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October 11, 2023

## CARDINAL CHATTER

10/11—Medevac/Helicopter 1:30  
10/12—End of first quarter  
10/12—ECE Field trip- Pumpkin Patch  
10/13- Fall Break (**no School**)  
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10/19 Rose Hill-4<sup>th</sup> grade

10/20 Parent/Teacher Conf. **Half Day 11:20 Dism.**  
10/20 Family Fall Fest 5:30-7:30 PM. (See below)  
10/25 Awards Ceremony 9:15 A.M.  
11/17—Paint & Praise (all ages) \$30  
10/27—OKC Theatre- 8<sup>th</sup> grade

**Fentanyl overdose - "Recently, KCBY 11, a news station out of North Bend, Ore., reported that three young Portland children from 1 to 3 years of age overdosed on fentanyl. The exposures occurred in the last two weeks in June. A single fentanyl pill can kill an adult; exposure to the DUST from a single pill can be fatal to a child." Lutheran Witness magazine August 2023 edition page 7.**

STATE TROOPER on the property - The Oklahoma Highway Patrol has created policy to support the Governor's implementation of Mission: Secure Oklahoma Schools. As part of this policy, state troopers will be present on, in and around school grounds for a minimum of 1 hour of a week.

**Oklahoma Parental Choice tax credit** goes into effect January 1st.

More information can be found at the following websites.

[www.everykidcountsok.org/blog/faqs-oklahoma-parent-tax-choice-credit](http://www.everykidcountsok.org/blog/faqs-oklahoma-parent-tax-choice-credit)

to learn more from Every Kid Counts Oklahoma (EKCO).

[oklahoma.gov/tax/helpcenter/income-tax.html](http://oklahoma.gov/tax/helpcenter/income-tax.html)

to read about student funding and tax credit eligibility from the Oklahoma Tax Commission.

**Family Fun Fest** on Friday, October 20 from 5:30 to 7:30. Costume Contest- Must be present to win in one of four categories for children and adults: 1) Homemade Costume, 2) Sweet Costume, 3) Unique Costume, 4) Group Costume

**Parents:** Please Send the following with your child according to their homeroom:

Mrs. Daine: bag of smarties	3 <sup>rd</sup> grade: bag of Miniature variety pack Chocolate
Mrs. Colvin: bag of smarties	4 <sup>th</sup> grade: Case of 16 oz waters
Mrs. Kelly: Bag of Lollipops	5 <sup>th</sup> grade: Case of 16 oz. Pops—Dr. Pepper, Coke
Kindergarten: Variety candy packs	6 <sup>th</sup> grade: case of 24 oz Gatorade (no red ones please)
1 <sup>st</sup> grade: Variety candy packs	7 <sup>th</sup> grade: Cakes and Desserts
2 <sup>nd</sup> grade: bag of Miniature variety pk choc	8 <sup>th</sup> grade: Work w/ Room Parent for Concession Stand

**STUDY HALL** after school in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade room 3:30-4:30 Tues/Thurs—bring your things and come prepared to work diligently!

**Chess Club:** We are looking at Monday and Wednesday 3:20-4. This will be in Mr. Brey's classroom and will start on October 2nd. If anyone is familiar with how to register students for tournaments and would be willing to help/take over that please let me know as I would like the club to be more than just meeting up twice a week with nothing to show for it. Thank you!

**Breakfast and Lunch Reminder:** *Free Summer Lunches have ended so we have begun charging for Breakfast and Lunch. Accounts. These need to be paid regularly. You can set up auto payment by calling the school office. Or send payments*

with your child to take to Ms. Lori in the office. Breakfast costs \$3.00 for students. Lunch costs \$3.60 for students. Adults wanting to eat the costs are \$3.25 for breakfast and \$5.00 for lunch. Extra milk is 50 cents. **Also, no fast food or caffeinated drinks in the cafeteria, if you send them with your students, they will need to come to the office to eat. This includes in the mornings. Thank you!**

**INK & TONER RECYCLING:** Help us keep your costs down! If you have a new or used ink or toner cartridge that you are done with, please send them with your student and the teachers will get them to the office. We recycle these and earn credit on the supplies that the school purchases each month. THANK YOU for your help with this!

