



CLASSICAL COLUMNS

Classical School – Appleton, Wisconsin

Building a Just and Excellent Educational Foundation

January 28, 2010

Coming in February...



February 2010

- 1 – Parents notified in writing of enrollment status for new students
- 1 – Mythology Club (grades 3-8) 3 – 4:15pm in Room L12
- 2 – Student Council– lunchtime (K-6 only)
- 2 – Battle of the Books (Grades 6 – 8) after school
- 2 – 7th/8th Grade Girls Basketball: Roosevelt @ Eagles 7th Black 4:00pm / Roosevelt @ Eagles 8th Gold 5:15pm / Eagles 7th Gold @ Wilson 4:00pm / Eagles 8th Black @ Wilson 5:15pm
- 3 – Kids Stage after school – Room L26
- 4 – School Store this morning 7:40 – 8:10am
- 4 – Pre-registration forms with workbook amounts for 2009-10 for returning students go home today
- 4 – Locker clean out during resource for grade 7
- 4 – 7th/8th Grade Girls Basketball: Eagles Gold @ Madison 4:00pm - 8th grade plays first/ Eagles 8th Black at Wilson 4:00pm / Eagles 7th Black @ Roosevelt 5:15pm
- 5 – Sundae party for honor roll students (7-8) during lunch recess
- 5 – Locker clean out during resource for grade 8
- 6 – Forensics Level I festival – Little Chute H.S. – 8am – 12:30pm
- 8 – Mythology Club (grades 3-8) 3 – 4:15pm in Room L12
- 8 – 7th/8th Grade Girls Basketball: Eagles 8th Black @ Roosevelt 4:00pm / Eagles 7th Gold @ Roosevelt 5:15pm
- 9 – Spirit Day: Wear your school colors!
- 9 – Student Council– lunchtime (7-8 only)
- 9 – CESA 6 Regional Spelling Bee – 1:00pm – St. Joe's Middle School
- 9 – Battle of the Books (Grades 6 – 8) after school in the library
- 9 – Advisory Council in Room 122 at 6:00pm
- 9 – 7th/8th Grade Girls Basketball: Roosevelt @ Eagles 7th Gold 4:00pm / Wilson @ Eagles 8th Gold 5:15pm / Eagles 7th Black @ Madison 4:00pm / Eagles 8th Black at Madison 5:15pm
- 10 – Second-grade fieldtrip to PAC (Jackie Robinson play) 11:55am – 2:00pm
- 10 – Kids Stage after school – Room L26
- 10 – 7th/8th Grade Wrestling: Wilson and Freedom @ Eagles 4:15pm
- 11 – 7th/8th Grade Girls Basketball: Wilson @ Eagles 8th Gold 4:00pm / Wilson @ Eagles 7th Black 5:15pm
- 12 – Abraham Lincoln's birthday (Special observance day – Wisconsin state statute)
- 12 – *Classical Columns* articles due today
- 12 – Ski Trip – Nordic 3:00 – 11:15pm
- 14 – Happy Valentine's Day!
- 15 – Susan B. Anthony's birthday
- 15 – No classes all day (K-8)
- 15 – 7th/8th Grade Girls Basketball: Eagles 8th Gold @ Madison 4:00pm / Eagles 7th Gold @ Madison 5:15pm
- 16 – Taste Testers (4th-6th) at 9:10am in Forum
- 16 – Battle of the Books (Grades 6 – 8) after school
- 16 – Science Fair night 6:30 – 7:30pm
- 16 – 7th/8th Grade Girls Basketball: Eagles Black @ Madison – 7th grade plays first / Eagles Gold Bye
- 17 – Kids Stage after school – Room L26
- 17 – 7th/8th Wrestling: Roosevelt and Eagles @ St. Joes 4:15pm
- 18 – Aesop's Fables performance (K-2) 8:45am and 9:30am in the Forum
- 19 – Ski Trip – Nordic 3:00 – 11:15pm – MAKE UP DATE
- 22 – George Washington's birthday (Special observance day – Wisconsin state statute)
- 22 – Third grade fieldtrip to the PAC – Young Men's Chorus Festival 12:00 – 2:30pm
- 22 – Mythology Club (grades 3-8) 3 – 4:15pm in Room L12 – LAST MEETING
- 23 – Battle of the Books (Grades 6 – 8) after school
- 23 – 7th/8th Grade Girls Basketball: Wilson @ Eagles 7th Gold 4:00pm / Wilson @ Eagles 8th Black 5:15pm / Eagles 7th Black @ Roosevelt 4:00pm / Eagles 8th Gold @ Madison 5:15pm
- 23 – 7th/8th Grade Wrestling: Madison and St. Joes @ Eagles 4:15pm
- 24 – Market Day pick up today – 2 – 3pm in the Forum
- 24 – Kids Stage after school – Room L26
- 25 – *Classical Columns* go home today
- 25 – 7th Grade Girls Basketball Only: Roosevelt @ Eagles Black 4:00pm / Madison @ Eagles Gold 5:15pm
- 25 – 8th Grade Girls Basketball Tournament: Brackets TBA
- 26 – Pep Rally at Einstein for current 7th/8th grade athletes (optional)
- 27 – Forensics Level I festival – Little Chute H.S. – 8am – 12:30pm
- 27 – Solo and Ensemble (vocal/piano students) – Kaukauna

FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE



Facts about “Pink Eye”

Conjunctivitis, known as “pink eye”, is an inflammation of the thin, transparent membrane covering the inner eyelid and the white part of the eye known as the conjunctiva. Symptoms of this condition can include:

- *redness of the eyes
- *eye pain
- *blurred vision
- *sensitivity to light

- *burning or itching of the eye
- *a scratchy feeling in the eye
- *a discharge that may be watery or may be greenish in color

Conjunctivitis may begin in one eye but often spreads to involve both eyes. There are many different causes of pink eye:

Viral conjunctivitis may affect one or both eyes and causes excessive eye watering and a light discharge. Symptoms of a cold may also be present. This type of pink eye will not respond to antibiotic treatment. It usually clears up on its own in seven to ten days.

Bacterial conjunctivitis affects one or both eyes and causes a heavy discharge, sometimes greenish. The discharge can accumulate at night and make opening the eye difficult in the morning. This type of pink eye may require treatment with antibiotic eye drops prescribed by a doctor. Young children should have been on antibiotic eye drops for 24 hours before returning to school or daycare.

Allergic conjunctivitis affects both eyes and causes itching and redness in the eyes and sometimes the nose, as well as excessive tearing. This type of pink eye is not contagious.

Other causes of conjunctivitis include dry air, irritants in the air (such as smoke, fumes, or chemicals), foreign objects, or trauma/injury. These types of pink eye are not contagious.

Viral and bacterial conjunctivitis (pink eye) are both contagious and are spread through direct contact with an infected person. To reduce the spread of infectious pink eye consider the following: wash your hands frequently, and avoid touching and rubbing your eyes; don't share washcloths, towels or pillowcases with anyone else; don't share eye drops or eye cosmetics. Usually, pink eye (conjunctivitis) is a minor eye infection. Young children may be excluded from school if bacterial conjunctivitis is suspected. Consult with your doctor's office for a diagnosis before using any eye drops.

From the District Occupational Therapists – Ways to Maintain Alertness & Concentration

Move / Motor

Schedule periods of concentration followed by a movement activity.

Encourage 10-15 minutes of physical activity. Go for a walk around the block, shoot some hoops, go for a quick bike ride, etc.

Avoid asking a child to stay indoors as a negative consequence.

Oral

Crunchy foods such as popcorn, carrots, nuts, pretzels and pickles.

Chewy foods such as raisins, bagels, chunks of cheese, licorice, gummy bears.

