



Rochester Central Lutheran School

# RCLS PAW PRINT

October 30, 2008

**Preparing for tomorrow with a Christ-centered education today!**

RCLS is a ministry of Family of Christ, Grace, Holy Cross and Trinity Lutheran churches.

## **DON'T FORGET!**

Nov. 7—No School

Parent-Teacher Conferences November 11, 12, and 13—Call to schedule your appointment!

November 13—Early Dismissal 12:45 pm

Nov. 14— No School

Nov. 14—Putting on the Ritz, 6:00 pm!!

### **Special points of interest:**

- *Parent-Teacher Conference Information!!*
- *News from the Bobcat Café*
- *Permission Form to spray paint your child's hair!*
- *Sports Info*
- *Girl Scout Info*
- *Artists of the Month*
- *Child Safety Fingerprinting Winners*
- *Auction 2009*
- *Carnival Thank You!*
- *Book Fair Results*
- *Much, much, more!*

**MR. PAHLKOTTER'S THOUGHTS:** *"...With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God." Mark 10:27*

October has been an exciting and very, very busy month. V.I.P. day, Horizon Breakfast, Hallelujah Carnival, Teachers' Conference in Mankato, Fall Play, October is Reading Month, Family Reading Night, Walk to School Day, Book Fair...do I need to go on? Although all of these events were a blessing...the month was full. On top of this was the normal every day business of school, home and life in general. This can be busy enough. At times, it felt like getting through everything might not be possible.

There are also times in life that we are challenged not only with schedule but also with illness, death, finances, conflict, employment issues, family problems and so much more. It is at these times that we also feel like things can become impossible.

The bad news is that much is impossible with man...by ourselves. We don't have the power or the means by which to tackle many of the challenges that face us. The good news is that with God, "...all things are possible..." In fact, I would venture to say that without God nothing is possible...it is only with God that we are able to do what we do.

Jesus' words recorded in Mark refer to the story of the Rich Young Man who asks Him, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" I thank God that he made my impossibilities possible and that I do not need to handle the challenges of life alone. I especially rejoice knowing that eternal life is not something I must earn, it is the undeserved gracious gift of God. It would be impossible...and yet God makes heaven possible through the death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus.

This week when the impossible faces you, remember the One who makes the impossible possible...Jesus.

In the name of the ultimate H\*E\*R\*O, Jesus,  
Mr. Henry G. Pahlkotter, II

**P.S.** I also want to encourage everyone to consider attending the November 14 event called "An Evening of Celebration." It is an adult evening with a live band and a wonderful dinner for the main purpose of bringing the RCLS adults together and to give us all an opportunity to get to know each other better. The theme this year is "Putting on the Ritz." Wear something nice that you already have and just come and enjoy good Christian adult fellowship. A short program will be presented celebrating the blessings God has given us through this ministry. The final day for purchasing tickets is Monday, November 3. Don't miss this fun event. I will see you there!

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**PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES ARE COM-ING!** Conferences are scheduled for November 11 (Preschool only), and November 12 and 13 for Preschool and Grades K-8. Please note the schedule. Please call the school office starting Monday, November 3 to schedule your parent-teacher conference. Parents of students in grades 6-8 will be scheduled with the homeroom teacher. If a conference is needed with a departmentalized teacher, we will take your request and the teacher will personally schedule this with you at a mutually agreed upon time. Everyone is asked to participate. Thank you!

- November 11—**Preschool Parents** only, 3-7 pm
- November 12—**Preschool Parents** only, 3-7 pm
- November 12—**Kindergarten-Grade 8** only, 4-7 pm
- November 13—**Preschool Parents** only, 8-11 am, or noon-3 pm, or 4-7 pm (No school for Preschoolers)
- November 13—**Kindergarten-Grade 8** only, 1-3 pm or 4-7 pm

**Early dismissal** (12:45 pm) for students in Full Time Kindergarten-Grade 8 on Thursday, November 13 and **no school** for Preschool-Grade 8 on Friday, November 14.

