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September 13, 2023

CARDINAL CHATTER

- 9/13 Mid Quarter Reports
- 9/15 Oklahoma Teacher Convention No School
- 9/15 No Daycare closed for Convention
- 9/15 Cheer Shirts/hoodies orders due
- 9/19 Band/Choir at OSU 7:30 P.M.
- 9/27-29--6th grade to Lutherhoma

10/3—Picture Day

10/12—End of first quarter 10/13-10/16 Fall Break (no School)

- 10/19 Rose Hill-4th grade
- 10/20 Parent/Teacher Conf. Half Day 11:20 Dism.
- 10/20 Family fun night 5:30-7:30 PM.
- 10/25 Awards Ceremony 9:15 A.M.

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

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

oklahoma.gov/tax/helpcenter/income-tax.html

to read about student funding and tax credit eligibility from the Oklahoma Tax Commission. **Family Fun night** on Friday, October 20 from 5:30 to 7:30. Class Room Mothers had a great meeting yesterday to start plans for the event. Please prepare to help them and give us more ideas of how you can help make this a fun evening for all ages. Watch for more details in the weeks to come.

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

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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-- The Middle School is having Student Council (Stucco) elections today. This group plans our Red Ribbon Week celebration in October, our coat drive in November, emcee for

Grandparent Day event, and numerous other leadership roles throughout the year. We thank God for Mrs. Harbeson for sponsoring these service projects.

CARDINAL CARE – Heidi Daley: We will be closed Friday September 15th. We are finally into the cooler weather. Parents keep an eye on the weather and plan accordingly. Your child will still go outside to play weather permitting. If cooler please send light jacket with your child. Make sure child name is in jackets etc. Sign-ups for fall break for childcare will be available soon keep eye open for those.

LIBRARY/Stem – Mrs. Manning: Hello! Last week in grades 4-8 STEM we learned about volcanoes and the people that study them! 2nd and 3rd grade started to learn coding! As a reminder, your student is welcome to bring an old shirt or smock/apron to keep in their locker for STEM & Art. We are still accepting Legos, solo cups, shoeboxes (adult) popsicle sticks, or anything STEM related. We will put it all to use in class! There have been a few library books returned damaged. Students, remember to treat our library books with care so others may enjoy them too for years to come. Have a great week everyone!

Religion—Mrs. Brey-TEST ON MONDAY! Students will receive a study guide on Thursday. Memory work will be next week Friday (September 22) over 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.

PRE-SCHOOL – Mrs. Daine: This week we are learning about: D, 4, yellow, and oval. Our bible story is Jesus heals 10 lepers; through this story we are learning about the importance of saying "thank you"! Have a blessed rest of the week.

PRE-SCHOOL – **Mrs. Colvin:** Finally, some cooler weather! This week we are continuing a letter a day review and will start our clusters soon. The Bible words this week are: I, the Lord, am your Savior. Isiah 60:16. There will be no school Friday. Have a terrific week!

PRE-KINDERGARTEN – Mrs. Kelly: What a change in the weather! We are thankful for the cooler temperatures and the rain. Just a reminder that we walk across the street for lunch, and go out for recess most days. Please check the weather and dress your children appropriately for the weather. It may be nice in the morning, but change drastically during the day. Also make sure your child's name is in all outerwear, so we can find the owner if it gets lost. Book orders are due today, please place your orders tonight. Our class has an entry at the fair in the expo center. Be sure to check it out if you are there. Our Bible words this week are, For those who love God all things work together for good. Romans 8:28 and Be kind, forgiving one another. Ephesians 4:32 We made it halfway through reviewing our alphabet. We will start on letter clusters the first week in October. We are also working on writing our names. I sent home a laminated practice page to practice daily last week. There is no school on Friday. Have a Blesses week!

KINDERGARTEN – **Mrs. Miller**: We do not have school on Friday! Thank you all for working on your "Monday Folders" and please continue! We have been through the alphabet and sounds one time now. Next, we will go slower and do all the letters and sounds again taking one letter a week and continue with our reading. Our scholastic book order is due by tonight Wednesday the 13th. Have a great week!

