

November 1, 2009

## Principal's Comments

### November 11—Veteran's Day

The Plainfield Township has asked our 4th and 5th graders to return to the Veteran Day Memorial Service on November 11. They will once again sing the National Anthem to kick off the memorial. The park is located on the corner of Belmont and Jupiter. The ceremony will start at 7:00 pm. Our music teacher, Mrs. Ibarra, is practicing with our students. They sound terrific!

### Iowa Testing November 2 through November 13.

Assumption students in grades 2 through 8 will begin taking the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) the week of November 2. These assessments are very challenging. Make sure your children are well rested and have a good breakfast. Once we have received our results, we will take a close look at what the data tells us. We will be looking at where our students did well, where we need to improve, and to see if there are any gaps in the curriculum. A copy of these results will be sent home. I'll provide a summary in the newsletter as well.

### How Are We Feeling?

First of all, thank you for your support and understanding regarding the school closing last Friday, October 23. When I made the decision to close, our absentee rate had climbed to 38 students, or around 25% of our population. We had several cases of H1N1 confirmed as well. In addition, as you might expect several teachers were fighting to stay healthy. When we re-opened we still had 10 students out, but overall I think we were in better shape. I suspect we are not through with the flu yet, as it is only October. We'll do our best to keep the kids healthy while they are here.

### Assumption Stewardship Fair—Hoe Down

The Hoe Down will take place on November 7 in the Family Life Center, immediately following the 5:30 pm Mass. This year's focus is Education. Come check it out!

### Rockford Education Foundation (REF) Grants

Two of our teachers were recently notified they would receive grants from the REF. Mrs. Ibarra (shared-time from Rockford) and Mrs. Westman will receive money to purchase classroom materials. Our school does benefit from the Rockford Education Foundation, so please support them as you are able.

Thank you, thank you, for all you do for the students, staff, and school.

*Who You Are Makes A Difference!*

Yours in Christ,

Mr. Micele, Principal

## County Wide Food Drive

We had amazing results from the food collection for the County Wide Food drive. Our Assumption students collected nearly 800 lbs. of food. Thank you for your generosity.



## Nursery Helpers for the 11:00 am Mass the month of Nov.



Nov. 22

Emily Schwanzl & Libby O'Brien



## Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp

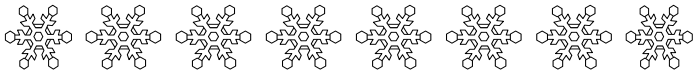
Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp will again be hosting camps this summer. They will again be offering Merit Scholarships and Financial Aid Scholarships. You can contact them directly at 231-894-1966 or visit their web site: [www.bluelake.org](http://www.bluelake.org).

## Family Directory

In October we sent each family (by way of youngest and only) a copy of the *2009-2010 School Family Directory*. We are grateful to our fantastic team of collators who spiral bound these books: **Anne Riddering, Marti Wildman, Karen Rorsma, Maureen Markules, and Emily Foster.** A big thanks to **Liz Miklosi** for running the directories off and organizing for the collating team!

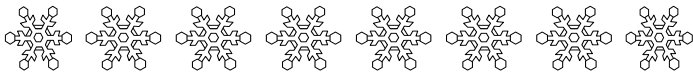


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### Boot Check

With cold weather now approaching, we ask that all students be dressed appropriately for outside recess. Be sure your children have warm coats, gloves, boots, etc.. Please make sure that everything is labeled with your child's name.



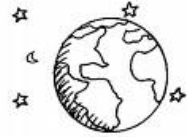
### Know the difference between a cold and H1N1 Flu Symptoms

<u>Symptom</u>	<u>Cold</u>	<u>H1N1 Flu</u>
<b>Fever</b>	Fever is rare	Temp of 100 degree or higher for 3 to 4 days
<b>Coughing</b>	a hack (mucus-producing) cough is often present	A dry cough is usually present
<b>Aches</b>	Slight body aches and pains	Severe aches and pains
<b>Stuffy Nose</b>	Stuffy nose is common	Stuffy nose is not common
<b>Chills</b>	Are uncommon	Occur in 60% of cases
<b>Tiredness</b>	Fairly mild	Is moderate to severe
<b>Sneezing</b>	Is common	Not common
<b>Sudden Symptoms</b>	Symptoms tend to develop over a few days	Rapid onset with sudden symptoms of high fever-muscle aches-shortness of breath-tight chest
<b>Headache</b>	Are fairly mild	Occur in 80% of cases
<b>Sore Throat</b>	Is commonly present	Is not commonly present
<b>Chest Discomfort</b>	Is mild to moderate	Is often severe

### Sports Uniforms

Kindly return all sports uniforms to the school office within one week of the end of the season. Place them in a bag labeled with student's name and grade (or enclose the information in the bag.) Laundry tip: **after washing on gentle cycle, lay flat to dry. Please do not put them in the dryer.**

### Destination: BOOK FAIR – Read Around the World



The Scholastic Book Fair will be held during parent/teacher conferences on November 17, 18, and 19 from 8:30am to 9:00pm and November 20<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am until 11:00am. Get your holiday shopping started here with great books by great authors. The teacher/classroom wish table will be back, as will the Around the World Blanket/Pillow/Book Raffle for 50 cents a chance (all proceeds from this will go directly to the ABVM Library). An international flag Art Gallery by the students will be on display so plan on coming by to view this. Students & staff are invited to DRESS DOWN with an international flair on Tuesday, November 17 to kick off our book fair.

Volunteers – I will be in touch with you soon. If you did not fill out the volunteer form at the beginning of the year but would like to help at the fair, call me at 863-9441 or abvmlibrarian@gmail.com

Noreen Eshleman



### Santa Secret Shop— Fast Approaching



Santa Secret Shop is scheduled for Monday, December 7, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. If anybody would like to volunteer to help and/or donate gift items, gift wrap, etc. contact **Anita Rudell at 866-1166.**

### Recycled Ink Cartridges

Remember to keep bringing in your used ink and fax cartridges. **Gary Balcom** has offered to take these cartridges for recycling to a company in Fremont. We will be using some of these monies for the landscaping in the front of school. Thank you for your continued support!

