



## Rochester Central Lutheran School

# RCLS PAW PRINT

November 6, 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!!

**MR. PAHLKOTTER'S THOUGHTS:** ...Having red, white and blue hair on Monday was quite interesting. I had to have a couple of more serious meetings and I must admit it was a bit awkward to conduct business looking a bit like an American flag. To see the faces of the children as the students randomly selected sprayed my hair red, white and blue...by the way, it was COLD...was indeed precious. I saw faces of joy, laughter, unbelief and empathy. It was also fun to see the children have their heads sprayed red, white and blue. It was just fun...and a great way to highlight reading as one of God's blessings.

Sometimes as Christians we focus so much on our sin condition that we forget to focus on our grace condition. John 3:16 proclaims a very important message, "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." As believers, we have so much to celebrate. We have so much for which to be thankful. God has given us the gifts of forgiveness and life eternal! I think we should all jump for joy and spray our heads red, white, blue, purple and green to help the world know the JOY of knowing a Savior that truly loves us...that truly understands our sin condition and has provided us with a plan for our salvation simply because of His grace...His love.

As you catch a glimpse of yourself in the mirror, a reflection in a window or listen to yourself, what are you sharing with the world? Are you sharing the Joy of Jesus because of His victory over sin, death and the devil...or are you sharing the agony of defeat to the condition of sin that we all suffer from but that Christ has forgiven?

Yes, I am a "fool for Christ" as it is stated in 1 Corinthians 4:10. I pray that the joy of Christ shines through me to a world that needs to know they are loved by Him.

In the name of the ultimate HERO, Jesus,  
Mr. Henry G. Pahlkotter, II

**AUCTION 2009—APRIL 18** The auction is a large 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) or Debbie Witte (mom2three@chartermi.net)

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

- *Parent-Teacher Conference Information!!*
- *News from the Bobcat Café*
- *Auction 2009*
- *Stanford Testing Info*
- *Golf Outing 2009*
- *Emergency Weather Closing*
- *Stuff the Turkey Project*
- *Non-Denominational Christian Children's Choir*
- *Parent-Teacher Group*
- *4421 Hours Read!*
- *Much, much, more!*

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**PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES ARE COMING!** 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 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 cover our costs in providing care. A basket will be provided for your convenience.

#### **STANFORD ACHIEVEMENT TEST RESULTS:**

Parent reports with achievement results for grades 2-8 will be sent home with report cards. When looking at the results, please remember that this is only a test and reflects one particular testing time over just a couple of days. This test is only one indicator to your child's achievement. The classroom teacher's observations, grades and many other factors must be considered when reflecting upon a child's results. This type of test is most helpful when looking over your child's results over several years and in consideration of all other evaluation information that is provided by the classroom teacher. If you have questions, please discuss them with your child's teacher at your parent-teacher conference next week.

**OLSAT TEST RESULTS** Our 4th and 6th graders also took the OLSAT test along with the Stanford Achievement Test. Parents, when you receive the results, pay particular attention to the Achievement Ability Comparison (AAC). The OLSAT gives a score that is a general indicator of academic ability, al

though this is not an intelligence test. The AAC will indicate if a student is achieving on the Stanford as expected by the results given on the OLSAT or if they are achieving higher or lower than expected. Ask your child's teacher for further information. This is very helpful in getting a general indication if a child is achieving as expected or not.

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!

#### **EMERGENCY WEATHER CLOSING**

School closing announcements can be heard on KROC, KRCH, and KWEB radio stations as well as on KTTC-TV. When Rochester public schools close, RCLS also closes. Please look over the attached flyer explaining inclement weather policies for SAC.

**THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS FOR HELPING US SPRAY HEADS...**Just a quick thank you to the volunteers who assisted with spraying our hair red, white and blue. The process went well and we greatly appreciate your help.

**NO SCHOOL FRIDAY:** It is Records Day. Report Cards will be sent home on Tuesday.

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**PRAYING FOR OUR FAMILIES** The week of November 10 we will pray for: Royce & Marlie Ernst (Nicole & Sarah), Daniel & Shelly Erpelding (Jacob), Kevin & Tina Ewert (Nathan & Samuel), Jeff Fanning (Katelyn), Michael & Brooke Fink (Emma), and Aaron & Janelle Fistler (Bryce).

