

Reminders

Parents' be sure to see attached Activity calendar and Lunch calendar for more information.

Picture Retakes

School Reflections will be back on Wednesday, November 4 for picture retakes. They will begin at 8:00 a.m. and will leave as soon as they are finished. They are usually here for at least one hour.

FOOD FIGHT

How about a food fight at school? Are you crazy? Instead of doing a student gift exchange during the month of December or getting a gift for your teacher at school, let's use the upcoming holiday season to give to the Chase County Food Pantry. During the week of December 7th through the 11th we will be collecting non-perishable food items instead of looking for a small gift to give at school. The K-6 grades are challenging the 7-12 grades to see which group of students can bring in the most food. More details will follow in our December newsletter.

From Mrs. Harford

In elementary education this year, I currently teach a daily H.A.L. 6 group, and a 3rd grade reading and language group. The H.A.L. 6 group has been analyzing data. The two math students use an on-line math subscription called ALEKS at [HYPERLINK "http://www.aleks.com/" www.aleks.com](http://www.aleks.com/) and the third 6th grader is using technology combined with high-ability language and social studies skills to explore multiple topics. One sixth grader e-mailed me with this comment about ALEKS, "This is a cool website!"

Please be aware that the Nebraska Association for Gifted can be found at [HYPERLINK "http://www.negifted.org/" www.negifted.org](http://www.negifted.org/). In the near future, look for a link to the H.A.L. school news on the school website.

#1 in JUMP ROPE for HEART/HOOPS for HEART In Central and Western NE

Congratulations to students at Chase County Elementary for earning the #1 spot in JRFH/HFH!! Students last year raised \$11,295.00 for the American Heart Association to help fight our nation's No.1 and No. 3 killers – cardiovascular disease and stroke.

The #2 spot goes to Windy Hills Elementary in Kearney, NE, they raised, \$10,418.13 and the #3 spot goes to Mary Lynch Grade School in Kimball, NE, raising \$8,156.25.

Also, a big CONGRATULATIONS goes out to Tyler Barnard for being the #1 fundraiser in the state of Nebraska and #31 in the nation!!! Tyler raised \$3,203.00 to help fight cardiovascular disease and stroke.

Congratulations to Tyler and to all Chase County Elementary students, fantastic!!!!!!

CONGRATULATIONS STATE CHAMPIONS!!

Congratulations to Chase County students for earning the highest award for outstanding achievement in physical fitness, distinguished as the PCPFS Physical Fitness State Champion for the 2008-09 school year!!

Students had to earn the Presidential Physical Fitness Award by achieving at least the 85th percentile in all five tests. The standards are based on the 1985 National School Population Fitness Survey and validated in 1998, by means of comparison with a large nationwide sample collected in 1994.

The five tests students must achieve 85% or higher on are 1) Curl-ups, measures abdominal strength and endurance by maximum number of curl-ups performed in one minute. 2) Shuttle Run, measures speed and agility. 3) Endurance Run/Walk, measures heart/lung endurance. 4) Pull-ups and or Right Angle Push-ups, measures upper body strength, and 5) V-Sit and Reach, measures flexibility of lower back and hamstrings.

The following students earned the Presidential Fitness Award: Brian Bell, Kayla Brown, Morgan Fisher, Kale Gockley, Josue Guillen, Sandra Jones, Michael May, Emily Owens, Bethany Sorensen, Michaela Space, Johna Westfahl, David Almanza, Kaycee Bubak, Emma Engbrecht, Alyssa Fisher, Andrea Hogsett, Bridget Langin, Jenna Luhrs, Bailey Springer, Dan Sullivan, Ally Vrbas, Justus Wallin, Emma Bauerle, Mindy Castle, Jacob Christensen, Jeffrey Dickey, Morgan Dinnel, Holden Dreiling, Aubrey Fisher, Kelton Fisher, Jacky Frias, Janessa Haarberg, Jake Lueth, Travis Luhrs, Isaac Sorensen, Paige Spady, Makenna Wallin, Caleb Bubak, Charlie Carter, Carlos Chaves, Eric Chavira, Eli Engbrecht, Cody Mackenzie and Indy Smith.

A job well done!!!!

Kindergarten News

The highlight for Kindergarteners this last month was our field trip to Cox's Pumpkin Patch. After our first snow and wintery weather, the day dawned clear and the weather just perfect for a day of outdoor learning. A special thank you goes out to all of the parents who volunteered time to help make this day happen and to Mrs. Cox for all her hard work.

Kindergarteners have also learned about fire safety, Christopher Columbus, and reading color words.

In November we will learn about the First Americans (Indians or Native Americans) and the Pilgrims who celebrated the first Thanksgiving

Positive Behavior Support Workshop
November 14, 2009

The Early Childhood Planning Region Team 15 is hosting a Positive Behavior Support Workshop on November 14 at McCook Elementary School, 1500 West 3rd St. Trainer Trish Gorecki will present the training. Parents, child care providers, Para educators, early childhood teachers and anyone who works with young children are welcome to attend this workshop.

Participants will learn and practice the 6 steps to the problem solving approach to conflict, along with a discussion of consequences. Figuring out why children display challenging behaviors will also be a topic of discussion. Once we figure out the function of the behavior we can plan for how we can substitute the misbehavior with a socially acceptable behavior!

Registration is free and includes continental breakfast and lunch. Deadline to register is November 9th. To register, contact ESU 15 at 308-334-5160 or 800-322-5160 or email HYPERLINK "<mailto:barbhidy@esu15.org>" barbhidy@esu15.org.

This program is sponsored by the Early Childhood Training Center & Planning Region Team 15 of the McCook area.

Winter Clothing / Out Door Temperature

With the cold weather arriving please send your children to school with the proper clothing, such as; snow boots, winter coat, gloves, hat, scarves, etc.

Children will be allowed to be inside anytime the temperature and/or wind-chill is 0 degrees or below.

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