



A's Days

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School News and Needs

Christmas Program:

*This Thursday, December 15th, is our Christmas Program at 6:00 p.m. here at the school. Invite your family and friends to join us as we celebrate our savior's birth. All students need to be at the school no later than 5:30 p.m. wearing the below uniform.

All students need to wear their school uniform.

Boys: navy pants, white oxford shirt & tie.

Girls: navy skirt, skort, jumper, or pants and white blouse.

Trays for Desserts:

*Mrs. Hall is in need of UNBREAKABLE trays to serve the desserts on for the Christmas program. If you have any for her to use, please bring them into her room with your name on the underside.

Raffle Fundraiser \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00:

* Last week to sell tickets. The drawing will take place here at the school, Tuesday December 20th at 8:30. If you need more tickets please see the office.

Life Changing Animals:

*MVCA is collecting money to buy goats and chickens for hungry families overseas. We want to focus on the true meaning of Christmas. Your gift will bring urgent help and lasting help to a child in need. Please bring in your change by December 19th. A bucket is located at the office on the entry table.

Dress Down:

*This Friday, December 16, is dress down day.

Christmas Break:

*Our Christmas break begins December 21st through January 3rd with school resuming on January 4th. Have a joyous time celebrating our Saviors birth this Christmas season!

Winter Formal:

*MVCA's high school will have their Winter Formal on December 21st at Camp Bighorn. Cost is \$12.00 each. Make your check out to MVCA and bring it to the office as soon as possible.

Kitchen Unclaimed Hot Lunch Items:

*We have a basket in the kitchen designated for students' containers or any other items left behind.

Box Tops and Campbell's Labels:

*Reminder to clip and turn in your box tops and Campbell coupons for MVCA. There is a box in the entry for you to turn them in.

This week's hot lunch

*Chili with
 Potatoes and
 Dessert*



A big thank you to Midge Mergenthaler and Thomas Families



*Please bring \$1.50
 for Lunch*

Curricular News

- Mrs. Smith ~ 1st-2nd Grade- Bible-** We will review the lives of David and Solomon as well as the themes we studied in each lesson. **Grammar-** First Grade will learn about prepositions, objects of the preposition, and civilization rules. Second grade will finish the writing process as they write their final drafts and publish their two point expository paragraphs. They will also learn about subject/ verb agreement and pronouns. **Geography-** This week we will study Christmas around the world as we take a look at how Christmas is celebrated in England, Sweden, France, Germany, Italy, and Mexico. Next week we will learn about Israel and Hanukkah. **Math-** First Grade will learn how to identify a fractional part of a set, subtract 10 from a number, and identify polygons. Second Grade will learn how to write the date using digits, create and read a Venn Diagram, and order two-digit numbers. **Reading-** We will read four books about Christmas. Books read include: "Christmas in the Big Woods", "Come and See", "There Wishes for Christmas", and "The Legend of the Candy Cane".
- Mrs. Dunn ~ 5th-6th Grade- Bible-** The Kingdom of Israel has been punished for not loving and obeying the Lord. We will be studying the time of the exile this week. **Literature-** We are reading the biography of George Washington Carver but not as quickly since we are also practicing the play. We are looking forward to seeing you and performing for you on Thursday. **Science-** We are into rocks and even growing some crystals in our classroom. The students have three short essays to write on their choice of metal, mineral, and gem. Rough drafts are due on Friday. **Spelling-** R-3 list. We hope to write some interesting similes this week. **Grammar-** Conjunctions and illuminating run on sentences is our topic this week. **Math-** We are still working with fractions. Our chapter test will be on Friday. **History-** Our topic is the Civil War! There is a lot to read. We will finish the testing for this card on Tuesday, December 20th.

- Mrs. Brown ~ 3rd-4th Grade -** Last week we finished reading The Horse and His Boy, and we will continue with the Narnia series after Christmas break. We are reading other books in the meantime and will be doing Book Reports. On Tuesday, the students listened to the teacher read Snowflake Bentley. Wilson A. Bentley was born in 1865 and was the first person who photographed snowflakes. The class also made snowflakes. In History we are learning about William the Conqueror and the Battle of Hastings. In Grammar we studied a list of Homonyms. There will be a test on Friday matching homonyms with their correct meanings. Also, there will be the usual Spelling and History tests on Friday. This Thursday, along with the rest of the school, we will have a Christmas program. Our class will be reciting John 1:1-14. Keep practicing and reviewing the verses.
- Mrs. Hall ~ 7th-8th History & Logic -** We are continuing our learning about the Khmer Empire that Zhou Daguan experienced during the 13th century in Southeast Asia. As we read, we are grateful that we don't live in and under the oppression of slavery and the demonic activity of those days. As we count down to Christmas, we are grateful that Jesus Christ came to save us from our sins and the sins that dominate man without Christ. In Logic, we are looking at communication between people and practicing clearer more precise speech, which leads to better relations and less misunderstanding. **9th-12th Bible-** We are researching some of our questions about the "Christmas story" and our traditions - are they Biblical?
- Mr. Hart ~ Algebra 1, Algebra 2, & Pre-calculus-** All math classes should be taking one last test before the holiday break. The materials are very challenging. Some students seem to be in holiday mode a little early! Please wait until you ace the test to relax. **Russian-** students are writing a paragraph about their families in English and then translating it into Russian. This will be the beginning of really learning to converse about themselves in Russian. The final draft of the paragraph is due Friday. Students should be getting it checked once or twice before then to be sure they get a good grade. We may do it orally (from memory) on Monday. **Biology-** All students will be making a presentation on how to do a dissection then performing a dissection demonstration on their subject. Ryan went first with a three part poster board as his visual, a detailed explanation of the procedure for dissecting a fish, and a demonstration dissecting the first fish. He did an excellent job. Everyone should strive to use what he did as a guide to an A+.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
11	12	13	14 HAPPY BIRTHDAY Katelyn Toland	15  Christmas Program 6:00 p.m.	16 Dress Down Day HAPPY BIRTHDAY Mrs. Smith	17
18	19 Teacher Appreciation 	20 Raffle Drawing	21 HAPPY BIRTHDAY Brook Sherman & Lydia Rehbein	22	23	24
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