

WEEKLY UPDATE

5.2.25



UPCOMING EVENTS

WEEKEND MASS

MAY 3- MASS 4PM

MAY 4- MASS 10:30AM

MAY 5-TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

MAY 6-SPRING CONCERT

MAY 11 - MOTHERS DAY

MAY 13-PATS MEETING(PTO)

MAY 15-LITERACY NIGHT

MAY 20-PRESCHOOL GRADUATION

MAY 22 -FIELD TRIP CENTRAL PARK

MAY 23-LAST DAY OF SCHOOL



Spring Concert

Join us for an evening of music and celebration at the Spring Choir Concert on Thursday, May 2nd, at 6:30 PM at the Ellen Kennedy Fine Arts Center! Reminder: All students PK-6th grade should arrive by 6:00 PM and be dropped off at the south side music room to prepare before the performance. Concert Attire: Please wear semi-formal clothing—dresses, skirts, khakis, and dress shirts. No jeans or athletic wear.



Book Donation

Next week, we'll collect gently used books for our Book Exchange! PK-6 students can bring old favorites and find new stories. Then, join us on Literacy Night, May 15th, 5:30–7:00 PM, to browse and pick exciting new reads. Let's keep the joy of reading going!



LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Last day of school is May 23rd
3 hr. early dismissal (12:15 PM)



ESA



Parents, don't miss this crucial opportunity! STO applications close May 5th, providing essential tuition assistance. ESA is now open to all families, but every family must apply—and STO requires a separate application to maximize aid.

These programs can significantly ease tuition costs, but deadlines are approaching fast. Apply now! Need help? The school office is here to assist.

[ESA Application](#)

[STO Application](#)



D.A.R.E. Graduation

5th and 6th grade students visited Anamosa Middle School for their D.A.R.E. Graduation, marking the completion of the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program. The ceremony recognized their hard work and commitment to making safe, responsible choices.



Doug and Dave Show

On Monday, April 28th, students enjoyed a joyful assembly with The Doug and Dave Show! Through music, humor, and faith-filled messages, they inspired and uplifted everyone. Thank you, Doug and Dave, for sharing your gifts and reminding us of the joy in faith and fellowship!



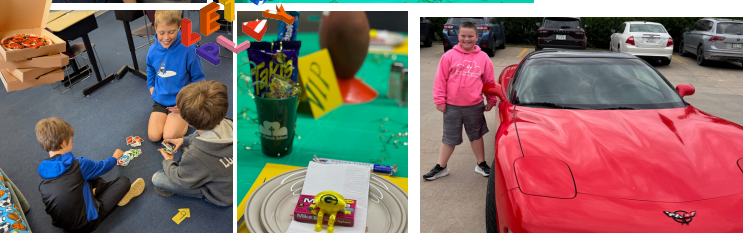
Gala Fun Days



Students enjoyed a Pizza and Game Party, filled with laughter, friendly competition, and plenty of delicious food!

This week also featured a special VIP lunch, where one student was escorted to lunch in style and enjoyed a delicious meal with a special dessert, making for a memorable celebration.

It's been a fantastic week, with more exciting moments ahead before the school year wraps up!



George Washington

Mrs. Resch brought history to life for her 1st & 2nd graders by introducing them to George Washington in a fun and educational way. Through simple biographies, she made learning about the past exciting and engaging.



Teacher Appreciation

Next week, we honor our amazing teachers for their dedication and impact. It's our turn to celebrate them with treats, surprises, and gratitude! Thank you—this week is all about YOU!





Did You Know?

The longest papal election in history was the papal conclave of 1268-1271, which lasted an astonishing 33 months! After Pope Clement IV passed away, the College of Cardinals struggled to reach a decision due to political divisions. Frustrated citizens of Viterbo, Italy even locked the cardinals inside the palace and removed the roof to speed up the process! Eventually, they elected Pope Gregory X on September 1, 1271.



Pope Selection



When a new pope is needed, the College of Cardinals gathers in Vatican City for a papal conclave held in the Sistine Chapel. Cardinals under 80 vote until one candidate receives a two-thirds majority.

After each round, ballots are burned black smoke means no decision, while white smoke announces a new pope. Once elected, the new pope chooses a papal name and is introduced to the world with the words: "Habemus papam!"—"We have a pope!"



Virtual Backpack

[4-H Fishing Club Flyer](#)
[Beef Readers Flyer](#)
[Central Park Iowa Science Blitz](#)



PBIS Winners

Congratulations to the PBIS ticket winners this week! Keep being Responsible, Respectful, Purposeful, and Safe

Preschool- Huxley Burch
 Kindergarten- Ryker Jones
 1st/2nd Grade- Landon Schuster
 3rd Grade- Westin Isaacson
 4th Grade- Kassidee Long
 5th/6th Grade- McCoy Clark



Golden Trashcan

Every week, the cleanest classroom earns the prestigious Golden Trash Can, revealed at the start of the week with a special surprise inside! This exciting challenge encourages responsibility and tidiness.

Congratulations to Mrs. Kula's 3rd grade class!



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VATICAN CITY

How is the pope selected?

When the pope dies or resigns, the new leader of the Catholic Church is chosen through a papal conclave - a secretive meeting of the College of Cardinals, which is made up of senior church officials from around the world.

HOW THE VOTING WORKS

- 1. A candidate must receive a two-thirds majority to be elected.**
- 2. Cardinals under the age of 80 gather in the Sistine Chapel in Vatican City where they take an oath of secrecy about the proceedings**
- 3. Cardinals vote in secret.**
After each vote, ballots are burned
Black smoke = No pope elected
White smoke = A pope has been chosen
- 4. Once a candidate receives enough votes, they are asked if they accept**
If they say "accepto", they choose a new papal name
- 5. The new pope is then announced to the world with the words "Habemus papam!" ("We have a pope!")**
- 6. The new pope gives his first blessing from the balcony of St Peter's Basilica**

Domus Sanctae Marthae:
Lodgings for cardinals
taking part in conclave

Cardinals take
short bus ride to
Sistine Chapel
to vote

Saint Peter's
Basilica

Great
Bell

Balcony

St. Peter's
Square

White
smoke

Sistine Chapel