FIRST GRADE – Mrs. Birnbaum: This is a 4-day week, so our spelling and reading tests, and memory verse will be on Thursday this week! The teachers will be traveling to Midwest City for our Oklahoma Teacher's Conference. Memory verse for this week is Acts 3:19 - Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out. Our phonic skill this week are words with the short o sound. In Social Studies, we learning about what it means to be a responsible citizen. This week we will focus on perseverance and sportsmanship. In science we are learning about matter and the 3 states of matter. Scholastic book orders are due today (Sept. 13). When you go online to order, you will find more books than what is in the flyers that came home. Have a great 3-day weekend!

SECOND GRADE – Ms. Felton: Yay Creighton for being our star student last week! He brings much kindness and joy into our classroom! I have begun to use SeeSaw, so if you have not signed up for that, please do. This week's memory and tests are tomorrow (Thursday). Memory this week is Mark 16:16. There is also a geography test on Thursday - I can read maps using a map key, I can use cardinal directions with locations, and I can locate and name the 7 continents and 6 oceans. Next week's memory is verse 1 of the song Jesus Loves Me. AR Goals were set this week and all students should be getting close to halfway. You should be reading at home every night for at least 15 minutes. If it is a book from your home, your child may bring it to school to see if it's an AR test. If your child is struggling with AR tests, I will have a listening page that they will need to fill out as they go or at the end of the book you read with them. I will let you know personally if you need to do this, as it is not a tool that all of them need!

THIRD GRADE – Mrs. Steichen: Mid Quarter! Can you believe we are already half way through this quarter? The kids are doing great and figuring out our routines and how to use their time wisely. I will be sending home grade reports this week, I will need you to sign those and get them back. Thank you! Reminder, we do not have school on Friday, so all testing will be done on Thursday. This week: Memory: All the Books of the Old Testament. The song is still on FastDirect if you need it. Language: Quiz on Thursday over Adjectives. We have been working on these for two weeks, they should do great! Spelling: 1.4 Short Vowel sounds Math: Test today and will be doing corrections on these in class. Sorry, the updated grades on test 1 should be there. Science and Social Studies both have test this week also. We will be moving on to weather in science and landforms in social studies. Book Reports: These are due September 29. All kids have picked their books, please let me know if they have not brought them home. Also, if you need a cereal box, please let me know. Have a wonderful week!!

FOURTH GRADE – Mrs. Sibley: Continue reading to earn our AR goals, we are making progress! Reading a little each day makes a large improvement. Let me know if you cannot login to see how kids are doing. We are accepting chapel money for Victor and Rosario daily! Mid Quarters are sent home today! Please sign and return the half sheet by Monday after needed discussions at home. This is a small look how we are doing academically now, not at report card time. This snapshot gives us a chance to do any reassessing for academic practices now and to not be scared when we have the first report card. Missing work and work done carelessly can really make for very surprising grades. Being organized & following directions are some of the big keys to success! Please check school handbook for the school policy for late work. Memory and final spelling test are tomorrow. No School on Friday as we have teacher's convention. Blessings as we rest in the Lord over the long weekend.

FIFTH GRADE – Mrs. Harbeson: Hello 5th Graders and Families! I hope your week has been running smoothly so far! The cooler weather and rain are a real blessing! We have another short week this week as the students are out on Friday. Enjoy another long weekend! Mark your calendar...Tuesday, October 3 is picture day! Other things for this week include the following:

Memory - Doxology is due this Thursday

Math - the students took their first test on Tuesday

Spelling test over list 4 is Thursday.

Make sure you are reading and taking those tests to earn your AR points for the first quarter! The first semester reward for making your goal is ice skating when we get back from Christmas Break. Students who make BOTH their 1st and 2nd quarter goals will be able to participate, so get reading! That's it for now! Blessings on the rest of your week!

Middle School

7th – 8th MATH – Mrs. Stewart: The 7th and 8th grade math classes are continuing with Chapter 2 this week. All classes had an in-class quiz over Lessons 2.1-2.3 on Tuesday. Our next test should be towards the end of next week. I update grades in FastDirect daily so you can check there to see your student's progress.

LANGUAGE – Ms. Kester: COMPOSITION/VOCABULARY: Many of the students have used their Word of the Week in their creative writings already. A new one will be introduced Monday. Speaking of new words, students are "up and running" in their vocabulary workbooks. As communicated to them, I reserve the right to pop a vocabulary quiz on them at any time. But they're chillaxin' about that, as they are working with the words regularly in class.

