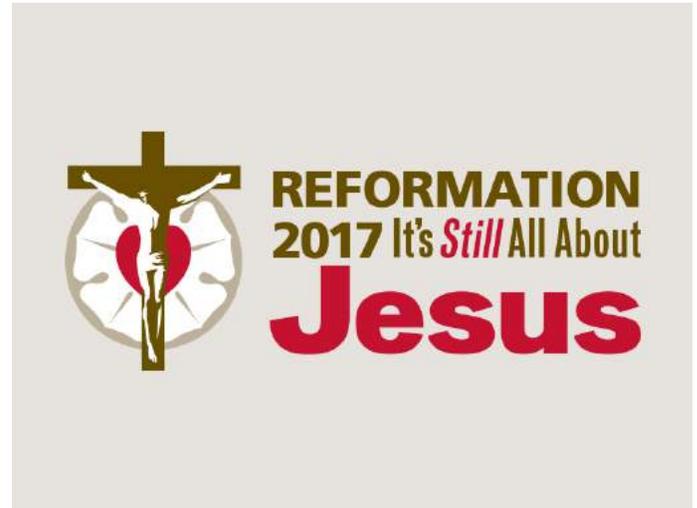


Reformation Day

by **Laanu S.**

It's October and you know what that means, it's time for Reformation Day! I bet you thought I was going to say Halloween. Most of us know what Halloween is with the excitement of dressing in costumes and trick-or-treating, but not many people pay attention to Reformation Day.

The word “reformation” means the action or process of reforming an institution or practice. Reformation Day shares the same date as Halloween, October 31st. This is the time when a German monk, Martin Luther, nailed the ninety-five Theses on the Roman Church. What exactly is the “95 Theses”? Well, the Ninety-Five Theses was a list of questions and debates on the things he felt the Roman Catholic church was doing wrong. When he was finished, he nailed the paper to the church doors on October 30th, also known as All Hallows

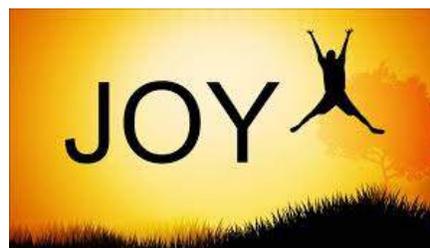


Eve. So on Sunday, October 31st, the people of the church would notice. Martin Luther was trying to help the church return focus to the truth of God's Word, with a focus on being saved by grace through Jesus. This coming Halloween will be the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

Fruit of the Spirit by **Ethan B. and Jaylee S.**

This month's fruit of the spirit is joy. “Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!” Psalm 47:1. The Christian joy is a good feeling in the soul, produced by the Holy Spirit, as He causes us to see the beauty of Christ in the Word and in the world.

Each month we have a bulletin board that represents one fruit of the spirit. This month, Mrs. Moorman's class decorated the board. If you want to see it, it is near the gym.



“You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder.” Isaiah 9:3
It is hard to be joyful in some situations, but we are to do

our best. Some ways you could find joy are to not worry about the past when you can change the future. Pray to God about things that concern you. Also, you can smile. Smiling can put you in a better mood. Sharing a smile with others can make a difference in the lives of others too.

Proverbs 17:22 says, “A joyful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.” Be joyful this month and love God.

Preschool News

by *Aria T.*

The preschoolers are rocking and rolling at Timothy and St. Lucas. In Ms. O'Toole's class the kids are making cars out of toilet paper rolls. Some of the kids in Mrs. Maxfield's class have shared how much they like coming to school and playing with their friends.

All the preschoolers are working on fire safety this month. They made fire gear and practiced a fire drill. They also played a firefighter game, painted a dalmatian dog, and built their own fire trucks! I am sure they had a busy but fun week.

Highlights of the Month

by *Noah C.*

Since our last issue, particular events have stood out. The volleyball A-team got second place in the St. Mark's Lutheran Tournament. Their undefeated season earned them a place in the Division 1 City Playoffs. The B volleyball team finished their season with their first win of the season against CCLS. Our PTL fundraiser at Smoking Barrels was well attended, and earned money for our school. In the middle of this month, the first quarter came to an end, and our parents went to parent-teacher conferences. This was a fun month, and quarter. We hope the rest of your school year you learn more, and always do your best. Keep up the good work!



Mrs. Bolling's class shows off their fire hats.



A few of Ms. Otoole's students put out "fires" with their "water hoses".

Volleyball

by *Jaylee S.*

Both volleyball teams have worked their hardest through the season. The B volleyball team had a learning season this year. They won their last volleyball game of the season. "It was great to see the girls' skill grow and develop over the season. I can't wait to see how they do next year!" says coach Bergholt. All the girls worked very hard and will come back next year for the win.