**SAC will be open and offering child care** until 7:30 pm on November 11, 12, and 13 during parent teacher conferences. Families are asked to give a donation to help

**OCTOBER IS READING MONTH, read, READ, READ!** Students have been busily reading this month. As of last week, the school has read 2,709 hours. We have met our first goal of 1,925 hours of reading and so we **WILL** be having a reading celebration on Monday, November 3, at 8 a.m. called the “Inaugural Ball.” Students are turning in their final hours today, Thursday, October 30, to add to our total and to see if we have met Mr. Pahlkotter’s challenge of doubling our reading and an hourly goal of 3,850 hours.

If we meet the challenge goal, Mr. Pahlkotter’s hair will be sprayed red, white and blue on Monday, November 3, and students will also have an opportunity to have their hair sprayed red, white and blue with parental permission. This will also happen on Monday, November 3, at the Inaugural Ball. Students are encouraged to wear a darker shirt in the event that the color will rub off their hair.

**If we meet our doubled reading goal, students need permission to have their hair sprayed red, white and blue!** Please complete this form for each of your children (feel free to make copies or just write a note) and return it to their teachers. Students must have a permission note to participate. Thank you.

**-----Please complete, clip and return to your child’s teacher on Friday, October 31.-----**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

My child has permission to have their hair sprayed red, white and blue on Monday, November 3.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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cover our costs in providing care. A basket will be provided for your convenience.

As the weather turns colder and you start putting your summer sport supplies in storage, pause for a moment over your golf clubs...and look forward ten months to the **RCLS GOLF OUTING!** Mark your calendars now for the 4th annual RCLS Golf Outing on Friday, August 28, 2009. This year's event is sponsored by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and will be held at Willow Creek. The Golf Outing is a great day of golfing and fellowship while supporting RCLS! For more information, speak with any committee member: Marty Mack, Corey Nelson, Kim Schauer or Marc Woolman.

#### **NOTES FROM THE BOBCAT CAFÉ**

- A reminder that parents are able to apply for free and reduced price lunches for their children any time during the school year. If you are interested please contact the school office for the proper forms. Thank you!
- Remember you can view the hot lunch menu on the RCLS web site!

The **student body** will have the opportunity **TO VOTE** at school on Tuesday, November 4. As proud Americans and thankful for our freedom let’s all dress in our patriotic colors of red-white and blue. See you at the polls!!

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## **PARENTS/VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SPRAY**

**HAIR:** We need 12 “hair spray stations” to be able to get to our students hair sprayed red, white and blue in a timely manner on Monday morning, November 3. We need 1 or 2 people at each station. If you are able to assist, please let the school office know on Friday, October 31 or e-mail Mr. Pahlkotter at [hepahlkotter@rcls.net](mailto:hepahlkotter@rcls.net). Parents/volunteers need to report to the gym at 7:45 am. for a brief training. We need all the help we can get. Thank you.

**RCLS BOOK ELECTION '08:** Today, students voted for their favorite book. The nominees for favorite book are: Click, Clack, Moo (Mr. Weinlaeder); The Hungry Caterpillar (Mrs. Prentice), and Stephanie's Pig Tail (Mr. Nelson). The results will be announced on Monday, November 3, at the Inaugural Ball!

## **REFORMATION CHAPEL IS FRIDAY AT 7:55 AM!**

Pastor Otte from Trinity Lutheran Church is leading.

## **MR. PAHLKOTTER DOES CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**AT TRINITY THIS WEEKEND!** Mr. Pahlkotter will be at Trinity Lutheran Church this weekend giving the children's message at both services.

**FALL BACK SATURDAY EVENING:** We move our clocks back one hour this Saturday evening for daylight savings time. Don't forget or you will be really early for church and you won't benefit from an extra hour of sleep!

**END OF FIRST QUARTER** is Thursday, November 6. Friday, November 7, is Records Day and there is **NO SCHOOL**. Please make arrangements and enjoy the long weekend.

## **IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS**

...Mr. Jeff Canakes (Beret, Karin) whose father was called to his heavenly home Saturday, October 25.

**PRAYING FOR OUR FAMILIES** The week of November 3 we will pray for: Thomas & Hollie Dunford (Emily, Zachary), Nathan & Sarah Dunn (Ethan), Kraig & Louise Durst (Kassandra, Nicholas), Maker & Awut Dut (Atong, Agum, Achol), Gregory & Karen Edlund (Paul), Curtis & Kaaren Eide (Daniel, Nathan), and Pete & Leanne Erickson (Jacob, Paige).