**Principal--Mr. Birnbaum--** We have made it to the end of the first quarter and a short quarter coming up. So much coming up. Keep up to date with the Chatter. Have a GREAT FALL BREAK!

**CARDINAL CARE – Heidi Daley:** Childcare will be open Fall break for those that have signed up. If you need care either of those days, please contact daycare to see if openings. The weather is now cooler in the mornings and all ages still go outside to play, please send light jackets, and make sure child's name is in their jackets.

**LIBRARY/Stem – Mrs. Manning:** Hello! Last week in STEM MS studied architecture, and 2nd and 3rd studied diffusion by doing a cool experiment! STEM is still accepting donation of old Legos, solo cups, popsicle sticks, even bags of candy as prizes for challenge days. We will gratefully put to use any of those items, or anything STEM related you would like to donate. Next month is BOOK FAIR! If you would like to volunteer to help patrons find books on the carts or to refill snacks that would be amazing! I hope everyone has a blessed Fall Break!

♪ **MUSIC** ♪ – **Mrs. Brey:** Middle school sang in church on Sunday and it sounded beautiful! Thank you for being there to support them! Fourth and fifth grade will be singing on Sunday, November 5th at 9am. We started learning their song last week and they picked it up so quickly - it's going to be incredible. Thank you for all your children, it's a blessing to teach them to sing!

**Religion—Mrs. Brey-** We are wrapping up our unit on Moses! We will have a test on Thursday. Have a safe and fun Fall break!

**PRE-SCHOOL – Mrs. Daine:** Hello families!! We are learning about Fall and about listening! Also: G, 7, brown, and the rhombus! I am looking forward to the pumpkin patch tomorrow! Have a blessed rest of the week.

**PRE-SCHOOL – Mrs. Colvin:** We are continuing our A,M,S cluster this week. As we are starting to need our jackets, please make sure your child's name is on the jacket, that helps so much! We will be out Friday and Monday for Fall break. Our fieldtrip to the pumpkin patch is Thursday. If you haven't already, please sign up for parent teacher conferences and for the costume party on our class tag group. The Bible words this week are: God is with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9. Have a great week!

**PRE-KINDERGARTEN – Mrs. Kelly:** We would like to welcome our new friend Riverlynn to our class! Our field trip is tomorrow. Look for the note and map in folders today. Our October book order was in folders last week and is due back to me or online next Wednesday. Fall Break is this week, so no school on Friday and Monday. Parent /Teacher conferences are next Thursday and Friday. Sign-ups are on Class Tag. Our Costume party is on the 31st. I also put a sign up for it on Class Tag. Our Bible words this week are, Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Proverbs 3:5 and The Lord is my deliverer. 2 Samuel 22:2 We are still learning the letter cluster Aa, Mm, Ss and the number 2. Have a great Fall Break and a Blessed week!

**KINDERGARTEN – Mrs. Miller:** -- This Friday the 13th and Monday the 16th will be our Fall Break (no school). Tomorrow on Thursday the 12th is our class pumpkin field trip, please look for the pumpkin/map paper in your child's backpack today. In your child's Monday Folder (the 9th) I put a sheet with your conference time on it. I will pass out your child's report card during your conference. Also, on October 31st at 2:30 pm we will have our class Fall/Halloween party. Your child can dress up on that day but please nothing scary. I hope everyone has a wonderful week and fall break!

**FIRST GRADE – Mrs. Birnbaum--**Wow! This is the last week of the 1st quarter! Time goes fast when you are having fun! We are looking forward to our field trip tomorrow! Check your reminder note for details! Please sign up for your parent/teacher conference time on class tag if you have not done

so yet. October Scholastic book orders are due online by the 18th. Family Fun Fest is on Friday, Oct. 20 - 1st grade class is to bring a variety bag of candy. You may bring to the classroom any time - thank you for your help with this! This is fire safety week and we will have some special activities. In social studies we will learn about bodies of water. No spelling words this week! We will have week 8 test on Friday, Oct. 20. Have a wonderful fall break!

