



Thursday, January 27, 2011

Important!

No School Friday, January 28th.

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Dear Families,

The end of the quarter/semester is here! I appreciate seeing the hard work of our students for the first half of the year. Their dedication and commitment to learning is exceptional!

There is no school for students on Friday. Our staff will use half the day for staff development training. We will learn more about STEM integration, social studies mapping, co-teaching, and Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment (MCA) test preparation. The other half of the day will be dedicated to the teachers for grading student assessments and preparing report cards.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the last, "Coffee with the Principal." Teachers Carl Nowlin and Kathie Frank presented information about our math curriculum, staff development training, and what parents can do to help their child be successful in math. If you couldn't attend, feel free to watch the downloaded version accessible on our web page:

<http://www.stanthony.k12.mn.us/WP/> One easy tip was to mention math in your everyday surroundings such as coupons, time, money, and problem solving. It would also be great if parents suggested math facts practice to their students in a casual way. Driving in the car is a great time to say, "Hey kids, what is $6+6$ or 7×7 ?"

We have a big event coming up on Friday, February 4th: the popular Fun Fest organized by the WPPA! Thanks to Angela Martin and Nancy Jarmulowicz for agreeing to co-chair and also the many volunteers that make the night successful. Students may NOT stay after school to attend the Fun Fest; students should leave the school premises and return with a parent or responsible adult. I would ask parents for your help in supervising your child or children at this event. There are still many opportunities to volunteer at Fun Fest. I hope we have many volunteers to run the games as well as to help with supervision.

Thanks again for all you do to prepare your child for school every day and for your support! It is appreciated!

Sincerely, Kari Page, Principal
kpage@stanthony.k12.mn.us

What Are Our Students Learning?



From Science Specialist, Mrs. Lusvardi:

Can you believe we are half way through the school year? That means I say goodbye to the current science students and welcome a whole new set of scientists to the science laboratory. This is always a bittersweet time of year for me.

Do you have empty film canisters? Most people have digital cameras these days, so film canisters are harder to find. If you have any lying around, please consider donating them to the science laboratory. We use them for several projects that will have to be discontinued if film canisters are no longer available.

Thank you!

- New kindergarten scientists will begin with a hands-on unit about scientific tools. All-day kindergarten students will continue studying crystals by growing several varieties made from Epsom salts, table salt, baking soda, and more.
- First and second grade scientists finishing science have become geologists or rock experts, having studied rocks of all sizes, discovering rocks they didn't even know existed (ask them what they are), and exploring soil samples. New first and second grade scientists will begin by investigating samples of lava rocks.
- Third graders should now be able to read a star map and tell the stories behind several common constellations. Bundle up and head outside on a moonless night to do some star gazing. New third grade scientists will begin with a look at the planets.
- Fourth grade science students have completed an in-depth look at rocks and minerals. They have assembled their research on minerals into a booklet. New fourth graders will begin with an investigation of several rock samples so they can compare rocks and minerals.
- Fifth grade students have recently become familiar with Mt. Shasta in northern California as they study topographic maps and how to read them. New fifth grade scientists will begin the semester by building Wilshire Park school ground models to use in designing maps of the area.

Science rocks!

From Art Specialist, Mrs. Frudden:

Art students at Wilshire Park are busy wrapping up their art semester. All projects that art students 1st – 5th grade create originate with art history studies that identify art periods, artists, cultural Folk Art, and/or contemporary art practices that include illustration and collage.

- During the semester 1st and 2nd grade artists were introduced to the design elements of Line, Shape, Form, Color Texture, Space, and Value.
- 3rd Grade artists practiced the use of the Elements and continued to grow their artistic language and art awareness.
- 4th Graders have been experimenting with various mediums such as graphite, acrylic, clay, non-traditional surfaces, and metal tooling.
- 5th Grade artists use their developed art skills and awareness to create complex projects

that incorporate color theory, design, and an introduction to design principles.

Projects that will be completed this week include:

- 1st Grade slab-rolled clay “Rainbow Fish” using tempera cakes and metallic paint for surface decoration.
- 2nd Graders studied Van Gogh and his use of color and space in a still-life, then created their own version.
- 3rd Grade artists are putting the final touches on Eric Carle inspired hand-made paper animals and Georgia O’Keeffe style watercolor flowers.
- 4th Grade students covered coil rolled clay castles in acrylic paint and choose cartoons to enlarge to scale in the Pop Art approach.
- 5th Grade artists are putting the final touches on self-portrait collages.

All work from 1st semester artist will be stored in the studio until our spring Art Show, May 3rd, when work will be displayed for an evening of Art, Books, & Ice Cream!