Suck on hard candy.

Drink from a straw (exercise water bottle).

Allow gum (if possible) with the rule that “if it is seen or heard, it gets thrown away.” Some children need more than one piece of gum to be effective. If they are pulling the gum out of their mouth or playing with it, they need tactile input – (see ideas under touch)

Touch / Tactile

Fidgeting and holding objects such as koosh balls, squish balls, paper clips, flexible straws, or stuffed animals.

Look / Visual

Consider variations in lighting, color and paper.

Vary using pen / ink and pencil.

Limit visual distractions; activity in the room and television.

Listen / Auditory

Limit auditory distractions; work in a quiet environment verses a noisy environment.

Allow background noise if it is calming to the child.

NEWSWORTHY ODDS AND ENDS

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF THE FOX VALLEY SNOW DAY POLICY

When the Appleton Area School District closes due to inclement weather, the Locust Street Boys and Girls Club will usually open for programming from 8:00 am – 7:00 pm. In the event of extreme weather conditions the Locust Street Boys & Girls Club may choose not to open and will announce this through WHBY 1150 AM and on its website www.bgclubfoxvalley.org. Please contact us at 731-0555 with any questions about this policy.

Shop at the Classical School Store!

The Classical School Store will be open on Thursday February 4th, from 7:40-8:10am. Please stop by the table outside the Classical School office and check out the great apparel items and backpacks that we have available.

Correction from the December issue of the Columns!

Last month we ran an article about the Appleton Boychoir concert and we listed the Classical students who participate in the choir. We inadvertently omitted Peter's name from that list. Peter is an eighth grader at Classical and he has given much of his time and talents to the Boychoir since his third grade year. We appreciate Peter's long-standing dedication to this activity!

Classical Second Grader Wins Prize in Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay

On Monday, January 18th, Hameedallah (Meedo), a student in Mr. Bomann's second grade classroom, read his winning essay/poem at the 19th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration which was held at the Lawrence University Chapel. Meedo read his essay to the crowd of 500-700 people. We are very proud of him. Meedo was also presented with \$50 from Toward Community: Unity in Diversity, a \$25 gift certificate from IndUS of the Fox Valley, and a \$10 gift certificate to Harmony Café.

Martin Luther King Poem by Hameedallah, Grade 2

When I see a person in a wheelchair,
I don't stop and stare.

When I see different skin,
I don't point and grin.

Making people feel bad,
makes me really sad.

It's not even cool
in fact it's very cruel.

To stop these negative actions
we need to change people's reactions.

Our world is growing every day.
We must see people in a positive way.

So let's join hands in this dream
and stop this cycle of being mean.

Meet Mrs. Olson, Classical's New School Nurse

Please stop by and meet our new school nurse, Debbie Olson. Debbie is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin –Madison and practiced in a variety of clinical settings prior to joining the AASD four years ago. In addition to Classical School, she is also the nurse at Lincoln, Johnston, Horizons, Montessori, Roosevelt and Kaleidoscope. Debbie is married with 3 children, and enjoys crafting, baking, and spending time with her family. She looks forward to meeting everyone in the Classical School "family"!

We wish Jeannie Giamo the best as she begins her new position as a surgeon's nurse at the Hand and Upper Extremity Center.



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Indian Education Program

On February 15, 2010 the Annual Title VII Indian Education Program Public Hearing will be held at 7:00 pm in the Roosevelt Multipurpose room. Stop by and learn information about this federally funded program and how your child could become involved. There will be presentations from students and buffalo stew will be served after the presentations.

