



November 2008, Newsletter

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Daylight Savings Time

On Sunday, November 2, daylight savings time will end. Please remember to "fall back" one hour.

Election Day

School **will be** in session on Election Day, Tuesday, November 4.

Happy Birthday

April Young 11/3
Colton Porter 11/13

Anna Law 11/6
Kip Price 11/26

Kenton Lindsey 11/11

Operation Christmas Child

We have the opportunity to share the love of God, bless a child's life, and make a world of difference through the power of a simple gift...a shoebox full of wonderful surprises! Operation Christmas Child volunteers deliver millions of gift-filled shoeboxes to hurting children around the world.



Each class has been asked to fill one shoebox for a boy or girl. If you would like to do one as a family, you may send your shoebox to your child's classroom before November 6. A brochure of suggested items to include has been sent to you. (Remember to enclose the \$7 postage/handling fee if you send a personal shoebox.) Our church family also participates in this ministry and will deliver all of the shoeboxes to the distribution center.

Awards Chapels

There will be two Awards Chapels in November. The Kindergarten and First Grade will receive awards at the November 13 regular chapel time. These students will be on a field trip to the RiverPark at our regularly scheduled one.

Grades 2-6 will have their Award's Chapel on November 20. We hope that families can come as we honor our students' efforts.

Science Club (by Sydney Hitchel)

This month at Science Seekers we used citric acid and rubber latex to make rubber bouncy balls. We dipped our fingers into a bottle of rubber latex to make small rubber bands and protective coatings similar to rubber gloves. We learned that Native Americans used to step in the rubbery substance and allow it to dry on their feet to make a protective coating like a shoe. Rubber latex comes out of trees and it is tapped out just like maple syrup. **Science Club will meet again on November 13.**

Adoption Awareness Month

This year National Adoption Day will be Saturday, November 15. Adoption agencies, adoptive parents and families, adoptees, and others will celebrate the annual National Adoption awareness Month in November. More than 300 events are held each year throughout the country to finalize the adoptions of children in foster care, and to celebrate all families who adopt.



America Recycles Day

As stewards of the environment, we are responsible for preserving and protecting our resources for ourselves and for future generations. We encourage you and your family to recycle at home. For more information and tips regarding what items can be recycled, please check out www.nrc-recycle.org. Our closest recycling center is located in Hartford, at 405 Clay Street.

World Kindness Week

Celebrate World Kindness Week (November 10-16) by making a list of all the kind things that others do for you. Use this list to encourage your family to show the same kindnesses to others.

Book Orders are due by November 18. This will be the LAST order before Christmas.

Brown Bag Lunch

We would like to invite you to bring your brown bag lunch and join us on Tuesday, November 25, from 11:30 – 12:30. The entire student body and staff will join with family members for lunch.



Give Thanks In observance of Thanksgiving, school will be closed November 26-28. We hope everyone will enjoy some family time as they reflect on God's blessings. FFA is especially thankful for students, their families, every staff member, and all of the volunteers involved in its ministry.

Upward Basketball & Cheerleading

Due to the large number of participants in the past, there are two host churches this year. Grades K-2 will meet at Beaver Dam Baptist and Grades 3-6 will meet at McHenry Baptist Church. Registration/Orientation is November 10 and 11 for boys and girls in Grades K, 1, and 2 at the Beaver Dam Baptist Christian Activities Center. Registration for boys and girls in Grades 3-6 is on November 1 at McHenry Baptist Church. We welcome our sister church in this ministry.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

We will not have a school-wide conference day following this grading period. You may schedule a conference with your child's teacher if there is a need to discuss any areas of concern.

School Closings Inclement Weather

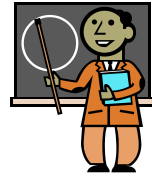
In case of inclement weather, FFA will observe the same closing policies as the Ohio County Public Schools. If inclement weather comes during the school day and classes are dismissed early, please pick up your child as soon as possible. Closings are announced on WBKO 13, WEHT 25 (Evansville), WXMZ 106.3.

Fundraiser's Corner

We recently redeemed 26,990 Nestle points for sports equipment and 5,350 Campbell's points for a book, *Earth*; and a Math Blaster computer game for grades 4-6. We appreciate the volunteers who help with counting, sorting, and organizing these labels to get them ready to mail.

Our Caramel Coated Popcorn Sale is coming up soon. We will send home order forms for Caramel Coated Popcorn the first week of December.

CLASSROOM NEWS



Kindergarten

This class is well on its way to reading. We have spent much time learning our letter sounds and now we have begun putting all of those sounds together to make words and form sentences. I have some awesome readers.

We really enjoyed our trip to the RiverPark Center. The Kindergarten class thought The Chinese Acrobats were “super cool”. We look forward to going again on November 20 to see Madeline’s Bad Hat.

First Grade

Our class has been celebrating the fall season. We have learned about apples, changing leaves, fire safety, and Halloween. We studied fear, and how everyone has a person to go to when they are afraid. No matter what, God is always with us, so we are **never** alone. Our memory verses, II Timothy 1:7 and Psalm 27:1, tell us that we have nothing to fear. Our best lesson was to learn that “God is Bigger Than the Boogie Man.”

Second Grade

We rejoice with the angels and the Brown family as Allison accepted Jesus as her Savior.

The second grade has camped out at the base of Mt. Sinai and learned the Ten Commandments. In November they will do an in-depth study of the tabernacle including the furniture, how they were used, and the symbolism of the pieces. They will memorize the two greatest commands Jesus gave to us.

Our history lessons took us back to pioneer days where the students have learned many interesting facts. They will perform a play this month using those facts. Second graders can now carry, in addition, to 4 digits and are working hard on problem solving. Our language focus will be learning to complete book reports and learning new rules for adding suffixes.

The students are excited about going to the Ceramic Café again to paint Christmas ornaments and loved their trip to see The Chinese Acrobats.

Third & Fourth Grade

October has been great! We had a wonderful time of fellowship together at a hayride and cookout hosted by the Embry’s. We also had a terrific time on our field trip to Mesker Park Zoo.

We are following up our study of vertebrates by learning the major bones of our body. As we prepare to elect a new president, our class has been reading about our past presidents. We will launch a school wide election for favorite food with students writing persuasive speeches and creating campaign posters. They are so excited! In art we are learning about lines and the painting, *American Gothic*, by Grant Wood. I also hope to plan a trip to the Ceramic Café.

This month the 4th grade will create a program for 4-H on the Bedouin of Egypt. They will present this program on 4-H Culture Night.

Fifth & Sixth Grade

October was a great month filled with great activities like seeing the Shangri-La Chinese Acrobats, Hallowed Fun Night (hosted by Beaver Dam Baptist Church), and Trunks & Treats.

November promises to be great too as we prepare Operation Christmas Child boxes for a boy or girl in need. It reminds us that we have a lot to be thankful for during this season of thanksgiving. Our preparations for 4-H Culture Night include a study of the Bedouin people of Egypt. They are a people with a rich heritage who have a great need to know Christ. It will be fun to learn about their culture and dress like sheiks of the desert (if anybody has a spare camel, let us know).

We have learned a lot about trees and insects. We are continuing to study arthropods, so our room is filled with insects and spiders! Be sure to visit our invertebrate zoo.