

From our Principal



May is the month dedicated to Mary, the Mother of Jesus. It is also the month of many events, May Day is this Saturday along with our Confirmation Retreat. May Crowning is at the 9:30 Mass on Sunday, May 2. The second grade students who just made their First Communion take part in this May Crowning.

This month the fifth graders receive the sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, May 6, at 7:00 pm. We celebrate Mother's Day on Sunday, May 9. Our Mayfair is on Friday, May 14th. Look for your raffle tickets today!

Track meets are on Wednesday, May 5 starting at 5 pm and on Saturday, May 8 at 9:00 am. Both of these meets are held at Pius. The Spring Concert is on Tuesday, May 18 at 7:00 pm and Eighth Grade Graduation is May 25 at 7:00 pm.

So you see May is a very busy month. You'll need to keep your calendars updated.

Mary, Our Mother, Pray for Us!

2010 Spring Talent Show

The Student Council is sponsoring a talent show on **Friday May 21st**. Talent show try outs will be held on **Monday May 10th**. Students must fill out and return a registration/parent permission form in order to try out. Forms are available outside the 5B classroom. Please return the completed form to the designated folder outside Mrs. Reisdorff's classroom **by 3:30 p.m. Wednesday May 5th**. No lip sync acts please.



Practice and Entry form for Archery - Cornhusker state games is due on **Friday April 30th**. If you have any questions, please call Jim Tubbs at 435-1159.

1000's Club - Congratulations to **Hannah Terrell** and **Linh Ta** for making it into the **1000's club** in English.

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April 29, 2010

WATCH FOR THESE UPCOMING DATES

Thursday, April 29 - Progress Reports sent home today

Saturday, May 1 - Confirmation Retreat

Sunday, May 2 - May Crowning - 9:30 am Mass - 2nd grade students

Thursday, May 6 - Confirmation 7 pm

Friday, May 14 - Mayfair 6 - 8:30 pm, Volunteers needed.

June 21 - 25 - Vacation Bible School, Volunteers needed.

FEATURING THE 6TH GRADE

Princess Diana, Peter Tchaikovsky, the Eiffel Tower, penguins, and flatworms are just some of the many topics that 6th graders researched for their recent and first try at writing a research report in English class. They learned about researching and taking notes, so as not to plagiarize, as well as how to make an outline to organize their information for use in their writing. They worked really hard all throughout the writing process and were both excited (and relieved) to turn in their final reports.

In Science class, the 6th graders have begun their final unit of the year entitled "Inside Earth". The unit began with a fun activity called "A Whole Lotta Quakin' Goin' On" in which the 6th graders worked in teams and came up with their own company names and then designed a blueprint for a structure that could withstand a model earthquake. Each team was given only two materials to build their structure and the materials included: modeling clay, masking tape, drinking straws, popsicle sticks, and bamboo skewers. The teams had fun coming up with their designs and the tough part began in actually keeping the structures up-right and stable to make it to "Test Day". Some of the structures survived the "earthquake" and some did not, but the students learned a lot about teamwork, problem solving, and learning from their mistakes.

In Reading, we will be ending the year by reading the novel Sign of the Beaver by Elizabeth George Speare and finishing up their book reports. We've read many different genres this year. The last four to five weeks focused mainly on nonfiction.

In Religion, we just finished a unit on the Last Supper, Crucifixion, Resurrection, and Ascension of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Now we are learning more about the parts of the Mass, including the names of those parts in Latin! *Please encourage your sixth grader at Sunday Mass to pick up their missalettes and follow along so that they can make a connection between Mass and what they are learning in class.*

In Math, they have already begun learning some basic algebra skills. They will continue to build on these skills and finish the year with them so as to prepare for 7th grade math next fall!

For Social Studies, the sixth graders are showing their artistic sides and busily working on their displays for the annual "World's Fair" to be held on **May 17th**! Each student chose a country to research and is making a display. Be sure to stop by the "World's Fair" and see all that the students have learned.

In Music, the students are working on songs they will be performing for the Spring Concert on **May 18th**. The concert begins **at 7:00 pm**.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Track meet concessions - for the Jr high track meet on Wednesday, May 5th. The meet starts at 5pm and ends at dark.

Mayfair - 79 more volunteers are needed for games, the kitchen, and prize redemption room. Please contact Deb & Don Mazour at dmazour@neb.rr.com or 475-2332 for more information or to sign up. Thanks for your help!

Spring Concert



On Tuesday, May 18th the 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students and the Junior High Ensemble will participate in a music concert to showcase what they've been learning this year. The 4th and 5th grade students will be playing pieces on the recorder while the 6th graders and the Junior High Ensemble will sing. The concert will be a fun way to finish up the year and put everyone in the mood for summer.

If your child is involved, he or she will need to be at school at **6:40 pm on Tuesday, May 18th** and report to the assigned classroom. The concert starts in the church at **7:00 pm**. The students can wear *nice spring outfits*. No sleeveless or tank tops; jeans, shorts, or sweats should **not** be worn.

If you have any questions, concerns, or conflicts please email me. This is a required project and the students are graded so any conflicts need to be cleared with me before the concert date.

Thanks!

Mrs. Dodson

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SPRING FUNDRAISER ENROLLMENT

Dear Parents,

As you learned last week, we are now kicking off our new and improved 2010 Spring Fundraiser. Your support in this fundraising effort is essential for continuing to provide for our school. The money raised from this year's spring fundraiser will be used to make additional improvements for our school.

For your \$100 donation, you will receive FOUR packets! Use one packet to save hundreds of dollars yourself and sell the other three for \$25 each to friends, neighbors and co-workers to instantly recoup \$75 of your donation.

Each packet contains valuable certificates and coupons from local area businesses and is worth over \$1000. Each packet contains a certificate for a **TOTALLY FREE** Large Single Topping Pizza from Godfathers. You'll also receive a \$25 Gift Card from Hy-Vee when you transfer any prescription.

You can easily save over \$100 using the certificates at businesses you probably frequent already. Enjoy Buy One, Get One FREE offers at restaurants and other discounts at local retailers. See the Offer Summary Page for more details.

Many new businesses and awesome deals have been added. New businesses added this year include Schlotzky's, Blimpie, Toast, Beacon Hills, C&K Co. Salon, Clear Vision Eye Care and Hog Pit BBQ.

With the "Thank You" Packet you can:

- 1) **Get your entire contribution back** from the savings made by using just a few of the certificates AND/OR
- 2) **Recoup part or all of your donation** by selling any or all four of your packets to friends, neighbors and co-workers.
- 3) **Help the school raise more money.** When you see all the value contained in this packet, you will find that many friends, family, neighbors and co-workers will want one too. Students will have the opportunity to sell additional packets for the incredible price of just \$25 to help us raise even more money to help improve our school. Cash prizes of \$100, \$75 and \$50 will be awarded to our top fundraisers who sell 10 packets or more.

On the enclosed order form, you will have the choice of either making a \$75 cash donation or, for just \$25 more (\$100 total), you will receive not just one, but **FOUR** special "Thank You" packets.

Please return your order form in your child's folder before **Friday, May 7, 2010**, so that we can print the appropriate number of "Thank You" packets. Payment details and information about selling our "Thank You" packets to friends and family are included on the Order Form.