GRAMMAR: Scores have been entered for the packets that students worked on for a full week in ELA class, study halls, and during the weekend. They were completion grades only, meaning scores were based on the number of sections students attempted and completed instead of whether their answers were correct or incorrect. All grade levels are receiving the correct answers during the remainder of this short week. At the end of the school year, your children will revisit this packet and marvel at their progress!

LITERATURE: All students have their new books and will be tested on them the week before Fall Break. Sixth graders have physical copies this quarter that MUST BE RETURNED TO ME BEFORE FALL BREAK. Replacement cost is \$15. All other grade levels have online books. Lastly, I will announce the date for STAR testing soon. Enjoy the rest of your week!

SCIENCE - Mrs. Porter-Cain: Hello Cardinals! Welcome to cooler weather!!

I hope that September is finding everyone well! Hopefully your students are getting into the groove again!

Science has been trucking right along!

6th Grade- we are working toward the finish line of matter!

7th Grade- we have been revisiting matter! Substances, physical changes, etc. and are nearing the end of that chapter!

8th Grade- we have been insect hunting and classifying what we find! Insect projects will be coming due in October- make sure your kids are staying active on that! We will take a quiz over insect classifications and then move on to cell structure!

MIDDLE SCHOOL-

LUTHERHOMA--**6TH GRADE PARENTS**- if you have not returned your child's form, please do so. If they are not attending, there is a place to check and sign on the form. I am looking forward to taking your kids on this awesome trip!

WASHINGTON DC--8TH GRADE PARENTS- DC/NYC- 8th Graders- I do not have any updates at this time.

Fundraisers- COOKIES- hopefully your kiddos are selling! Reminder- the profits from the orders they collect go directly towards their 8th grade trip accounts!

Athletics-- Basketball Fundraiser- BLANKETS- please help us sell these! If you want to order and do not know how- please contact me! All profits go to the basketball program, and we need new equipment!

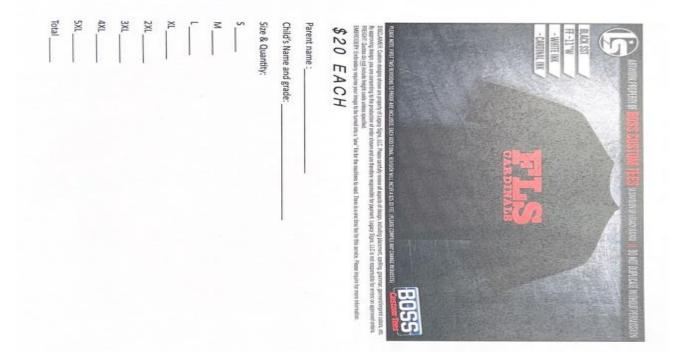
Basketball Volunteering- REMINDER- for a donation of \$250.00, Sarah Troutman will forget your name this season!!

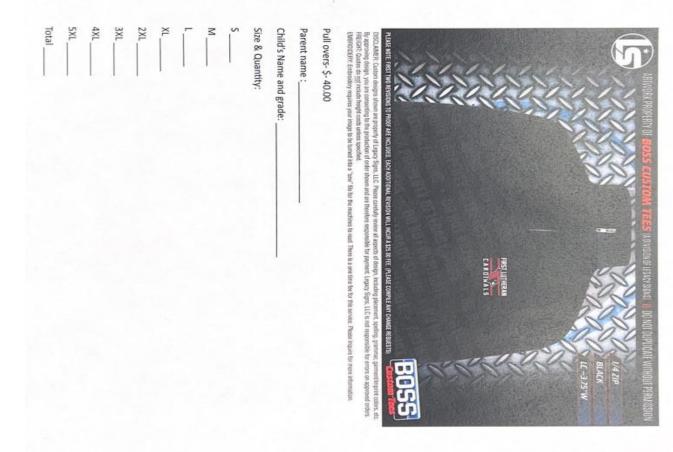
I am working hard to finish up the basketball schedule- watch for that info to come soon!! GO CARDS!!!

SOCIAL STUDIES – Mr. Brey-- 6th- Students are learning about Ancient Egypt. Test Tuesday 7th- Students will be comparing and contrasting Eastern Asia and Southeast Asia this week. 8th- Students will be able to explain the events that caused the American Revolution and the significance of the result of the war.

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