From Media Specialist, Mrs. Kirkeide:

- In Kindergarten the students are being introduced to the author Lio Lionni. This week we are reading his book “The Alphabet Tree”. The book is about how letters come together to make words, and words come together to make sentences. Lionni has won several Caldecott Awards, so the students are also learning about that award for illustrations.
- In first grade, we are starting to learn about the special category of folk tales, called Tall Tales. This week we will be reading “Davey Crockett Saves the World.” We will be learning the elements of writing that make a story a Tall Tale.
- Second graders will be introduced to the poetry of Jack Prelutsky. The students love this unit, because he is a very funny writer.
- Third graders will be introduced to biographies about people who have made a difference. This week, we are reading about Rosa Parks, and next week we will learn about Ghandi.
- Fourth graders have been learning about using the index and the table of contents in reference materials. They will be finishing up their work with the Almanac, and will move on to Encyclopedia skills in the upcoming weeks.
- Fifth graders will be doing a unit on biographies too. This week they will be hearing a book about Rosa Parks. In upcoming weeks we will read about Helen Keller, Anne Frank and H.A Rey.

I heard that some kids received ipods and ipads for Christmas. Here is a site that a parent on an airplane recommended to me last week: www.bestkidsapps.com Her children were engrossed for the entire flight!

From Physical Educators, Mr. Allison and Mrs. Egan:

A friendly reminder: In Physical Education class we promote children wearing their tennis shoes to class. Please remind your child on the days they have Physical Education to wear or bring their tennis shoes. Your child will receive points for having their tennis shoes in class. It is very important that children have the proper footwear on when they are taking part in activities to avoid injury. Thank you for helping our program to be successful!

From Reading Specialist, Mrs. Shaw:

The Book Club Kids and the Ready Readers have not been meeting during the past two weeks as each student has been individually assessed on their reading progress. The third graders' Book Club groups will be coming to a close with the end of the first semester in order to make room in the schedule for the new Kindergarten Letter Clubs, which be forming for the second semester. Keep up the good work on your reading and comprehension skills third graders! I will miss you!

Thank You!



- Thank you to several families who donated a nice supply of warm outerwear for students who come to school unprepared for the weather. We now have a nice supply of hats, snowpants and neckscarves. We could always use mittens and gloves if you care to donate!

Events

No School on Friday, January 28th - Staff Development Day

St. Anthony Community Center is open. Call 612.706.1166 to arrange child care.

Report Cards

Students in Kindergarten through 5th grade will be receiving their report cards at school on Friday, February 4. If you have a kindergartner or first grader, you will be receiving the first report card of the year that day. Be sure to check your child's backpack on Friday, February 4th.

Fun Fest is Friday, February 4th from 4:00-8:00 p.m.



- We will accept bakery donations for the Cake Walk beginning on Tuesday, February 1st through Friday, February 4th. You will receive Fun Fest tickets for each item you donate!
- It is not too late to volunteer if you have not already signed up. Please contact: njarmulowicz@stanthony.k12.mn.us
- **Students must leave school at dismissal and return accompanied by an adult.**
- Please keep in mind that Fun Fest is a family night, so children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

5th Grade Recognition Planning Meeting:

Tuesday, February 8th at 6:30 p.m. in the Wilshire Park Media Center

Attention ALL 5th grade parents! You are invited to attend a planning meeting for our 5th graders' special Activity Day (June 8th) and Recognition Day (June 9th). We will meet on Tuesday, February 8th, 2011 in the Wilshire Park Media Center at 6:30 p.m. Please enter the building

through Door #3 from the parking lot.

There are many ways to be involved in these final 5th grade activities before sending them off to the Middle School so please join us! If you are unable to attend but would like to help out, contact Jan Campbell- janimal62@yahoo.com.

Jump Rope/Hoops for Heart from February 14-18th



Wilshire Park is once again taking part in the Jump Rope/Hoops for Heart fundraiser this year from February 14th-18th. YOUR child can be a Heart Hero and help children with special hearts by participating in Jump Rope For Heart! Jump Rope For Heart is a fun experience where children have fun jumping rope, learning about their hearts and how to keep them healthy, all while raising life-saving donations for the American Heart Association. We've made it really fun and easy for your child and family to raise donations using our cool online tool! You can help your child set-up his/her own Jump Rope For Heart Web page with a photo or video, and email it to friends and family to ask for their support. Your child may collect from friends and relatives or donations can be made directly to your child's Web page. This is a great family activity to do together. See the attached information on how to help your child join our school team online and your family will be on your way to making a Web page and saving lives!