The A-team continued having great success. The girls got second place at the St. Mark's Lutheran tournament. If you want to see their trophy it's in the office window. Not counting the tournaments, the girls were undefeated in regular season play which earned them a spot in the Division 1 City Playoffs! They fought valiantly against tough competition in Playoffs, and ended their season playing as a team, proud of their growth in the season.

Cross Country by *Derek P.*

The Cross Country team has had an astounding season. They have come home with medals, and overall the cross country team has done amazing! Mile after mile they run. When asked why cross country is important, 5th grader, Antoine W. replied, "Because I like to run and exercise." The runners have learned to pace themselves and to

finish the races strong and fast. Some of their goals were to try passing someone at the end of the race and get faster. Also, they have run their legs off and deserve a break, but they will be back next season. The cross country season has come to an end, but it's time for basketball season to start up again. GO COUGARS!

SPORTS

Cougar Contests

by *Aria T.*

Last month, the Cougar Contest judged eclipse art. The winner of that contest is Lilly W. from third grade. She did a great job at creating a glowing silver halo around the sun. This month, the contest will be guessing the amount of candy corn in a jar. The closest guess will be acknowledged in the next newspaper. You can place your guesses in a basket by the office by Wednesday, November 22nd . If you win, you get the jar of candy corn! It's a great way to practice your estimating skills, and maybe get a sweet reward.

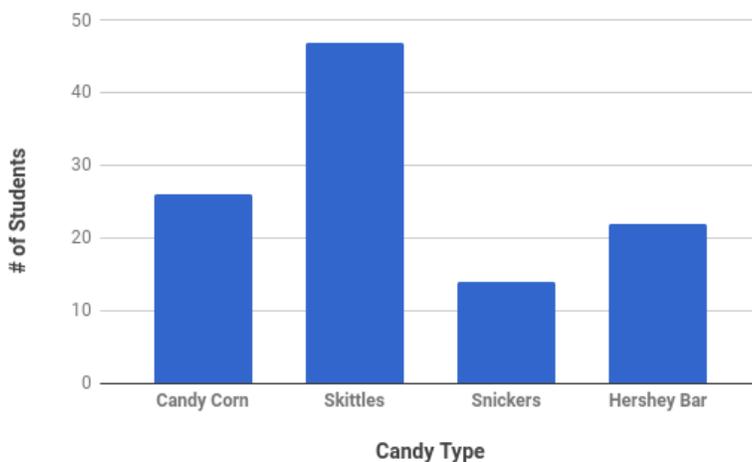
Survey

by *Noah C. and Jaylee S.*

This month we did a survey to see which type of candy kids at our school liked the best. We did this in preparation for Halloween to see people's favorite trick or treat candies. The choices were candy corn, Skittles, Snickers, or Hershey Bar. Consistently, people chose Skittles as their favorite, while hardly any chose Snickers. We were surprised to see that people chose candy corn over Snickers, and Hershey bars.

To ensure you please most trick-or-treaters this year, you may want to make sure you have skittles on hand when your doorbell rings Halloween night.

Which is Better? Candy Corn, Skittles, Snickers, or Hershey Bars?



Celebrity Look Alikes

by *Winta K.*

This month's first celebrity look-alike is quite the feisty one. Her name is Sara Dagnev. Having her big beautiful eyes and similar facial structure, she looks very much like Dora the Ex-



Sara D., 4th grader



Dora the Explorer



Mrs. Maxfield



Actress Angelina Jolie

Our other celebrity look-alike is a very stylish teacher, who is almost always grammatically correct. You might recognize her as Mrs. Maxfield, the 5th grade homeroom/language arts teacher. Many people say she looks so much like the actress, Angelina Jolie, from movies like "Maleficent" and also a voice in the "The Kung Fu Panda" series.

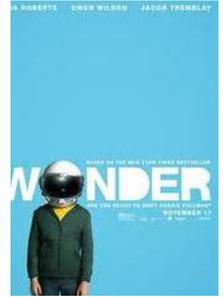
Movie Review

by *Hawa S. and Derek P.*

The first movie of the month is *Coco*. *COCO* is about a boy, Miguel, who wants to become a musician, but his parents have placed a ban on music. He finds himself in the stunning and colorful land of the dead, where he finds a charming trickster named Hector. The two friends embark on a journey to find out the real story behind Miguel's family history.



