

St. Francis Elementary

NOVEMBER 2018



“Success is not something you happen upon.”

~University of Colorado, Denver

FROM THE PRINCIPAL... ~Miss Raile

It was great to see parents at parent teacher conferences. Thanks for being involved in your child's education.

As the holiday vacation season approaches, so do great opportunities to spend special time with family. Here are a few ideas for family vacation activities.

- Visit the library, and check out a book about the holiday traditions around the world.
- Make your own greeting cards to be given to others.
- Think of something nice your family can do for a friend or neighbor.

I wish all our families, including students, parents, and staff all the best this holiday vacation season!

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PTO Update...

Thank you to all students and families for clipping Box Tops! Our school will earn \$245 from our 1st drive. Great job! Please continue collecting Box Tops as we will have another collection drive soon. If we reach our goal of 2,000 Box Tops by December, we will celebrate with a popcorn party!



Fall Festival was a success! Thank you to all the people who made this happen. Thanks to the parents who brought the goodies for the cakewalk, the teacher volunteers, the Jr. High students who helped out with the games, the Firemen for the train, the EMT's for the game and music, and the Cheerleaders for the great meal. We also owe a hug thank you to our sponsors who helped purchase the prizes - First National Bank, Vision Source, Western State Bank, Frewen Insurance, and St. Francis Supers. What a fun night!

Mrs. Confer and all the students produced some pretty amazing programs again this year!

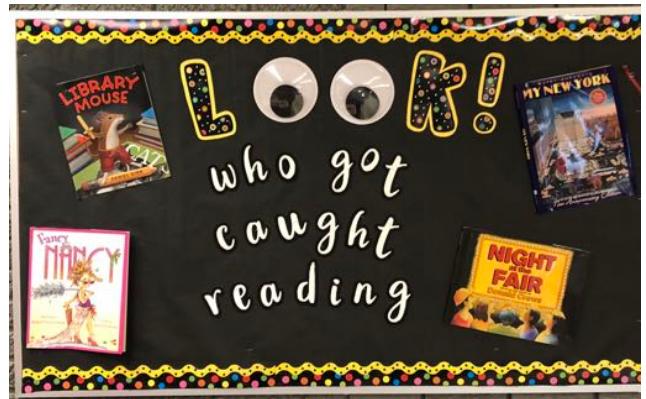
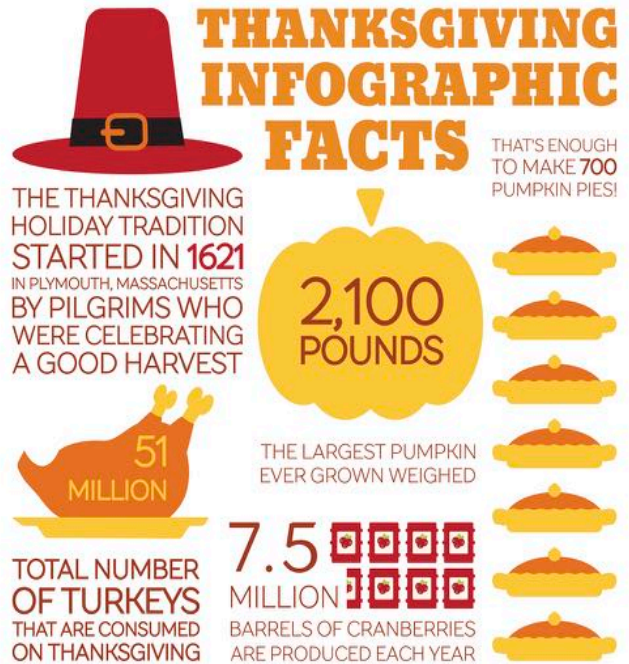


Crisis Drill Update

We have successfully completed three crisis drills throughout the school year. In August, the students were introduced to the book I'm Not Scared, I'm Prepared, explaining the ALICE techniques. In September, students and staff found all the exits in the building so they would know how to quickly evacuate should a crisis arise. October found students and staff discussing how to properly barricade themselves in the room. Each month we will continue to elaborate on the ALICE techniques.



From the Kitchen:



November Spotlight Students



MADISON OCHSNER

Madison is a delight to have in the classroom! She has a smile that melts hearts & a personality to cheer anyone up! Her friends know they can go to her for help & she is always happy to help! Keep shining, Madison!