**SECOND GRADE – Ms. Felton:** The first quarter is wrapping up tomorrow, and Fall Break is Friday through Monday! Parent-teacher conferences will happen throughout the week the next two weeks so check FastDirect/SeeSaw to sign up on Google Sheets for a time that works for you. We will do rewards for AR next week (prizes for students in class, then a class reward after fall break). We will wrap up the government unit tomorrow. When we return, we'll study landforms then habitats. Reading focus is fluency and retelling, writing focus is descriptive, grammar focus is plural nouns and proper nouns. Next week will begin synonyms and antonyms. Memory this week is Joshua 1:9 and next week will be Psalm 23:1-3. The goal is to build it up so that they know all of Psalm 23. We will also work on the sign language for it in class. Spelling and vocabulary tests this week will be tomorrow (Thursday), but following that, they'll be back to Friday mornings. Leonardo's field trip is Friday, October 27. Field trip forms are due by next Wednesday.

**THIRD GRADE – Mrs. Steichen:** I can not believe we are done with the first quarter already. The kids have done AMAZING settling in and figuring out 3rd Grade. I am so proud of each of them, and cannot wait to see what next quarter will bring. Remember we have no school Friday, or Monday. Next week is also a short week, with a half day next Friday, October 20th. Parent/Teacher Conferences: please be on the lookout for a Fastdirect about conferences and a link to sign up. I look forward to meeting with all of you. Spelling: Words for next week will go home on Thursday before Fall Break. Book Orders: Reminder orders are due online October 18th. Have a wonderful and relaxing Fall Break.

**FOURTH GRADE – Mrs. Sibley:** Tomorrow is the last day to get AR goals and finalize grades for the first quarter. Make sure we are reading to start the next quarter off right by reading over the long weekend. Look for an email to sign up for Parent Teacher Conferences. Parent Teacher Conferences will be the week after fall break. Have a great, safe, relaxing Fall Break, and see you Tuesday 8:30 am ready to bake for the Lord as we are needing our goodies for Rose Hill!

**FIFTH GRADE – Mrs. Harbeson:** We've finally come to the final Chatter of the 1st quarter. All tests have been taken and assignments turned in. Tomorrow (Thursday) we will be earning our extra credit points for all subjects. Please bring all papers, tests, quizzes, and handouts to class to earn those extra credit points. I hope all of you have a wonderful Fall Break! When we come back to school next Tuesday, there are a couple of things to keep in mind...

*Students may bring a small snack for snack time at 10:30. Please do not send candy.*

I will send a sign-up link for parent/teacher conferences on FastDirect. Please sign-up for your slot. If you have any problems with the sign-up, please send me a FastDirect so I can help you.

***Beginning next quarter, I will be following the school policy for late work.***

***Assignments will be graded as follows: on time: full credit; 1 day late: -10%; 2 days late: -30%; 3 days late: -50%; more than 3 days will be a 0.***

That's all for now...blessings on the rest of your week!

## **Middle School**

**7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> MATH – Mrs. Stewart:** 7th & 8th Grade Math: We are finishing up Chapter 3 this week, reviewing Chapters 1-3 and then testing over Chapter 3 on Thursday. We will begin Chapter 4 when we come back from Fall Break.

**LANGUAGE – Ms. Kester:** We're done with the first quarter...what??!! Time. Flies. By. Sixth graders will mark the occasion with a party, aka Fall Kickoff, even though the weather doesn't seem to know it's autumn already. So, that's tomorrow. The next day is truly a Fri-yay, as students will leap into some downtime from their studies - Fall Break! I hope everybody has the most splendid Fall Break in the history of fall breaks. When we return, we'll finish off book 2 with study guides and tests, and find out our new WoW.

And let's not forget about the upcoming fieldtrip for our eighth graders. They need one more chaperone with car space for four students for their theater trip. Much thanks to the volunteers who have already signed on to enjoy the fun. Y'all. Are. Awesome. Until next time, toodles!

**SCIENCE – Mrs. Porter-Cain:** Hello Cardinal Families! Can you believe that the first quarter of school is coming to a close?! The year is flying by! I am so thankful for your children and for you! Thank you for giving us the opportunity to teach them, learn about them and lead them!!

We are finalizing the quarter with projects!

6th Grade- started presenting their Scientific method projects today!! These are worth 300 points! It is their first BIG project for me and I am loving what I am seeing!

7th Grade- They started presenting their repurposing and recycling projects today! They are also worth 300 points! The kids have been so creative! I am pleasantly surprised with what they have come up with!!

