



A's Days

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This week's hot lunch

*Curry Rice
Chicken and
Dessert*



A big thank you to the
Windauer and Katelyn
Mergenthaler Families

*Please bring \$1.50
for Lunch*

School News and Needs

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

* ***SELL, SELL, SELL, RAFFLE TICKETS!*** If you are running low on your tickets, just stop by the office to pick up more to sell. All money and ticket stubs need to be turned into the office. Questions? La Nita would love to help you, 253-3130.

Christmas Program:

*Mark your calendars and invite your friends and family to this year's Christmas Program on December 15th at 6:00 p.m. here at MVCA. Cookies and refreshments will be served. 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.

PTA Meeting:

*This month's PTA Meeting will be held on December 8th at 2:30 in the school's Library. All are encouraged to come! We would love to see you there.

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. 1 Goat \$75, 2 chickens \$25, 10 ducks \$60.

Christmas Tree:

*MVCA has a Christmas tree that needs to be assembled and decorated. All decorations and the tree are at the school. If this interests you, please contact Marie Johnson to volunteer for this need.

Bulletin Mail Out:

*We are working on our Winter Bulletin. What we need is for two parents to help with the folding, labeling, and stamps. It is a couple hour commitment. Please let Marie know if you are able to commit to helping with the mail out of our bulletin. Thank you.

Curricular News

- **Mrs. Smith ~ 1st-2nd Grade- Bible-** We will learn that the Lord God gives holy wisdom to those who ask as we read about the wisdom of Solomon. **Reading-** We read a book called "Nate the Great". Nate the Great is a child detective who uses clues to help his friend, Annie, find her lost picture of her dog, Fang. **Grammar-** First Grade will complete a writing assignment about their family pets. They will also learn about common and proper nouns. Second Grade will complete a creative writing assignment and then begin writing a two-point expository paragraph in which they will go through the steps of the writing process. **Geography-** We will continue to learn about each continent as we discuss: South America, Africa, Europe, Asia, and Australia. **Math-** First Graders will count dimes, nickels, and pennies, identify fractional parts of a whole, and graph tags on a bar graph. Second grade will name fractional parts of a whole, trade pennies for dimes, and measure line segments to the nearest inch.
- **Mrs. Dunn ~ 5th-6th Grade- Bible-** We have been studying the time of the Judges. When we are done, we will study the time of the kings. **Literature-** New month- New book. We will be starting the Biography of George Washington. **Science-** We are finishing our chapter on light. Test on Wednesday or Thursday. **Spelling-** We have put off studying our regular spelling list. This week we are brushing up on our homonyms. **Grammar-** This is our writing week. We will be writing two paragraphs, one creative, one expository. **Math-** Fractions are our next topic. Chapter 7 for Grade Five and Chapter 5 for Grade Six. **History-** Card 11. Opening the Oregon Territory. This card includes the Pony Express, Samuel Morse, and the invention of the telegraph.
- **Mrs. Brown ~ 3rd-4th Grade-** We are continuing to read The Horse and His Boy. Shasta, Bree, Aravis and Hwin are making their way to Archenland and Narnia. They are trying to get their before Prince Rabadash does. The prince had wanted to marry Queen Susan but the Narnians got away, and he wants to try to get her and take over Archenland. This week in History, we are learning about the major schism between the Western Church in Rome and the Eastern Church in Constantinople that took place in 1054. We continue to practice grammar jingles and classify sentences. There is much to learn in Grammar which helps us to become better writers. Keep learning the jingles. In Math, the 4th graders are learning about how the Multiplication Table can help with division; when we memorize the multiplication facts, it also helps when we divide. The next multiplication fact test is on the 10 times table. The third grade is learning how to read the thermometer. What are the boiling and the freezing temperatures of the Fahrenheit scale? This week in Bible we are learning about four parables which teach us about the Kingdom of God. Keep practicing memory verses!
- **Mr. Hart ~ Algebra 1, Algebra 2, & Pre-calculus-** High school math classes will be taking cumulative review tests after every three chapters. Students can come to math tutoring to prepare for these tests or to cover current material during PE classes Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Mr. Hart will select students he feels need to come, parents can inform Mr. Hart if they wish for him to select their children to participate, and students may choose to attend voluntarily. Please, attendance should be to learn math and not to skip PE. **Russian-** students should have mastered the 7 letter rule, the hard & soft vowels, and the alphabet. Quizzes over this material will continue all year, so please continue to study as needed. The results from the big 3 lesson vocabulary test will go home this week. Russian tutoring will be possible during PE days if math tutoring is not taking place. **Biology-** students will be giving oral presentations on diseases this week. They will also be completing the unit on genetics and taking a test over chapter 9.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	 Savannah Bishop	30	1	Happy Birthday Andrew Lichte Heather Bruton	3
4	5	6	7	PTA Meeting 2:30 in school's Library	9	10