We have set a goal as a school to get 1000 e-mails sent out to friends and family to help fight heart disease and stroke for the American Heart Association. Each class will keep a record of how many e-mails have been sent out. The class who sends out the most emails will get two extra 25 minute physical education classes and the winning classroom teacher gets to wear "gym teacher" clothes for a week while Mr. Allison and Mrs. Egan each have to wear their best dress up clothes for a week.

Students may also collect money from friends and family. However, if they set up the website then people can just donate to their website. That means the child would not have to do the money collection it would go right the American Heart Association.

Please see the attached files for more information if you would like to participate. Your child will also bring home a collection envelope for those that would like to donate checks or cash in February.

Thanks for your support!

Mr. Allison & Mrs. Egan

Physical Education Teachers

612.706.1236 or 612.706.1238

callison@stanthony.k12.mn.us or jegan@stanthony.k12.mn.us



Announcements

Changes to Panda Club/Afterschool Tutoring for Students in Grades 2-5

We are very pleased to report that our afterschool tutoring program, *The Panda Club*, has been very successful. We have been working with many students on a variety of key reading and math skills. We've been able to work with students to provide instruction and assistance on homework assignments as well. Students have been completing tasks and improving their work and study skills in the process.

We appreciate the support of our teachers as well as many parents and other volunteers who have come to work with this group. Together, we have served over 60 students in this capacity. It's been a tremendous group effort and we are grateful for the time and energy of everyone involved.

As we near the semester break, we are evaluating student needs and program outcomes. We have found there is a core group of students who are demonstrating the need for more intensive focus. Our goal is to help students grow to reach grade level expectations. We are seeing progress but also realizing there is a need for a more intensive, smaller group approach. In order to best align our efforts to meet learning goals, we have determined it is necessary to scale back the number of students we are serving through the Panda Club. This will allow us to work more closely with those students needing the most review and direct instruction. Many of these students do not receive additional intervention during the regular school day. The Panda Club is the intervention we have in place to help those learners achieve to their full potential.

Those students who will be invited to continue on in The Panda Club will receive a letter in the coming week. Starting Tuesday, February 1, we will make the transition to this smaller group. Thank you to everyone who has been involved up to this point. This was a new venture for us at Wilshire Park. We have learned a lot in the process and couldn't have done it without your help! We appreciate your support and effort to make this program successful. We've enjoyed working with all students who have participated and we look forward to continuing on to meet the needs of our focus group.

The last day of our original Panda Club will be Thursday, January 27. We hope to see all students that day!

Please direct questions to Anna Nelson and/or Amy Crotteau:
annanelson@stanthony.k12.mn.us or acrotteau@stanthony.k12.mn.us

Information About School Lockdown Drills

As in all schools, we strive to take every precaution possible in order to insure the safety of our students. Earlier this month, Wilshire Park conducted the third intruder drill of the school year. During this drill, after hearing an announcement, teachers lock their doors, turn off their classroom lights and keep students out of sight of anyone passing in the halls. During our earlier drill, staff and students did an excellent job. We will have a total of five intruder drills this year. Each drill takes less than 5 minutes. This would be an excellent opportunity to discuss safety precautions with your child, whether it be lockdown drills, fire-drills or safety in your own home and neighborhood.

Kindergarten Registration & Open Enrollment for 2011-12 School Year

Do you have a child who will be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2011 and live in the St. Anthony-New Brighton School District? Please e-mail cridge@stanthony.k12.mn.us or call the school office at 612.706.1200 to be added to our kindergarten mailing list for the 2011-12 school year. Please contact us even if you think we already know about your child!

Kindergarten information for the 2011-12 school year will be mailed out in February. An information session about the all-day kindergarten option will be held on Tuesday, March 8th from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Kindergarten Warm-up will take place on Thursday, April 14 or Tuesday, April 19 at Wilshire Park.

Yearbooks Are On Sale; Photos are Being Collected!

It's your last chance for the \$5.00 discount offered this year on the WPPA's ALL COLOR on EVERY PAGE 2011 Yearbook. Do you know the cover is going to be a 3-D Design? You do not want to miss out! Order your yearbook before January 24—you can still add personalization and icons, but HURRY...after the 24th, you're paying \$5 more. Of course, we'll have plenty once the yearbook comes out, but it will be \$25 in the spring, and you'll have to come and get it...as opposed to having one delivered to your child's classroom for only \$20. Order your yearbook now! There's a link on the school website: <http://www.stanthony.k12.mn.us/WP/> It's easy as 1.2.3!

