday, November 12, at 3:00 p.m. in New Ulm. All participants will do their presentations two times for different judges. The second session begins at 3:50 p.m. Please do not enter the rooms after a session has begun. I will hand out room assignments as soon as I get them. We will be eating dinner in the MLC cafeteria after our presentations. The cost for the buffet is \$3.25 for the students. This is optional. Students may bring a sack meal or wait until they get home to eat. We will be taking a bus for this activity. The cost will be \$3.00 per person with a \$7.00 maximum per family. We will drop students off at Zion, Winthrop and PLS Gibbon on way back to Fairfax. This will probably be close to 6:30 p.m.

St. John and Emanuel Students – All St. John and Emanuel students have been given their Christmas Eve services. All of their parts are labeled with their names. Please make sure that everyone is practicing their lines. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask Miss Endorf or me.

Congratulations! – The local Fairfax VFW has chosen 3 winning essays for our area. Two of those winners were PLS students. Congratulations to Alyssa Tessmer and Nastia Mikhailova for their essays entitled “When is the Right Time to Honor Our Military Heroes?” They will be reading these essays at the Veterans’ Program at the GFW Middle School. Nice job girls!



Spiritwear – I have just finalized our second round of spiritwear selections. I hope to get the order flyers sometime next week. I will send them home as soon as I get them.

Other Stuff:

It's a Girl! Congratulations to Michael & Estelle Vlieger on the birth of their baby daughter! Rebekah Lee weighed 7 pounds 13 ounces when she was born, and is 22 ½ inches long. We all wish them the best!



Family Forensics Night!

It's time to use your speaking skills and enjoy those of others! Family Fun Night will be held on Friday, November 13 at Immanuel, Gibbon beginning at 3:15 pm with afternoon snack in the church basement. Children are welcome to join us until parents can arrive. Pastor will lead devotion at 5:45 followed by potluck supper and forensics presentations (including storytelling, poem recitation, demonstrations and skits) given by everyone interested. All singles, couples, and families are invited to join in at any time. Any questions, please contact Pastor Gorte (834-6105 or imgibbon@gmail.com).

Pioneer Baking Day will be held on Saturday, November 21 from 9-11 am. We will practice to sing the next day plus we'll make pies to sell at our bake sale along with the jam we canned and the cookies you bring. New members always welcome! Any questions, contact Naomi Evenson (834-6968 or n.evenson@hotmail.com)

Reminder: The South Central Service Cooperative Fall Chess Tournament will be held on Saturday, November 14 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the SCSC Conference Center located at 2075 Lookout Drive, North Mankato. Students grades K-12 of all chess abilities are invited to participate. For more information, please visit the SCSC website: www.mnscsc.org, click on "Chess Tournament."