

The Eagle's Cry

January 21, 2016

Nurturing students spiritually, emotionally, and academically.

HOT LUNCH

Thursday– Fish sticks, Cheesy potatoes, Fruit

Friday– Pepperoni pizza, Veggie sticks, Dessert

Monday– Hot dog in a bun, Tater tots, Cooked carrots

Tuesday– Tacos, Chips with Cheese Sauce, Fruit

Wednesday– Macaroni and cheese, Broccoli, Dessert



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Principal's Pennings by Mrs. Arndt

Teaching is an interesting occupation. It never has its dull moments. The children always come up with something that you haven't thought of yet.

"Principaling" isn't much different; not too many dull moments, and the children still come up with things that you haven't thought of yet. For me, the hardest children to discipline are the very young. They don't do things that are very bad, but when they do step over the line the teacher may send them in for a "little chat" with the principal. Now, I haven't been in the classroom all day, noticing the irritating antics of the errant child, and all I see is this sweet little boy or girl, looking totally innocent, who meekly walks into the office for our "little chat." This was how it began with a little 5 year old from kindergarten. He walked in, sat down, and said with all the innocence he could muster, "Before you begin, can I tell you what REALLY happened?" I replied that I already knew what REALLY happened, because his teacher, Mrs. B, had already told me. I knew, of course, that his version would be different, so I chose to rely on Mrs. B's

memory of events. After we had our "little chat," where I did my best version of "principal's advice and admonishment," doing what I considered not a bad job of lecturing to a 5 year old, he looked at me and asked, not in a defiant way, "Are you done now?" I replied that I was, expecting him to say something else about our conversation. Instead, he asked, "Then can I have that cookie that's on your desk?" The obvious thing for me to say at that time was, "No, you can't have that cookie. You were sent in here because you did something you shouldn't have. I can't give you a cookie for that!"

That's what seemed obvious at the time. Now that I've had several years to think about it, however, I think about how differently we are treated by God. We sin, we fail, we mess up. We go to God in prayer, may or may not think of asking God for forgiveness, and say, "Now can I have that cookie (or your blessings, or eternal life)?" God doesn't reply, "No, you can't have that



cookie (or my blessings or eternal life)!" He forgives us, and we receive His blessings, His salvation. He withholds nothing. He holds nothing against us! I have thought about it over and over. Maybe I should have given the little boy the cookie. I had talked to him about what he had done wrong, about what he could do differently next time, AND ABOUT FORGIVENESS. Then he asked me for a cookie, and I said, "No!" I had talked to him about forgiveness, but I didn't demonstrate it as God does with us!

That's been a long time ago. I hope I run into him someday, and when I do, I hope I have a cookie to give him!

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WEEK AT A GLANCE

*Thursday, Jan 21– Girls' BB practice 3:15, Boys' BB practice 4:30

*Friday, Jan 22 – Home basketball games. JV girls, 6:00 pm vs. Timothy, JV boys 7:00 vs Timothy

*Sunday, Jan. 24 – MLA students sing at Christ Lutheran.

*Monday, Jan 25– Girls' BB practice 3:15

*Tuesday, Jan 26– Cheerleading 3:15, Boys' BB practice 4:30

Fan
Appreciation
Night

Come to MLA for our basketball season fan appreciation night this Friday, January 22. Games start at with the girl's team at 6:00 pm and then the boy's team at 7:00 pm.

All fans are encouraged to wear MLA spirit shirts and students are invited to cheer in the fan section, near the cheerleaders, at the 7:00 pm game. Be ready to be a YELL LEADER! All students will receive free entry to the game and a \$1 coupon to spend at the concession stand.

TEAM CORNER



TEAM Parent Education Night
January 26, 2016
6:30pm

The internet can be a scary place for parents to allow kids to venture. However, it's so hard to not let them on it for school projects, and fun.

How do you know your kids are safe? Can you do anything to help keep them safe?

How many more questions do you have?

Come talk to a Kansas City, MOP Police Department, Network Specialist. Hear what he has to say and ask some more questions if you have them!

Mrs. Malone, TEAM Vice President

Athletics



Our JV basketball teams played two games this past weekend. They played great games against Hope and Calvary. Thanks to all the families who attended and showed their

support.

Our next game will be a home game against Timothy on Friday, Jan. 22 at 6pm (girls) and 7pm (boys). We will need volunteers to make the home games a success. Please sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084daaa929a02-jvbasketball> to volunteer for a one hour slot. Thank you in advance for your support.

Our boys' team will be having a special home game with Mt. Olive on Thursday, Jan. 28th at 5:30pm here in our gym. The concession stand will be open so come out and make it a fun family night. Mark the date on your calendar. Join us for the fun and cheer on our JV boys as they compete.

Mrs. Engle, Athletic Director

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Martin Luther Academy 2016-17 Kindergarten Round Up is Thursday, February 4, 2016 from 2 – 3 pm or 6 – 7 pm. This event is for undecided and enrolled students. Bring your child and participate in classroom activities, meet the teacher, and tour the facility.



LOOKING AHEAD

January 26– Parent Education Night

January 29-Pep Rally at MLA 2:30

January 29-31 – MLA 5th and 6th grade girls' and boys' Lutheran League Basketball Tournament at Hope (game times to TBA).

February 4 – MLA Kindergarten Round Up from 2 – 3 pm or 6 – 7 pm.
Auction Meeting 6:30pm

February 21 – MLA Open House from 2 – 4 pm.

Auction News

Preparations for the auction are in full swing and we need your help! We are accepting auction items and needing more! Are you unsure about what makes a great auction donation? Some popular items from past auctions include: tools, sports team gear, small kitchen appliances, décor items for the home or office, gift certificates to local businesses and dining gift cards. Sporting event ticket packages have also done very well.

Do you have items or ticket packages to donate? We are offering an opportunity to win a \$50 scrip card from the office for donations brought in during the month of January- which card would you choose if you win? Don't forget to like and share the Auction event on facebook! We will be posting updates each week!

If you don't have items to donate, we can always use help underwriting some of our popular ticket packages and get away vacations. We are also inviting people to sponsor event tickets for our staff so that they may attend the event free of charge. If you are interested in assisting us in this way, please contact Mrs. Smith at 816-616-4717 or by email at auktion@martinlutheracademy.org.



NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS' WEEK

Next week we celebrate National Lutheran Schools' Week. This is a time when we celebrate our uniqueness as a Lutheran school. We'll have some special devotions every morning, and we'll do an online "mission trip" to Ecuador every day. We are so thankful that we live in a country where we can have our Lutheran schools, and thank God every day that we can share the Good News of salvation every single day of the school year. What a blessing and privilege! We also have some special dress days that will probably be fun for the students and teachers alike. Our schedule is as follows:

*Monday – HAT day. Students may wear their favorite hats. They may be silly hats, sport hats, whatever they choose.

*Tuesday – Fashion Disaster Day. Students may come with mismatched clothing.

*Wednesday – Class Color Day

*Kindergarten – Purple

*1st – Blue

*2nd – Yellow

*3rd – Green

*4th – Orange

*5th – Pink

*6th – Red

*7th – Sunset

*8th – Sunrise

*Thursday – Sports' Day. Any sport attire, jerseys, t-shirts, etc. Warm up pants are OK.

*Friday – School Spirit Day. Wear MLA shirts, sweat shirts, etc. Jeans are fine. Movie Day