You can also upload your best photos with the click of a mouse. It's that easy, and we'd love to use them! Facial shots and Friendly poses are best! Click the Upload your Photo's here link...give us your best shot! We are accepting photos anytime now until the end of January.

If you have any questions related to the yearbook, direct them to Kari Tholkes at 612-208-2569 or kat@mtinternet.com

From the Nurse

Updates from the Nurse's Office

Just a reminder to all parents, if your child needs to receive an antibiotic or eye drops while at school, it must be in an appropriate container labeled by the pharmacy and you must send a signed note stating when the student should get the medication and for how long. When you receive a medication prescription please ask the pharmacy for TWO medication bottles labeled appropriately. Medications should NOT be sent to school in a baggie. They must be in the original container. Please see the Wilshire Park website for the policy on giving medications at school. Any medication (other than short-term antibiotics) that will be given at school needs to have a Physician and parent signature, this includes Tylenol and cold medicines. This is in compliance with Minnesota law. The Authorization for Administration of Medication at School form is available on the Wilshire Park website under the Health Services tab. A new form is required each school year. Please call the Health Office if you have any questions. Thank you.

Lori Watzl-King RN, LSN
612.706.1205

Take Note!

ALL Visitors Must Sign In at the Office

We would like to remind you that when you come to Wilshire Park, you must sign in. This is to provide safety and security for our building. If you are dropping something off that your child has forgotten, the office staff will be happy to take the item in the office. The office staff will either deliver the item or e-mail your child's teacher and let them know there is an item waiting in the office. We try to ensure uninterrupted academic time for your child. Thank you for your help.

Money Sent to School with Your Child

When sending money to school with your child, please mark the check or envelope clearly with your child's first and LAST name, teacher's name and why the money is being sent (lunch money, field trip, book order, All Day Kdgn. tuition, etc.). If paying on your child's lunch account, please include your child's Lunch PIN number.

If Your Child is Absent or will be arriving late. . .

Please call the attendance line at 612.706.1204. Please call before 9:05 a.m. (Afternoon kindergarten, please call before 12:50 p.m.) You may leave a message 24 hours a day.

After School Child Care

Please remember to notify your child care provider if your child is ill or you pick up your child from school. Sometimes we receive calls from St. Anthony Community Center, Nativity, etc. after school looking for children. Save all of us some anxious moments! We want to know that our children are safe.

Bus Stops

Please be aware that if a bus stop goes unused for a period of 10 days, that stop may be inactivated by our bus company, Minnesota Central Transportation. Please contact our Transportation Director, Todd Niklaus at tniklaus@stanthony.k12.mn.us or 612.706.1117 if you need assistance with your child's bus route.

Flyers

Non-school-related flyers are not sent home with students but will be made available to parents in the school office. Parents may also call the school office to request that a flyer be sent home. **Flyers currently available in the school office:**

- **Piano Lessons** by Michelle Carpenter, a Wilshire Park mom: Individualized instruction – ½ hour lessons in my St. Anthony home. 20 years experience working with children of all abilities. Please e-mail: michellec@email.com or phone: 612.788.4679.
- **Classical Music Academy:** New students are invited for the 2010-11 school year. Private violin and piano lessons available. www.classicalmusicacademy.org or 763.291.7523. Non-profit music educator located at Faith United Methodist Church, 2708 33rd Ave NE, St. Anthony, MN 55418.

- **Children's Handbell** group is seeking new members. Faith United Methodist Church invites 2nd-5th grade kids to join a handbell choir. This fun experience is free and provides kids with a fun way to engage in music in a unique way. Faith UMC has had a children's handbell choir for many years, and most of the kids go on to play Bells in the adult choir and at their schools. Practices are Wednesday evenings 6:30-7:15 p.m. at Faith UMC (2708 33rd Ave NE, St. Anthony). The handbell choir performs 3-4 times a year. Please contact Janet Schafer with questions at 651-639-1683 or Janabelles@aol.com.

Community News



Special Basketball Night in St. Anthony



**This Friday, January 28 at 7:00 p.m.
Huskie Girls vs. Breck**

**Witness Ellie Zeller's name revealed on the
1,000 Point Club Banner**

**Don't miss playing in the
Huskie Halftime Shootout for your chance to
win \$5.00 in free concessions.**

&

Let a Huskie Care For Your Child

Parents Winter Break/Huskie Kids Party Night from 6:00-10:30 pm

Your children (ages 3+) will get into the game for free, be supervised by a loving Huskie basketball player, and then join the team after the game for a party complete with games, food, and lots of fun. The suggested donation for this Huskie basketball fundraiser is \$3/hour.

