



Thursday, October 7, 2010

Fri., Oct. 8

- School Pictures; N. Campus (Gr. 3-8)
- School Spirit Day!

Sat., Oct. 9

- FLS Volleyball Tourney; N. Campus @ 8 AM

Mon., Oct. 11

- 8th Grade Parent Conferences

Tues., Oct. 12

- 8th Grade Parent Conferences
- FLS PTL Meeting at Peace - 6PM

Wed., Oct. 13

- 1:00 PM Early Dismissal

Mon., Oct. 18 - Wed., Oct. 20

- 8th Grade Retreat

Tues., Oct. 19

- Parent Conferences - 4:00-8:00 PM
- Marathon "Eggs-tension" Funds Due

Wed., Oct. 20

- No School; Parent Conferences 8:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

Thur., Oct. 21-Fri., Oct. 22

- No School; MEA Break

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The Wildcat's Roar

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Marked By the Master

Psalm 23

While growing up in Wyoming, I learned the art of fly fishing. While I often had the opportunity to practice my form on small trout streams and rivers that ran through the area, the occasional trip to more mountainous regions were a reason for extra excitement. Often, the areas that we would visit were very remote and the only other traveler seen would be a shepherd tending sheep at summer pasture.

During a trip to the middle fork of the Powder River, my friend Larry noticed a flock of sheep that was larger than most. Upon closer inspection, we noticed three separate sheep wagons indicating that the one flock was actually a collection of three smaller flocks. I wondered aloud about the sheep looking alike and questioned the sorting process that would have to take place. Larry, a veteran of the area, assured me that sorting wouldn't be a problem; each shepherd had carefully marked his sheep and would find them easily.

The mark was quite permanent, almost

like a brand. The shepherd would carefully lay the ear of the sheep on a block of wood and then, with a very sharp knife, swiftly cut a series of notches in the ear as an identifying mark. The mark would not wash off or fade with time; it was a permanent mark of ownership.

As sheep in the flock of our Heavenly Shepherd, we too have a mark of ownership. The mark that we bear is not a clear physical marker, but a mark placed on our lives through the love of our Good Shepherd. In John 13:35, Jesus says, "By this all men will know you are my disciples, if you love one another." The reflection of Christ's love in our lives serves as our distinguishing mark. We focus less on our own selfish interests, but strive to live our own lives like that of our Shepherd; caring for others, helping them and bringing them the good news of salvation. Our periods of earthly suffering are like the brief moments it takes to notch a sheep's ear when compared to the joy-filled eternity that awaits us with our Shepherd, Jesus Christ, in heaven.

Marathon Update: Still Scrambling!

Our final totals for the Marathon fundraiser weren't "eggs-actly" what we had hoped for - no, I am not just "yolking" around. At this time, there is no chicken suit in Mr. Witt's future.

Marathon totals reached approximately \$9,500 - a mere \$500 short of our \$10,000 goal. We had a number of students forget to submit their envelopes; if each of these envelopes would have been submitted with a \$15 donation, our goal would have been met. If all 120 FLS students would have submitted \$5 more than they did, we would have succeeded in meeting our goal. It is disappointing to be so close and fall just short.

Honestly, we're just too close to let this slip away. I am officially "eggs-tending" the cut off date for Marathon funds submission. I know we can do this! We're not chicken! We won't run from the challenge.

FLS students can meet the \$10,000 goal by raising the additional funds by the end of the school day on **Tuesday, October 19**; funds will not be counted until Wednesday, October 20. If students have raised the additional funds to meet the **original \$10,000 goal**, they will be able to vote on their reward. They will have to choose between Mr. Witt in a chicken suit or the Fall Festival party. If we would have

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. Eph 2:8-10 (ESV)

Marathon Update (cont.)

an overwhelming response and **exceed our original goal by an additional \$3,000 - bringing the total to \$13,000 the students would be rewarded with BOTH the chicken suited Mr. Witt AND the Fall Festival Party.** I know that many of the students have worked very hard to reach our fundraising goal. It would be a shame for them to walk away empty handed and without reward.

No School

Please mark your calendars. Next week Wednesday, **October 13**, there will be an early dismissal at 1:00 PM; busses will run accordingly. There will be no school on Wednesday, **October 19**, because of school conferences. Also, school will not be in session on Thursday or Friday, **October 20-21**, because of MEA Break.

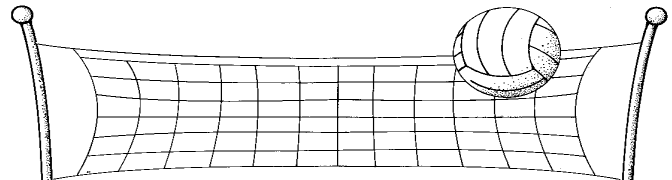
Hy-Vee SMART Points

It's that time of year again! The Hy-Vee SMART Points promotion is back by popular demand! Hy-Vee, Procter & Gamble and now Sara Lee have partnered together to help build a brighter future for our students, teachers and our school. SMART Board™ interactive whiteboards engage students in exciting new ways, inspiring a higher education within a more creative environment. The power of this technology remains the focus of this great promotion.

Every \$20 of Procter & Gamble products purchased at Hy-Vee, in a single transaction, earns the shopper 100 SMART Points to donate to the school of their choice. This year you can earn even more points for our school! Get an additional 100 SMART Points when you purchase \$5 of Sara Lee Bakery products in the same transaction as your qualifying \$20 Procter & Gamble purchase. Printed on the receipt will be a promotional code to be entered on www.hy-vee.com. Once the code is entered, select the school for which you would like to make the donation. Shoppers can earn SMART Points from September 1, 2010–November 30, 2010.

Over 200 schools with the most points will win!* Visit www.hy-vee.com and click the SMART POINTS logo to see where our school stands compared to other participating schools in our area. Plus, this year the participant with the most points earned from each winning school will win a MacBook® computer.

We encourage you to invest in the future of our school and share the details of this promotion with your friends and family during the promotional period.



FLS Volleyball Tourney

The annual FLS Volleyball Tournament will be held on Saturday, October 9. Teams included in this year's tournament are: Faribault Lutheran, Owatonna Christian, Trinity - Janesville, St. Michael's - Prior Lake, Holy Redeemer - Montgomery, Grace Lutheran - Mankato, and immanuel - Courtland.

The school will be opened at 7:15 AM on Saturday. The FLS Wildcats will start tournament play at 8:00 and 8:40; the championship is scheduled for play at 5:00 PM. Go Wildcats!

MidQuarters & Conferences

Mid quarter grades are available for viewing via Fast Direct. If you need assistance accessing your Fast Direct account or require a paper copy of the report, please contact your child's classroom teacher.

First quarter conferences are scheduled for Tuesday, October 19, from 4:00 to 8:00 PM, and Wednesday, October 20, from 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. Eighth grade conferences should be scheduled for Monday, October 11, and Tuesday, October 12, due to a conflict with the annual 8th Grade Retreat (Oct. 12-20). Please remember that these conferences are required. If you have not scheduled a conference with your child's teacher, please do so at your earliest convenience.



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