CARSON ROSS

Carson starts each day with a smile on his face. He is a great friend to others. He always tries to do his best! Keep working hard, Carson!



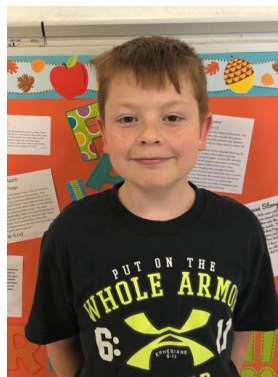
KARLY WORKMAN

Karly is such a good leader in our classroom. She has lots of great ideas & likes to share them with her class. She is a hard worker and always tries her best.



ADDY GRAHAM

Addy is a wonderful student, with a heart of gold. She works well with her classmates and gives 100% in class. She loves each subject, but her favorite is writing. I am very proud of her hard work. Keep it up, Addy!



BRECKEN TEGGS

Brecken is a great group worker with a positive attitude every day. He completes his work on time and works his hardest every day. He is a good friend and helper to all his classmates. Congratulations!



JANELI PEREZ-MEDINA

Janeli is such a delight to have in class. She always has a bright smile and a friendly hug. She is also a very hard worker who focuses on the task at hand. Great job, Nelli-Janeli!

"SPOTLIGHT STUDENTS" ARE SELECTED BY EACH CLASSROOM TEACHER. THESE STUDENTS RISE ABOVE BY DISPLAYING ALL THE CHARACTERISTICS OF BEING GOOD BUCKET FILLERS. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!



What is MTSS?

MTSS is a multi-step process of providing instruction and support to promote academic and behavioral success of all children. Individual student progress is monitored and results are used to make decisions about further instruction and interventions. USD 297 worked with TASN last school year to begin structuring for MTSS to be implemented in our buildings. This year, we have begun implementing various phases and will continue to do so throughout the coming years.

What does the academic process look like?

The MTSS process typically has three tiers. Each tier provides differing levels of support.

- Tier I – Students receive high quality curriculum and instruction in the general education classroom. The teacher assists all students.
- Tier II – The school provides supplemental instructional support, usually in small groups, to students who need additional support to what they are receiving from their general curriculum.
- Tier III – Intense instructional support is provided to students with the greatest needs, with frequent progress monitoring.

What are the key components to any MTSS process?

A key component to the MTSS process is that all children receive high quality curriculum and instruction in the general education classroom (Tier I).

Another component of the MTSS process is that the school will conduct benchmark screenings (DIBELS) three times a year to all students to monitor progress. As a result of these screenings, students may be identified as needing supplemental instruction (a Tier II level of support) in addition to the high quality instruction they are receiving in Tier I.

What can you do?

- Make reading a habit at home.
- Communicate with your child's teacher.
- Monitor and assist with homework assignments.
- Share your child's successes.

As previously mentioned, USD 297 has only just begun this process. We will continue to work closely with TASN and are very anxious to see the continued success that our students are seeing this year!





2018 November



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
					HS Football Regional Playoffs @ 6:30 p.m. Kdg Field Trip to Sand & Redi Mix	St. Francis Arts and Crafts Festival, HS Gym 10:00 a.m.
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
All times on this calendar at CENTRAL TIME TIME CHANGE: SET CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR		JH BB AT HOME (Hoxie) 4:30 P.M.		JH BB AT HOME (Sharon Springs) 4:00 P.M.	HS Football Sectional Football Playoffs	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Veteran's Day	Picture Retakes			JH BB AT HOME (Dighton) 4:00 p.m.		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	JH BB AT HOME (Quinter) 4:00 P.M.		NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL Happy Thanksgiving!	NO SCHOOL	
25	26	27	28	29	30	
		JH BB AT HOME (Cheylin) 4:00 P.M.		JH BB AT HOME (Atwood) 4:30 P.M.	1 st Grade Field Trip to Subway	



SchoolWay is the easiest way to stay up to date on school and classroom activities! If you need help getting set up, please contact your classroom teacher or the office.

Due to allergies, please do not bring nuts/peanuts (or any foods that contain them) into the USD 297 schools.