**Remember your leaders,  
who spoke the word of God  
to you.  
Consider the outcome of  
their**

**CALLING ALL KINDERGARTEN GIRLS...**it's not too late to join Girl Scouts! Interested girls and parents can attend an informational meeting Thursday, November 6 at 6 pm at RCLS. The girls will work on a small project while the parents meet. For more information please contact Erika Trempe at 282-3432 or [erikatrempe@yahoo.com](mailto:erikatrempe@yahoo.com)

We hope the **CHILD SAFETY FINGERPRINTING** that was held at the RCLS carnival was an opportunity for you to discuss the subject of child safety with your child. Thank you to Officer, Ken Plumber, of the Rochester Police Department, who helped us that evening. We did over 100 fingerprinting kits that night! Please pick up your prizes in the RCLS office. New England Financial representatives John Beise, Grant Dicke, Mitch Allen, Ryan Manske, and Julie Beise thank you for participating in this event!

Winners of the Snoopy plush toy were:  
Josh Berthiaume and Jerry Jerabek

Winners of the gift cards were:  
John Rud—\$25 Timberlodge gift card  
Joyce Pike—\$10 Cold Stone gift card  
Kevin Ewert—\$10 Culvers gift card

**ARTISTS OF THE MONTH** are first graders **Adam Jans and Lilly McGohan**. They drew a church building using different shapes. Adam and Lilly used triangles, squares, rectangles, and circles. Then they colored the church and also the sky and ground with crayons. The last part of the project was to glue on small colored plastic pieces to make the windows look like stain glass. Super job Lilly, Adam, and all first graders!

## SPORTS UPDATE

The RCLS volleyball season is in full swing with a short, but aggressive season, having played three games last week.

We have 28 7th and 8th graders playing this season allowing us to break up into two teams.

The B squad has won their matches against Resurrection and Silo (Lewiston), but lost to Winona on Friday.

The A squad has lost all three matches, but has shown marked improvement in many areas. Friday's game vs. Winona was close.

The A squad as a whole has averaged making 81% of their serves. Two players, Andrew Winkels and Mason Nordman have made all of their serves in the first 3 games! Following close behind, Rosemarie Gregoire, Melissa Parry, and John Mattison are all serving at an above 91% accuracy rate.

As of this writing, there is no report for Tuesday's Lake City game. There are two away games left in the season—Thursday (October 30) vs Wykoff at 4:30 pm and Thursday (November 6) vs Plainview at 4:30 pm.

The Conference Tournament starts at 9 am on Saturday, November 8 at RCLS. Go Bobcats!!

### **AUCTION 2009—APRIL 18**

The auction is the largest fundraiser to benefit the school. Last year we raised \$34,000. We hope to raise \$35,000 this year. It is a big undertaking, but with the help of many we can make it successful.

The 2009 auction planning is underway. A meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 6 from 6:30-8 pm in the Conference Room. If you are interested in helping with the auction in any capacity, please attend this important meeting.

Please contact us with any questions.

- Melinda Rud (jmmhrud@msn.com)
- Debbie Witte (mom2three@chartermi.net)

**ORGANIST/MUSCIAN NEEDED** Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Eyota is seeking an organist/musician to contract for about 26 Sundays a year (more if desired!). Familiarity with the Lutheran Service Book is a must. Compensation is negotiable. If interested, please call 545-2067 or 272-3104.

October 31	-Chapel, 8 am <u>REFORMATION!</u> -Kindergarten to sing at Chapel
November 2	-Daylight Savings Time Ends!
November 4	-Election Day—Remember to vote!
November 5	-Grade 3 to sing at Chapel
November 6	-End of 1st Quarter—46 days) -Fall Parties -Volleyball at Plainview, 4:30 pm
November 7	-No School (Records Day) -SAC is open
November 8	-Conference Volleyball Tournament at RCLS—beginning at 9 am
November 11	-Picture Retake day -PS Conferences, 3-7 pm -SAC open until 7:30 pm -Report Cards Available
November 12	-Grade 5 to sing at Chapel -PS Conferences, 3-7 pm -K-8 Conferences, 4-7 pm
November 13	-Gr. 4 to visit the nursing home -Early Dismissal, 12:45 pm -PS Conferences, 8-11am/noon-3 pm/4-7 pm -K-8 Conferences, 1-3 pm/4-7 pm
November 14	-No School—SAC is open -An Evening of Celebration: Putting on the Ritz, 6 pm
November 19	-Grade 2 to sing at Chapel
Nov. 26-28	-No School! Thanksgiving Break
December 3	-Grade 1 to sing at Chapel
December 4	-Advent Music Concert, 6:30 pm
December 10	-Kindergarten to sing at Chapel
December 11	-Coffee & Tour, 7:45 am -All School Christmas Celebration, 6:30 pm at John Marshall High School
December 12	-Parent Transportation Day – morning only! -Mid Quarter
December 17	-All choirs to sing at Chapel