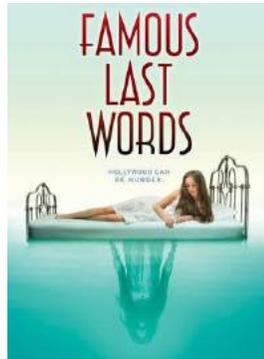
The second movie of the month is *Wonder*. It's for all ages, and a very inspiring movie. *Wonder* is about a boy, Auggie, who has had many surgeries and now has facial differences. He enters the fifth grade in a new school and it can be hard to fit in when you're the new kid, but it's even harder being different from everyone else. *Wonder* teaches us not to judge anyone and to make everyone feel welcomed. It comes out this November, so it's something you wouldn't wanna miss.



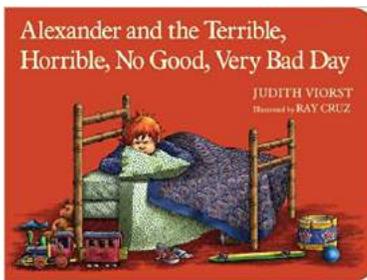
Book Review

by *Emily L.*

Do you love mystery? If you do, *Famous Last Words* by Katie Alender will be a great book for you! It takes place in Hollywood when Willa moves into her step-dad's house with her mom. Ever since Willa's dad passed away, Willa has been trying to find him, with her "powers". In her step-dad's house she notices some super unusual things, like a mysterious body in her swimming pool, weird messages on her wall, a reflection that isn't hers and much more. Willa thinks someone or something is trying to send her a message, but what could it be? Read the book to find out!



Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day by Judith Viorst is the story of a young boy, named Alexander who's day could not get any worse, or can it? According to some reviews, this book is to sympathize with children who are having a bad day. The book also has a humorous spin on all of Alexander's problems. You can always find something good out of a bad thing. The message of this book is powerful. It teaches kids to never give up on their goals, even when their day isn't going well!



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History of the Xbox

by *Gavin S.*

The consoles of the Xbox title were created by the company called Microsoft. Their first system was named Xbox which came out in November of 2001. It featured a large controller with 2 joysticks and 1 set of arrow keys. The button layouts consist of A, B, X, and Y. The triggers on top are RT and LT.



Sales of the Xbox were always well behind its rival at the time, the Playstation 2. Microsoft's next console that came out was the Xbox 360 which came out in November 22, 2005. This console introduced the Xbox Kinect which is a camera that detects movement and can interact with some games. You can also create an avatar to use as your profile image with the Kinect. This console introduced HDMI to the Xbox consoles.



There are also many variations of the Xbox 360. Microsoft's latest console that came out was the Xbox one which also came out on November 22 but in 2013. This console is more reliable than the Xbox 360 because it has a sturdier build and better running components. Although it is still very loud and can get very hot, it is still a nice touch to the present gaming universe. The next Xbox comes out on November 7, 2017. It is called the Xbox One X. This console introduced an all new picture of gaming. It is now playable in 4k along with a few select games. It is almost equal to its rival, the Ps4 Pro.



Restaurant Review: Salt + Smoke

by *Emily L.*

Texas style BBQ all the way to made-from-scratch fries and pies, Salt + Smoke has everything that you have dreamed of. Salt + Smoke's rustic look is definitely an eye opener to the public and hundreds of people go to eat there every day. According to their website, saltandsmokestl.com, they are super passionate about carefully treating their meat, and they try their hardest to give you the best experience. Salt + Smoke is open every day, 11am to 10pm. The best part is that they are not far from school! Their main location is 6525 Delmar Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63130 and is in the process of opening a new location on Hampton Ave.

Appetizers are important, and Salt + Smoke has some pretty interesting ones! Like hush puppies and maple syrup or burnt end toasted ravioli. They also have customizable salads. For their sandwiches, they have classics like the BLT and the double bacon cheeseburger. The "Plates" are big plates of meat, of your choice, and a side. You can get anything from a brisket to pulled chicken. The possibilities are endless! For dessert they have delicious pies with a scoop of ice cream on top.

Salt + Smoke also does catering, so if you really don't want to cook for a special party you're hosting, call up Salt + Smoke, and they've got your back. For their catering menu they have Meat by the Pound. You can choose from pulled pork, chicken, a brisket or ribs. Some of the sauces you can also pick out start from "My Sweet Bestie" (the sweetest) to "I Can't Even" (the hottest). With their classic BBQ and hand-made desserts, Salt + Smoke is definitely a must!



Recipe of the Month

by *Hawa S.*

This month's recipe of the month is Gourmet Caramel Apples. It's a fun treat to make, and it's wonderful for Halloween. This recipe can be found on www.tasteofhome.com

INGREDIENTS

- 4 large tart apples
- 4 wooden pop sticks
- 1 cup of milk chocolate chips
- 1 cup of semisweet chocolate chips
- 4 1/2 ounces of white candy coating, coarsely chopped
- 1 teaspoon of shortening
- 1 package of Kraft caramel bits
- 2 tablespoons of water
- 4 pretzel rods, coarsely crushed
- 1/2 cup of Reese's pieces

Yield: 4 servings.

