

1st LUTHERAN SCHOOL

FRIDAY NOTE

April 13, 2018

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I always dread this time of year. Spring Fever has hit 1st Lutheran School. Now that it has finally warmed up a bit this week and the daylight hours are growing longer, both students and teachers are beginning to count the days to the end. However, as I find myself reminding everyone almost every day, it is not over for 30 more days and we need to keep focused and **FINISH STRONG!**

Thank you, Sara Freeman, for organizing the Daddy/Daughter Dance that was held last Saturday evening. We also appreciate all those families who donated food for the evening and thanks to the moms who helped Sara make the event enjoyable for all.

We are well into the month of April and, at 1st Lutheran, that means 2 things: Achievement tests are just around the corner AND it's time for the Operetta!

Achievement tests will be held April 23-27 for all students in Kindergarten through sixth grade. (**Grades 2 and 4** will be doing some additional testing on Wednesday and Thursday, **April 18 and 19.**) It is extremely important that all students be here during the **mornings** those 7 days. Please check **now** to insure that your child does not have a doctor or dental appointment scheduled for then. If so, please try to reschedule them now. We do the majority of our testing in the morning; we begin promptly at 8:00 AM and most classes are done by 10:45 AM. Afternoon appointments should be fine. Having a child make-up a missed test is very difficult.

It is also important that all students be here **on time** as well. Teachers need to begin daily preparations and give instructions for testing

promptly at 8:00 AM. Children who arrive late will need to sit at the office until their class has a break between individual tests.

Parents are also reminded that it is very important that your child have a **good, healthy breakfast!** They will need some fuel to power up their brains each morning.

Achievement tests are important to us as educators because they give us a "snapshot" of how your child is progressing academically this year. It is one of the tools we use in assessment. Parents, we need you to be your child's cheerleader; encourage them each morning before they leave home to do their very best!

Please note we will have an **early dismissal** day on **Friday, April 27**. We continue to work on the curriculum mapping that is required of us as part of our on-going accreditation process. All students in K-6 will be dismissed at 1:30 PM.

ACCELERATED READER

These students are hard workers and have reached significant milestones in Accelerated Reader.

50 Point Club

Lola Cadelli – 3rd grade
Quinn Whitsitt – 3rd grade

200 Point Club

Ellie Barr – 2nd grade
Emily Barr – 4th grade
Ellie Friddle – 4th grade
Samantha Rengstorf – 5th grade
Landy Ballard – 6th grade
Matthew Zepponi – 6th grade

300 Point Club

Katherine Apple – 2nd grade
Ellie Friddle – 5th grade
Samantha Rengstorf – 5th grade
Darian Clemmings – 6th grade
Jaymes McAlvain – 6th grade

400 Point Club

Katherine Apple – 2nd grade
Jaymes McAlvain – 6th grade

These are some very impressive totals for the school year. I will be interesting to see how many points some of these students will earn by the end of the school year. Way to Go!

THE ARISTOCATS

Our Spring Operetta is almost complete! My dogs, cats, geese and humans are almost ready! We are presenting *The Aristocats Kids* Thursday, April 19 at 6:30 p.m. **All** students grades K-6 are in the show. We still need a couple of makeup helpers. If you can help on Thursday evening beginning at 5:15, please see Mrs. Davis at school. Cast Call is 5:30 in the computer lab, and Choir Call is 6:00 in Mrs. Ballard's room. I would like for the choir to wear khaki pants, shorts, or skirts (no jumpers) and navy uniform shirts if possible. Thank you! See you there!

MOTHER~SON NIGHT

The Mother Son night this year will be Dinner & a Movie at FLS on Saturday, April 28. Food, drinks, and a movie will be provided. Feel free to bring pillows and blankets.

If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Mitch at (479)806-7157.

ONLY TWO WEEKS TO SAVE \$125

May 1st is fast approaching. May 1st is the deadline to receive the reduced registration & technology fee for next year.

If you have misplaced your registration form, just call the school office and we will send another form home with your child.

TUITION ASSISTANCE

If you would like to apply for tuition assistance for the upcoming school year, please contact the office for more information. Families must re-apply each year. The application process must be completed by May 1, 2018.

SUMMER PROGRAM

Registration for the summer program is going on now! The program runs from May 30 through August 3. You can enroll your children on a full time or a part time basis. The school age program is full of both on campus and off campus activities. The preschool children participate in water days and bike and trike days. If you are interested in more information, you may contact the school office or email squillory@1stlutheran.com.

CALENDAR

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| • April 19 | Operetta – <i>The Aristocats</i> |
| • April 23 – 27 | Achievement Testing |
| • April 30 | Last Day for Registration Fee Discount |
| • May 15 | Spring Concert |
| • May 20 | PS & Kindergarten Program |
| • May 22 | 6 th Grade Blessing |
| • May 24 | Talent Show |
| • May 25 | Last Day of School |