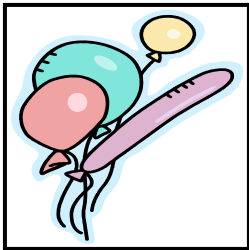
Crossroads College is presenting the musical **GODSPELL** on Friday, November 14, and Saturday, November 15, at 7 pm and Sunday, November 16, at 4 pm at the Community Presbyterian Church, 3705 55 Street NW. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$6 at the door; seating is limited so advance tickets are highly recommended. Call 288-4563 or 800-456-7651 for tickets or information, or email [bmeltz@crossroadscollege.edu](mailto:bmeltz@crossroadscollege.edu).

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The **FALL SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR** was a huge success! The RCLS Library received \$280 worth of hardcover books and over \$1400 to use directly for new library resources! That amount will also be supplemented by **Thrivent Financial for Lutherans** with another \$500! Thanks to all who helped and made purchases!

Now that the Fall Book Fair is over, it's time to start advertising the **Barnes and Noble Holiday Book Fair!** This book fair will take place at the Barnes and Noble Apache Mall Store on Saturday, December 6. So, please do your Christmas book shopping that day with a voucher that will come home in the Paw Print, and a portion of your purchase will go directly to RCLS! Look in the Paw Print for special events and guest readers that day also!

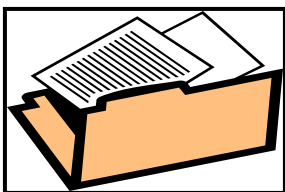
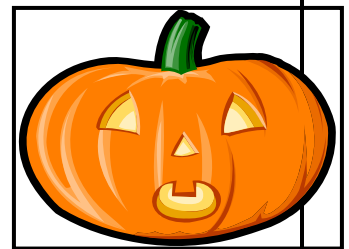
## Thank You!!



The Carnival Committee says a big thank you to all who planned, advertised, set-up, worked at, cleaned up, and attended the Hallelujah Carnival this past Saturday from 4 to 7 pm. We do not have an actual count of the number of people who attended, but it has been reported that there was a very steady stream of people coming to our school throughout the 3 hours of the festivities. It has also been reported that a number of new families visited our Carnival and some even asked for information about our school. Wonderful!!! We probably took in over \$4000 in our fund-raising efforts, but there are bills yet which will have to be paid. Thank you to all for your support.

For our Pumpkin Contest, Carnival attenders could choose the pumpkins they thought were best for each category. The categories and winners for the Pumpkin Contest are as follows:

<u>Christian</u>	<u>Carved</u>	<u>Original</u>
1st: Molly Fuelberth	1st: Nicholas Fuelberth	1st: Andrew Jedlicka
2nd: Lincoln Rugeberg	2nd: Shane Meldahl (tie)	2nd: Danielle & Joshua Buettner
	2nd: Lacey Rugeberg	
<u>Painted</u>	<u>Mini Pumpkin</u>	<u>People's Choice (grand prize)</u>
1st: Sarah Arndt	1st: Green family	1st: Danielle & Joshua Buettner
2nd: Elizabeth Heroff	2nd: Brittany Winkels	2nd: Molly Fuelberth



If you worked at the Carnival, please do take time to fill out the 2008 Evaluation report that is in your game/area folder. Then bring or send the folder back to school and turn it in to Mrs. Otte. Your comments will help us when we plan for next year. Thank you.

We would also invite anyone who worked at and/or attended the Carnival to share any suggestions or comments which would help us plan for future Carnivals. A simple way to do that would be to email [deotte@rcls.net](mailto:deotte@rcls.net). We have received a few suggestions for improvements for next year already and are willing to consider others also. Thank you.