



St. Francis Elementary

November 2019

From the Principal:

It was great to see parents during Parent-Teacher conferences throughout the last week. Thank you for being involved and committing to your child's education.

As Thanksgiving draws near, take the time to reflect on experiences past. Be grateful for learning opportunities and time to continue improving. We've worked hard this first quarter, and only plan to continue giving your child the best education possible. We couldn't be more proud of the work that each person, students and staff, has displayed. We're so anxious to see what the rest of the year has in store for us!

I wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving!

~Miss Raile



Congratulations Mrs. Confer and students for putting together a couple of amazing performances!



The PTO would like to extend a big thank you to all the parents, teachers, staff, cheerleaders, and everyone who helped, came, or supported them at the Fall Festival! What a wonderful turnout!

Christmas Tea will be held on Wednesday, December 18. The location has been moved to the Assisted Living Facility. Class pictures, with students dressed in their Christmas best, will also be taken this day. Be watching for more information as the date gets closer.

PTO NEWS



Mrs. Rieger & Mrs. Kinen recently asked for volunteers to sponsor a child by donating \$8 to allow each child in Kindergarten and First grade to receive a new book from Scholastic each month this year. Due to the generosity throughout the community, each of these children will be receiving a new book each month! We feel very blessed by all of those who donated! Thank you to all of our supporters!



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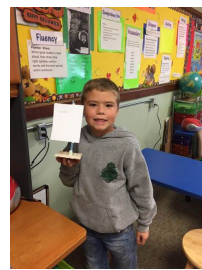
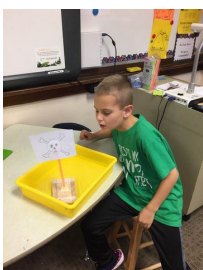
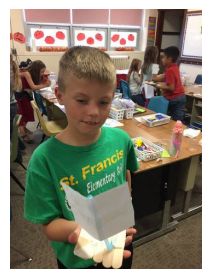
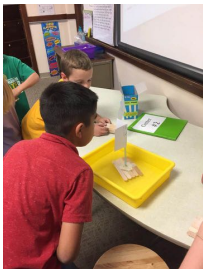
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Due to allergies, please do not bring nuts/peanuts (or any foods that contain them) into the USD 297 schools.



Third Grade read the story Boris and Amos. Amos built a boat. He wanted it to be seaworthy. Mrs. Ochsner asked her students to build a boat that was seaworthy. They could use just four items and make it anyway they wanted to, but it had to float and move in the water. Everyone had a sail, but some did not move. What a great activity!



November Classroom in the Spotlight

Fourth grade has been busy with hands on activities throughout the month. We learned about nutrition and made homemade salsa during Cooking with Karen. We've been busy working on Google slides, and practiced presenting in front of an audience. Rocket Math continues to be a favorite among the class, because we love to compete and encourage each other! We loved our Spooky Science Experiments that we did to help celebrate Halloween!



Grade 4



This Fall, five families graduated from the Kansas Reading Roadmap L.I.F.E. program after completing six weeks of sessions. The L.I.F.E. team enjoyed these families and learned so much along side them. If you're interested in joining us for our Spring sessions, please contact Kattie Aldaco (kaldaco@usd297.org, 785-332-9696)





The Fort Hays Singers (featuring Jenna Confer) will be in St. Francis on Monday, November 25. They will perform for all students during the day at 2:50 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. In the evening at 7:00 p.m., they will entertain the public at the Methodist Church. They are on a five-day Colorado and Kansas music tour. On their return trip they will perform in St. Francis, Atwood, and Beloit.

Our MTSS implementation is in full swing, benefitting our students more than imagined. All students in grades K-5 are receiving more individualized instruction working on areas of deficit and accelerating in other areas necessary.

Mrs. Queen has held monthly whole-school SEL assemblies to remind our students to “Be Safe, Be Responsible, and Be Respectful.” The students earn Bucket Filler slips daily for making smart choices. Weekly winners are then recognized during lunch.

We will continue to monitor progress as the year progresses and will certainly celebrate any and all growth!

I Filled a Bucket!

Student: _____
 Staff: *Ms. Raile*

Location: Classroom Restroom Bus
 Hallway Playground
 Cafeteria Arrival/Dismissal

Bucket Filler expectation:
 Safe Respectful Responsible





18 OR MORE DAYS

- Excused and unexcused absences represent lost time in the classroom and lost opportunities to learn.
- Missing just one day every two weeks can add up to 18 days in a year. Absences add up before you even know it.



10 TO 17 DAYS

- Students who are absent an average of 15 days a year miss a year's worth of school before their senior year.
- When students miss a day of school it actually puts them two days behind their classmates.



9 OR FEWER ABSENCES

- Students with good attendance generally achieve higher grades and enjoy school more.
- Children benefit and make the most of their educational opportunities if they attend school regularly and on time.



THANKSGIVING INFOGRAPHIC FACTS

THAT'S ENOUGH TO MAKE 700 PUMPKIN PIES!

THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY TRADITION STARTED IN 1621 IN PLYMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS BY PILGRIMS WHO WERE CELEBRATING A GOOD HARVEST



51 MILLION

TOTAL NUMBER OF TURKEYS THAT ARE CONSUMED ON THANKSGIVING



2,100 POUNDS

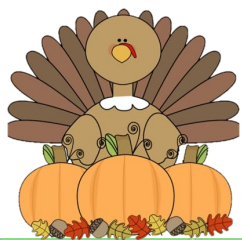
THE LARGEST PUMPKIN EVER GROWN WEIGHED



7.5 MILLION

BARRELS OF CRANBERRIES ARE PRODUCED EACH YEAR





November



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 No School Parent-Teacher Conferences	2
3 TIME CHANGE: SET CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 NO SCHOOL VETERANS DAY	12 K-12 Picture Retakes	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Fort Hays Singers Concert (Methodist Church) 7:00 p.m. Open to the public	26	27 NO SCHOOL	28 NO SCHOOL Happy Thanksgiving	29 NO SCHOOL	30



THANK YOU FIRE CENTERS FOR HELPING US CELEBRATE FIRE PREVENTION WEEK!

