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Happy Thursday!

Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone for our two fabulous Open House events this week! Both nights we were honored to showcase our school for you. We hope that our tour guides, your beautiful child(ren), did a stellar job of showing you around. Being able to share a tiny look into their world when they are with us is our goal for each night.

Thank you for all of your input on the Thursday Family Letter survey. Our goal with the survey was to determine if the paper or electronic copies were more helpful to families. We hope that our letters provide information about not only specific subjects covered, but also upcoming events and the many activities that the New Flier section has to offer. After four years of Thursday letters, we thought it was time to survey our readership to determine if our delivery process was a success. The data from the survey showed the following preferences:

Total responses: 251 Paper copy: 72 Electronic copy: 110 Both: 69

Based on the results of our survey, we will continue with what we are currently doing. We will send home a paper copy of the letter on Thursdays, place the letter on our website and send the letter out electronically through the Blackboard Connect messaging system – hopefully on Thursdays as well. The electronic letter and the website edition (found in the NEWS, then Family Thursday Letters section of the website), will have clickable links to all of the new fliers for the week. Thanks again for your responses and your continued readership.

Huge smiles and adorable outfits filled our classrooms this week as everyone had their picture taken. This year, in order to ensure that all students are in their class picture, the photo company offered the opportunity to have class pictures created by the individual images taken by the photographer. This new process will guarantee that no one is left out of the composite class pictures. We apologize for any confusion this change may have caused.

As we end our third week of school, a quick look at what each grade is currently learning about in math:

Pre K: Number Recognition

K: Number Sense (to 10)

1st: Addition and Subtraction Strategies to 10

2nd: Addition and Subtraction Fact Strategies

3rd: Computing with Whole Numbers

4th: Place Value and Algorithms for Addition and Subtraction

5th: Base 10 and Algebraic Connections

6th: Computations with Fractions (addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division)

Reminder: Please send in any summer reading and math forms. We are in the final steps of gathering the data of participation for our district. Thank you!

As we move into year 3 of our robotics lessons, we are able to add some more in-depth programming challenges for our older students. With these challenges, the robot is going to be programmed to interact with outside objects, made out of Legos. If anyone has any Legos that they were going to discard, we could happily add them to our collection. Please send them in to the Main Office. Thank you!

Our 5th graders will be taking home Emergency Kits, sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The kits, provided by FEMA, contain: a drawstring bag, a flashlight and flashlight batteries, a whistle, and an emergency blanket. FEMA provided lessons and kits to the 5th graders in order to provide children and families with tools to help with emergency preparedness. More information for families can be found at: www.ready.gov/kids/parents.

We hope everyone has a fabulous Friday and a nice weekend. Thank you again for the fun Open House events this week!

Dan & Kim

Upcoming Events:

9/18 - Faith Formation Classes Begin

New Fliers:

Park & Rec:

[Kid's Sewing Classes – Level 2](#)

[Airplane Club](#)

[Magic Club](#)