Classical School Advisory Council Agenda – February 9th at 6pm in Room 122

I. Student Council Update

- a) Report on October through January events
- b) Upcoming events

II. Administrative Updates

- a) 2010-2011 enrollment update
- b) Summer School
- c) Breakfast program
- d) Waiver for 2010-2011
- e) Cinco de mayo
- f) School essay contest

III. Curriculum and Program Updates

- a) Returning student pre-registration forms
- b) Spring conferences
- c) Science Fair
- d) Update on K-8 student clubs, activities, and sports
- e) Knowledge-a-thon

Appleton Area School District 3 - 5 Year Old Developmental Screening “The Other Checkup” 2010

FREE developmental screenings for children ages 3 to 5 who are not enrolled in kindergarten and reside within the Appleton Area School District.

When: Please see dates on calendar below.

Where: At the Appleton elementary schools, as well as other community locations.

Why: The Appleton Area School District is encouraging families to participate in screenings for all children ages 3 to 5 that are not enrolled in kindergarten. The screening looks at how a child talks, listens and moves, how a child uses his/her hands, and how a child learns. The screening helps to decide if a child may need community or school support before entering kindergarten. The district offers many programs and services for children who may need support before kindergarten to achieve school success. **Please contact Connie Krueger to schedule an appointment at 920-997-1399, extension 2112**

FEBRUARY 2010					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 Foster (9:00-2:30)	6 Family Resource Center (9:30-2:00)
8	9	10 Franklin (11:30-5:30)	11	12 Jefferson (9:00-2:30)	13
15 <i>(no school)</i>	16	17 Richmond (9:00-11:30)	18	19 Horizons (9:00-5:30)	20 Library (9:30-2:00)
22	23	24	25 Emergency Shelter (1:00-3:00)	26 Edison (9:00-2:30)	27

NOTE: If your child has already been screened, your child does not need to be screened a second time. However, if you have concerns, please feel free to schedule an additional screening.

Winning Hockey Notes:

Congratulations to 8th grader and Green Bay Jr. Gambler Goalie, James and his teammates on a successful hockey tournament over the Christmas Break! During the week of December 26-30, James and his teammates travelled to Toronto, ON, Canada to participate in the 2009 Marlboros International Holiday Classic Hockey Tournament. They were one of two USA teams to advance to the final round of play out of the 50 top teams from USA and Canada participating in the tournament. Unfortunately they were defeated in the quarter final round by the eventual tournament Champions, but gave it a great showing.

Safety Concerns

#1: If you've ever dropped off your children for school in the parking lot in the morning, you know how congested with traffic it can be! The parking lot attendants are asking for everyone's help: by using your directional signals in the parking lot, you are not only letting the attendants know which way you are going but the vehicles behind you as well. If you are waiting to drop off your children, put on your right blinker. If you have already dropped off your children and need to exit, indicate that by using your left blinker.

#2: Parents, at the end of the school day, please do not double park in the parking lot when waiting for your children. Also, students should not be walking between cars to get to their ride. Both of these practices are accidents waiting to happen!

#3: One of the school's rules that is in place for the safety of our students has to do with which door they can exit out of at the end of the school day. Students in grades K – 6 may only exit out of the playground doors. This includes students who are carrying instruments or other large items. They may then go around the building by way of the yellow striped walkway. Parents: please support our student Safety Patrol when they are enforcing this rule.

#4: Please remember that when you are walking through the building, even for "a couple of minutes," you must sign in at the office. If you don't sign in, you will be stopped and told to return to the office by Classical staff members.

Thank you for your help in keeping Classical students safe!



Classical School Family Game Night Friday, January 29th from 6:00 – 7:30pm

The Classical School Student Council is sponsoring its first Family Game Night at Classical School. We hope to see you there!

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Classical School Science Fair!

Preparations are underway for our school-wide Science Fair to be held on Tuesday, February 16th. Seventh and eighth-grade students are busy preparing their exhibits to be displayed in the Forum. The projects will be available for students and parents to view in the Forum from 6:30-7:30pm. Judges, who are also scientists themselves, will determine awards for the exhibits in the Forum. For the competition part, the 7th and 8th grade students have been given guidelines and rules, and since parental help is to be minimal, the displays in the Forum will be accomplished primarily by the students themselves.



