

Weekly News

from

St. Paul's Lutheran School

May 9, 2012

School Board Recognition

This is School Board Appreciation Week. Please join me in thanking our School Board members for their dedication and for their special service to St. Paul's Lutheran School. Current members are Karen Thalacker, Mel Gonnerman, Cindy Hansel, and Marcus Newsom; newly elected members are Mark Anderson (chair) and Emily Barber. We are also grateful to Jan Ott and Dane DeBower who recently served on the School Board.

Support programs add up!

Thank you for collecting printer cartridges for recycling and other program incentives. We recently received \$306.77 from the Green School project, \$284.55 from the Kwik Card program, and \$680.90 from Box Tops for Education. We are grateful for your collection of HyVee receipts, too. We turned in receipts totaling \$182,044. Watch for news about the award from HyVee!

Please Keep Purchasing Scrip this Summer

May 18 will be the last day of the school year that you can purchase Scrip at the school, but please keep up your purchases. Scrip can be purchased Monday through Friday between 8:30 and 4:00 at the church office (inside the east entrance of the Parish Hall up the stairs to the left) or on Sunday mornings in the church Narthex. If you need to order gift cards that we do not stock, orders placed by 9 AM Tuesday morning can be picked up the following Friday. Orders can be made on-line or by using an order form delivered to the church office.

Don't forget those graduations coming up—stock up on gift cards through Scrip!

Simply Giving

Thrivent sponsors an automated payment program for tuition payment. You may choose to pay 2012-2013 tuition in 9 or 12 automatic installments. Call the school office for details.

A place of comfort

We continue to collect pillows for Cedar Valley Friends of the Family, where they experience a constant need for new pillows. Each individual who stays overnight at the CVFF shelter receives a pillow, which, for health and comfort reasons, they take with them when they leave. We will be collecting pillows until the end of May to donate to CVFF. Please share God's love with those experiencing pain and uncertainty in their lives by donating a pillow—a symbol of comfort and security.



Thank you!

Fun, fellowship and fundraising—what a great combination! The 2nd Annual Spring Social was a huge success! We are grateful for the tremendous support last Friday and for the wonderful preparation and coordination by the planning team!

We met the \$10,000 goal—watch for more details next week.

Calendar

- **Thurs., May 10** – Baptismal Remembrance Service
- **Fri., May 11** – 3rd & 4th grade visit public library
Chat and Chew
School Fun Walk (Annual Fund Walk)
- **Mon., May 14** – Bring flowers for Bartels planting
School Board meeting
- **Tues., May 15** – Cheese pizza lunch – Gr. K-3
- **Wed., May 16** – Cheese pizza lunch – Gr. 4-5-6-EP
1st & 2nd grade planting flowers
at Bartels
- **Thurs., May 17** – Song fest
- **Fri., May 18** – 2nd grade to Bartels
- **Mon., May 21** – 1st & 2nd grade – landfill trip
5th & 6th grade orchestra concert @ Rada Auditorium
- **Wed., May 23** – School picnic (see attached note)
Last day for Wed AM preschool
Last day for MWF PM preschool
- **Thurs., May 24** – 3rd & 4th grade field trip to Living History Farms
Last day for TTH PM preschool
- **Fri., May 25** – 6th grade graduation – 8:35 a.m.
Last day for MT/THF AM preschool
Last day for K-6 & extended preschool
12:40 Early Dismissal

FUN WALK

Friday is the day for the 9th Annual Fun Walk! Remember to wear good walking shoes. If you haven't returned your sponsor sheet, please turn it in tomorrow. They will be returned to you on Monday, May 14, if you need to collect any additional pledges based on the laps you completed. All pledges should be collected and turned into the school office by Monday, May 21.

Notes from Paul Frantsen, St. Paul's Director of Family and Youth Ministry:

Waverly Community Garden

Opening work day is May 19 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. During the rest of the summer, work days are Tuesdays 6-8 PM and Saturdays 9-11 AM. The garden is located between 5th and 6th Avenues on Second Street SW.

Animal Farm Day June 16

It's an afternoon of fun at the Shaw's farm to visit the cows, sheep, goats, donkeys, chickens, ducks, and even peacocks. We will meet at church for a cookout at 4 PM then head over to the farm afterwards to see the animals. Please sign up at the Family and Youth bulletin board to attend.



Family Camp July 6-8

It's a fun and relaxing weekend at Camp Ewalu for families. Enjoy hiking, swimming, campfires, and family renewal. All are welcome, families, adults, couples, singles. Registration forms are available online or at the church.

Rent a Youth

The St. Paul's high school youth who are attending the 2012 Youth Gathering in New Orleans are offering to work this spring and summer. Their photos, bios, and work skills are posted on the Youth and Family bulletin board. If you would like to 'rent a youth' please contact the church to place a bid.

2012 St. Paul's School Picnic

Wednesday, May 23

Dear Parents,

The end of the year picnic will be Wednesday, May 23 at 11:30 in the Parish Hall and all families are invited to attend! This year there will be no cost for family members and if parents and siblings are unable to join the students, a VIP(s) is welcome to come instead. Please fill out the form at the bottom of this letter with the family name, number attending and return it by Friday, May 18. (Do not include your student in the count.)

You are welcome to bring blankets and plan to eat outside, weather permitting. If we eat inside, the blankets will still be useful as there will not be any tables or chairs set up.

Menu: Hamburgers or Hot Dogs, Chips, Fruit, Ice Cream Bars

Thanks for all of your support this year with the hot lunch program!

Heidi Hennings, Hot Lunch Coordinator

Family attending _____

Number of guests _____

After the picnic, the students will play games organized by Mrs. Duncalf from 12:30-1:30. Please let us know if you would be interested in helping.

_____ Yes, I will be able to help with games.

Name _____ Phone _____