DIRECTIONS

1. Line a baking sheet with waxed paper and grease the paper; set aside. Wash and thoroughly dry apples. Insert a pop stick into the top of each; set aside.
2. Place chocolate chips in separate microwave-safe bowls. Heat in a microwave until melted; stir until smooth. In another microwave-safe bowl, melt candy coating and shortening; stir until smooth.
3. Combine caramels and water in another microwave-safe bowl. Heat in a microwave until melted; stir until smooth. Dip apples into caramel; turn to coat. Immediately press pretzels and Reese's pieces into sides of apples. Drizzle melted chocolate and candy coating over tops.
4. Place on prepared pan; let stand until set.



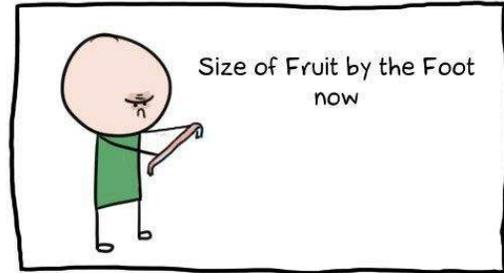
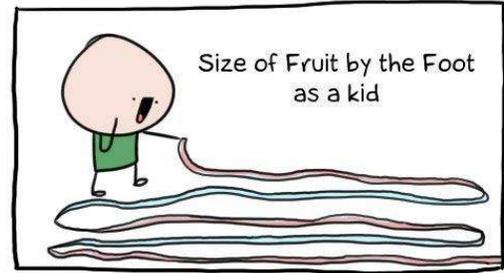
Birthdays
by Janet P.

Michael Hawkins 10/3
Maqdes Challa 10/4
Mellany Way-Ziebol 10/05
James Pozas 10/06
William Meadows 10/08
Gavin Monaghan 10/8
Benjamin Reynolds 10/09
Jaylee Schulz 10/10
Avery Klug 10/12
Sara Dagneu 10/12
Mr. Maichel 10/25
Mrs. Jones 10/29

Baptismal Birthdays
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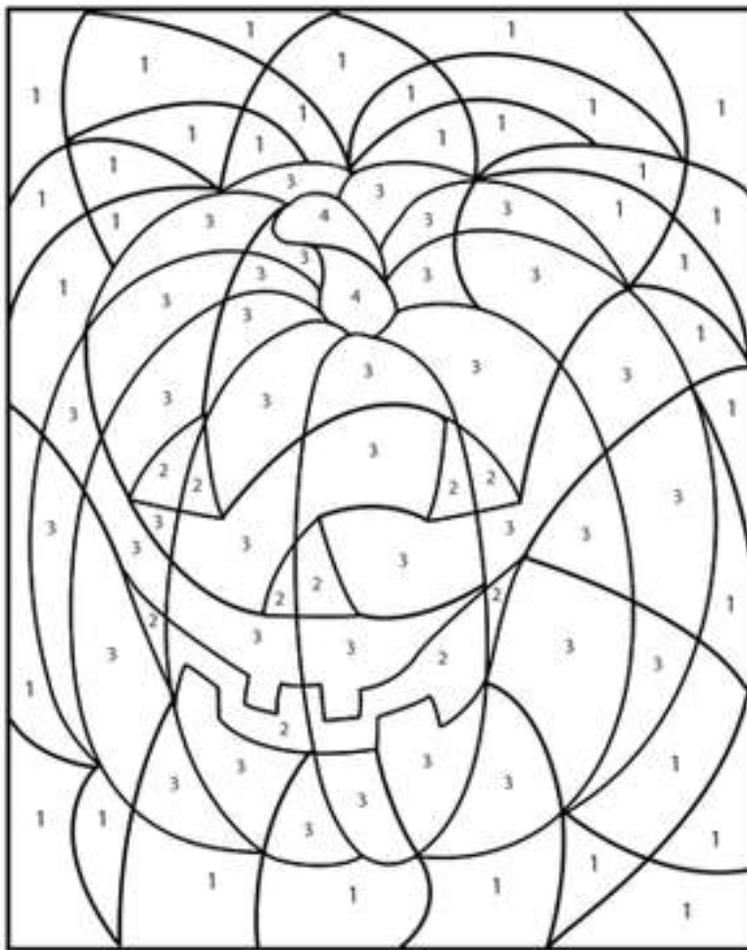
Ivan Alexander 10/1/17
Tate Baumhoff 10/12/17
Michael Hawkins 10/30/11
Debi Miller 10/28
Makayla Welker 10/29/06

Comic by Ethan B.



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