This promises to be not only a night of learning for everyone, but also an exciting time to see other families, view science by classroom and grade level, and to be there to appreciate the hard work that these students have put into their projects. ***(We hope all families will be able to come, but of course, due to the nature of the planning, hard work, and perhaps some breakable or valuable***

displays, children must remain with their parents.)

Mythology Club

Mythology Club is beginning preparation on a reader's theater presentation of the Labors of Hercules (Heracles). The club is also entering the final phase of getting ready for the National Mythology Examination and is studying Norse Mythology, the 12 labors of Heracles, and general information on the Greek and Roman gods and goddesses. The American Classical League's test will be the last week of February.

Record Number of Poetry Contest Winners

Thirty-one Classical School students had poems that were winners in the Creative Communication Fall Poetry Contest and were selected for publication in their anthology of student work. Our school also received an award for having poems of exceptionally high merit. Congratulations to the thirty 4th graders, and one 5th grader (whose poem from last spring was submitted also.:

CESA 6 Spelling Bee

Classical School third through eighth grade students recently participated in the school level of the Scripps National Spelling Bee sponsored by CESA 6. During the first few weeks of January, spelldowns were held in each classroom to determine the top speller from each class. Twelve students then participated in the school bee which was held on Wednesday, January 20th. The following students won in their respective classrooms and participated in the school bee: Aaron , Clayton , Divij , Brian , Kalen, Shannon , Raffy , Sahil, Hannah , Oscar , Allison , Mac , Sam , Kiera , Rachel , Maddison , George , Audrey , Elise , Kris-Allyn , John , Leah , Christian , and Elizabeth.

John and Elise were the top two Classical School spellers! On Tuesday, February 9th, John and Elise will represent Classical School in the CESA 6 Regional Spelling Bee. The competition will take place at St. Joseph Middle School in Appleton. Thirty-five middle school spellers from the Fox Valley area, as well as Freedom, Weyauwega, New London, Hortonville and Shiocton will compete for the opportunity to advance to the Wisconsin State Spelling Bee on March 20th at Edgewood College in Madison, WI. Good luck John and Elise! We'll all be cheering for you!

Battle of the Books

This year we have 20 members in our middle school Battle of the Books club. In mid February we will have ourstate wide battle against other schools. Here are some of the highly rated books we are reading: *Al Capone Does My Shirts* by Gennifer Choldenko; *Crash* by Jerry Spinelli; *Fire from the Rock* by Sharon Draper; *A Long Way from Chicago* by Richard Peck; *Red Kayak* by Priscilla Cummings; *Road to Paris* by Nikki Grimes

They will be available in the Classical library beginning on March 1st. We will report our progress on the statewide battle in March.

January News from Student Council!

This month in both the elementary and middle school Student Council meetings we made posters to promote our Family Game Night on Friday, January 29, from 6:30-8:00pm in the Classical School Forum. Please join us by bringing your favorite board games to play with family and friends (non-electronic games please). This event is to promote time with family and friends and all students must be accompanied by an adult; however, they may play games with other students during the event!

Also, after seeing the devastation of the earthquake in Haiti, Classical School's Student Council would like to sponsor a donation drive to help. We will be raising funds for the American Red Cross through our "Have a Heart" campaign. On Friday, January 22nd, we began selling hearts for \$1.00. Students may write a first name on the hearts they purchase (their own names or those of loved ones). The hearts will then be posted all around Classical School hallways to decorate our school. We will leave the hearts up through the month of February.

We will have a container in the office for families that would like to make a separate contribution to the American Red Cross. The container will also be available at Family Game Night on January 29th for extra donations. Checks should be payable to Classical School.

January Spirit Day Winners: 1st Place: Mrs. Holcomb's & Mrs. Hoppe's 3rd Grade Classes; 2nd Place: Mrs. Crownhart's 7th Grade Class; 3rd Place: Mr. Bomann's 2nd Grade Class