Hey Good Lookin'! What'cha Got Cookin'?

The "SAVory Recipes" cookbook has arrived! This is a cookbook with 250 Huskies favorite recipes!! The cookbooks are only \$10 and available for sale in the Wilshire Park school office. Please help the junior class with this 2011 Prom fundraiser. Questions? Contact: Lori Larson at hairs2larson@comcast.net or 763-350-5042.

Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) Classes Begin the week of January 24th

St. Anthony Community Service's ECFE program serves parents and children ages birth to five years. Classes are held at the St. Anthony Community Center, 3301 Silver Lake Road in St.

Anthony.

- Space is available in the following *separating* multi-age classes: Tuesday mornings, 9:30-11:30 a.m. (class #: 1401-W11B) and Wednesday mornings, 9:30-11:30 a.m. (class #: 1401-W11C).
- Space is also available in the following *non-separating* multi-age classes: Tuesday evenings, 5:30-7:00 p.m.—**dinner is provided** (class #: 1508-W11A).

Class fees are based on family income and scholarships are available. Families can register online at www.stanthonycs.org or call St. Anthony Community Services at 612-706-1166.

Parenting With Love and Logic Workshop

Led by Katie Solem, Trained Presenter from Love and Logic Institute

Six Thursday evenings: Feb. 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31st

from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

At Nativity Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

3312 Silver Lake Road, St. Anthony

Love and Logic is a common-sense approach to parenting that teaches easy-to-learn skills that create respect, responsibility, and good decision-making in children of all ages. Learn how to set limits without anger, lectures, threats or repeated warnings. When children cause problems, learn proven methods to hand the problem back to your child by replacing the anger and lecture with a strong dose of empathy followed by a logical consequence. Learn how to turn your words into gold with enforceable statements.

Cost for community at large: \$45 per person/ \$55 per couple*

Cost for Nativity or NCFC community: \$40 per person/ \$50 per couple*

*plus workbook cost of \$10 (couples share workbook)

*Please note: Due to costs, space and evening class time,
we are not able to offer childcare for this course.*

Questions? Call: 612.781.2766 or email Tori Setterholm: tsetterholm@nativitychurch.org

Registration Deadline: Monday, February 14th

Please make checks payable to *Nativity*. No refunds. Payment must accompany registration. Turn in registration and check to Nativity office, attention: Tori Setterholm

See flyer attached to this newsletter for registration form.

Preschool Open House on Tuesday, February 22, 2011

St. Anthony Community Services invites families of young children to learn more about preschool options at an open house on **Tuesday, February 22 from 6:00-7:00 p.m.** at the St. Anthony Community Center, 3301 Silver Lake Road. Community Services offers morning, afternoon, and all day preschool options. Preschool teachers will be available to answer your questions about our half-day and all-day preschool programs. New families can begin registering for preschool (for the 2011-2012 school year) on Tuesday, February 22. Families can contact St. Anthony Community Services at 612-706-1166 to learn more.

Calendar: Looking Ahead!



- **Friday, January 28:**
 - **No School – Staff Development Day**
 - St. Anthony Community Center open for child care. Call 612.706.1166 to arrange child care.
- **Tuesday, February 1:**
 - 8:00 a.m.: Destination ImagiNation Instant Challenge Sessions with Mrs. Boatman – MPR
 - 7:00 p.m. – School Board Meeting, St. Anthony Community Center
- **Friday, February 4:**
 - Report Cards sent home with students today.
 - 9:15-1:30 p.m. – Grade 2 field trip to Mill City Museum
 - 4:00-8:00 p.m. – Wilshire Park Fun Fest
- **Monday, February 7:**
 - 7:00 p.m. – Wilshire Park Parents Association (WPPA) Meeting - MPR
- **Tuesday, February 8:**
 - 10:00-2:30 p.m. – Two of the 4th grade classes: field trip to Bakken Museum and Pavek Broadcasting Station
 - 6:30 p.m. – 5th Grade Recognition Planning Meeting – WP Media Center
- **Wednesday, February 9:**
 - 7:50 a.m. – K-Kids Meeting – Cafeteria
- **Tuesday, February 15:**
 - 10:00-2:30 p.m. – Two of the 4th grade classes: field trip to Bakken Museum and Pavek Broadcasting Station
- **Thursday, February 17:**
 - 7:00 p.m. – 1st Grade Concert – Wilshire Park Gym
- **Friday, February 18:**
 - 9:15-10:15 a.m. – Coffee with the Principal, MPR
- **Monday, February 21:**
 - **No School – Presidents’ Day, all buildings closed.**

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