8th Grade- they finished presenting their insect projects on Monday! the final grade on those will be added to this quarters grade book. I hope that the class learned the importance of not procrastinating!!

**MIDDLE SCHOOL --ATHLETES AND MUSICAL CARDINALS!!** If you have below a 70% in ANY class on your report card, you will be ineligible for 3 WEEKS!! That means no practicing and no competing/ performing!

**Varsity girls-** if you are ineligible twice in a season you will be dismissed from the team!

I am including what I have so far of the season schedule in this chatter- please be aware that I may add to it!

**Parent teacher conferences** are October 20! Every child must have a parent attend!

Go Cards!

**SOCIAL STUDIES – Mr. Brey--** 6-8: Students are finishing up their roundtables this week. If they have missed one, they need to do an essay on the topic before fall break starts.

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## 2023/24 PTL AUCTION

*Would you like to bid on any of these items for your child or grandchild at FLS?*

**Give us your best bid and return this form to the School Office by Thu. Oct. 26.**

In the event of a TIE, the individuals will be contacted for an increased bid (or if possible, both will be given the item).

If you end up with too many items, you can let us know and we will go with the 2nd highest bidder.

### \$80 Minimum Bid Required

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | A. Principal for a Day which includes lunch w/a friend          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | B. School Secretary for a Day which includes lunch w/a friend   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | C. Pastor's Assistant for a Day which includes lunch w/a friend |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | D. Name the Street - South side of the church                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | E. Name the Street - East side of gym                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | F. Name the Cafeteria   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | G. Name the Gym court   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | H. Movie Afternoon  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I. Cardinal Nest  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | J. VIP parking space at the gym                                 |

### \$50 Minimum Bid Required

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | K. Librarian for a Day which includes lunch w/a friend |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | L. Teacher for a Day which includes lunch w/a friend   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | M. Lunch with a Teacher of your choosing w/a friend    |

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Contact Information: \_\_\_\_\_

*Watch the Chatter for the Winners.*

2023-2024 Cardinal Basketball

Nov 2	JVG/ JVB	@Medford	JVG 4:30, JVB 5:30
Nov 9-11	JVG/JVB/VG/VB	@Shidler	Tournament TBA
Nov 9-11	JVG/JVB	Blackwell	Tournament
Nov 13	JVG/JVB	McCord	
Nov 16-18	JVG/JVB	@Dewey	Tournament
Nov 16	VG/VB & possible JV	@ The Academy	in OKC
Nov 28	JVG/JVB/VG/VG	Shidler	
Nov 30	VG/VB	@ PC West	VG 5:00/VB 6:00
Dec 1-3	VG/VB	Hope	Tournament Kansas City TBA
Dec 7	VG/VB	VS PC West	VG 5:00/VB 6:00
Dec 8	JVG/JVB/VG/VB	VS Medford	JVG 4:30, JVG 5:30, VG 6:30, VB 7:30
Dec 11	JVG/JVB/VG/VB	VS Tonkawa	JVG 5:00, JVB 6:00, VG 7:00, VB 8:00
Dec 14	3 / 4 B, JVG/JVB	McCord	
Dec 18	JVG/JVB/VG/VB	@Tonkawa	JVG 4:30, JVB 5:30, VG 6:30, VB 7:30
Jan 1-5	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	McCord	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Tournament
Jan 4-6	5 <sup>th</sup> grade	FLS	5 <sup>th</sup> grade Tournament
Jan 8-12	5 <sup>th</sup> grade	McCord	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Tournament
Jan 8	JVG/JVB/VG/VG	Shidler	
Jan 12-13	Varsity Boys	Trinity	Tournament Jefferson City
Jan 15-19	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	McCord	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Tournament
Jan 19-20	Varsity Girls	Trinity	Tournament Jefferson City
Jan 29	JVG/JVB	McCord	
Feb 1-3	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	FLS	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Tournament
Feb 5	JVG/JVB/VG/VB	VS Dewey	JVG 5:00, JVB 6:00, VG 7:00, VB 8:00
Feb 8-10	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	FLS	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Tournament
Feb 5-10	VG/VB	HCAA	Tournament
Feb 16-18	VG/VB	Texas State	Tournament Tomball, TX
Mar 21-24		LBAA Nationals	Ft. Wayne, Indiana