### THIS 'N THAT

- Mrs. Woolman is **in need of clean empty plastic milk jugs**. If you should have some you may drop them off at the school office or her classroom. Thank you!
- Parents, If you have or will in the future take **pictures at various school events, on and off campus**; please consider loading them onto a disposable CD and drop them off at school for the yearbook staff. We are in need of pictures throughout the year, especially junior high events. Please help us fill our yearbook with great pictures of memorable moments! Thank you!

First grade is inviting ALL RCLS families to **STUFF THE TURKEY for Channel One**. Each classroom will have a turkey box to stuff with non-perishable food items. The classroom with the highest number of food items will be served a special treat by Mr. Pahlkotter during lunch. The contest will run from November 1- November 21. This is a wonderful opportunity to be a H-E-R-O to those within our community!

The **NON-DENOMINATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR** is a community based choir comprised of elementary students in grades K-6 from various denomination backgrounds. The choirs' goal is to educate and inspire the artist within each child in a fun and educational atmosphere, using the God given gift of music while building lasting friendships within the Kingdom.

Who: Any K-6 grader. This is especially an opportunity for children who may not already have a children's choir in their church.

Rehearsals: 1 hour rehearsals will take place on a weekly basis. We meet on Sunday afternoons from 3-4 pm at Hope Summit Christian Church.

Performances: We would hope to participate in the worship services throughout the year of the various congregations represented by the children we serve. Also, a musical produced in May at the place of worship where we rehearse.

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

When: Starting in October and running through May. We will basically follow the school calendar, taking breaks during the vacations set up by the school system.

Director: Abbie-Jo Wilcox, a music teacher who has taught both in public and private schools as well as directed children's choir in various churches.

Questions: Contact Abbie-Jo Wilcox at 252-6984 or email [ryabwilcox@charter.net](mailto:ryabwilcox@charter.net)

We are in the process of forming a **PARENT TEACHER "GROUP"**. We would like 4-5 parent volunteers to help us plan and implement some parenting education programs, and be lead support for some programs we already have in place. If you are interested in being a part of such a group please contact: Carol Wickre at 289-3267 ex. 102, or email @ [cawickre@rcls.net](mailto:cawickre@rcls.net) by November 21.

**4421 HOURS READ!** Congratulations to the RCLS student body for reading well over the 3,850 hour goal. 4421 hours of reading is quite an accomplishment. We celebrated with having the Inaugural Ball in the RCLS gymnasium on Monday. We did the "Chicken Dance" as you dance at a ball and students were given a special treat. In addition, Mr. Pahlkotter and a host of students were sprayed red, white and blue in honor of the occasion.

**CLICK, CLACK, MOO** Chosen as RCLS's Children's Book for 2008! At the Inaugural Ball celebration on Monday, the students were informed that **Click, Clack, Moo** was voted as RCLS's favorite book for 2008. It received only 14 more votes than **Stephanie's Pony Tail**. Mr. Weinlaeder in his acceptance speech said that the winner was not the book but the readers. He sat down in his reading chair which he brought and read the book to the student body. Mr. Pahlkotter earlier in the celebration talked about the "joy of reading" as the reason we celebrated October is Reading Month.

- 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 10 -Development meeting, 5:30 pm  
-Technology meeting, 7 pm
- 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  
-Trustees meeting, 6:15 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 18 -Personnel meeting, 5 pm  
-Finance meeting, 6 pm  
-Executive meeting, 7 pm
- November 19 -Grade 2 to sing at Chapel  
-Academics/Curriculum, 4:30 pm
- November 24 -Board of Directors, 6:15 pm
- Nov. 26-28 -No School! Thanksgiving Break
- December 3 -Grade 1 to sing at Chapel
- December 4 -Advent Music Concert, 6:30 pm
- December 9 -Health Team meeting
- 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
- December 18 -Mid Quarter Reports Available
- December 19 -Christmas Classroom Parties
- Dec 22—Jan.2 -No School—Christmas Break

\*\*View the RCLS calendar at [www.rcls.net](http://www.rcls.net) and click on view calendar.

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