

Rochester Central Lutheran School

# RCLS PAW PRINT

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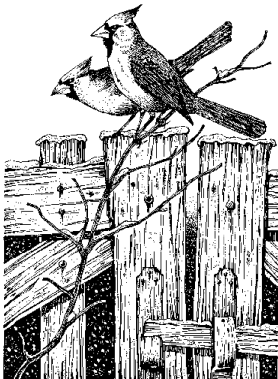
Preparing for tomorrow with a Christ-centered education today!

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

**DON'T  
FORGET!**

**Nov. 17-19—Parent/  
Teacher conferences!**

**Nov. 20—No School**



## MR. PAHLKOTTER'S THOUGHTS...

Picture this...I know this never happens in your house...the alarm goes off. You tell your spouse, one more time. She hits it. The alarm goes off again. You groan. Your spouse hits it one more time. The alarm goes off a third time, you both groan and you convince each other that you can hit snooze just one more time.

Then, the alarm goes off the fourth time...and we're off to the races...or at least off to getting ready for the day. You call the children, jump into the shower, breakfast is made, lunches are packed, we all get dressed for the day sometime in the midst of all of this, library books are found, schedules are compared, lost shoes are found and...your son gives you a hug and says, "Jesus died on the cross for me. I love Jesus. He is my friend."

Everything came to a sudden stop as I responded, "I love Him too." Wondering why this was the topic he chose to discuss while being assisted with getting dressed, I asked, "Where have you been talking about Jesus?" He responded, "Dad, you taught me." I smiled and we hugged.

***"Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord." Ephesians 6:4***

Son, thank you for reminding me about my role as a Christian father. Lord God, thank you for my son...and the forgiving acts of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

Children have such a way with words. Children have such a faith. ***"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14***

In the name of the Living Stone, Jesus Christ,

Mr. Henry G. Pahlkotter, II  
Principal

### Special points of interest:

- Sports Update
- Lefse!!
- Stuff the Turkey Project
- Grace Lutheran Festival
- Artists of the Month
- Emergency Weather Closing Procedure
- Stanford & Olstat Test Results
- *Much, much, more!*

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. This is a wonderful way to be a witness for sharing the love of Jesus. The collection will run until Monday, November 23.



## **THIS-n-THAT.....**

- If you had your **picture taken at the Hallelujah Carnival** please stop at the school office to claim it. They turned out great!
- Trinity Lutheran will be hosting another **Coffee House on Saturday, December 5**. Jill Pearson will be returning for a special Christmas Coffee House. Doors open after the 5:30 pm worship service. No admission charge. Free will donations will benefit Trinity Missions and RCLS.
- When doing any holiday shopping consider doing all or part of it online through **GoodShop.com** where a percentage of each order made at more than 800 stores (from Amazon to Zappos) will be donated to us (you don't pay anything extra!). Simply:
  1. Go to [www.goodshop.com](http://www.goodshop.com)
  2. Designate RCLS as the charity you want to support.
  3. Click on the store you want to shop at and shop on their site as you normally would—a percentage of what you spend will be donated to us at no extra cost to you!
- Take time to look over the attached flyer announcing the **Trinity Lutheran Church Spaghetti Supper** fundraiser for the National Youth Gathering.

**LEFSE** that wonderful Norwegian potato flatbread! Family of Christ members are busy mixing, rolling and baking lefse. Last year was a huge success so we are starting earlier this year. The cost will remain the same this year—5 sheets for \$5. Order as many sheets as you need and order as often as you wish. We will have orders ready for Thanksgiving, Christmas and anytime in between. Contact Dan Kluge, 285-5723. Leave a name on the answering machine or e-mail at [kluge.daniel@mayo.edu](mailto:kluge.daniel@mayo.edu) We will take orders up until Christmas. Thrivent has agreed to support our efforts with the funds raised being given to RCLS. We have had tremendous support in the past and thank you again if you ordered from us last year. We look forward to making great lefse for you again this year.

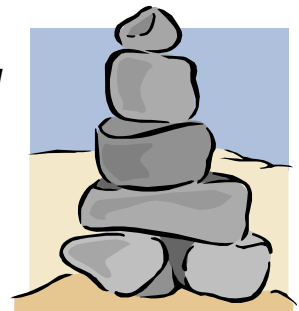
**ARTISTS OF THE MONTH** Second Grade students have been studying the element of **color**. Students have been learning the primary and secondary colors, as well as warm and cool colors. Using many warm and cool colors, second grade students created “Dancing Autumn Leaves” and “Warm & Cool Landscapes”. November Artists of the Month are **Allyssa Ihde, Emily Jurgensen, Jessica Kaiser and Jarrett Sedlmajer**. Congratulations artists and keep up the great work!! -Mrs. Bordelon

Give thanks in November!! How can this be done? Try donating to the **RCLS LIBRARY!** Is it your child's birthday? Consider donating a book or a magazine subscription! We have a wish list available at this link on Amazon.com: <http://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/3HDQWNVKJINL3> . Also, the Library accepts monetary donations for books and materials. If you have any questions, please contact Corey Nelson at 289-3267 ext. 111 or [conelson@rcls.net](mailto:conelson@rcls.net). Thanks!

**PRAYING FOR OUR FAMILIES** Each school morning (except Wednesdays) your children's teachers gather for devotions. The teachers and pastors take turns leading those devotions. We are praying for all the families at RCLS on a rotation basis at these devotions. We invite you to share special needs for which you would invite our prayers by getting these requests to any teacher or office staff member. The week of November 16 we will pray for Royce & Marlie Ernst (Nicole, Sarah), Daniel & Shelly Erpelding (Jacob), Ryan & Diana Evans (Trinity), Kevin & Tina Ewert (Samuel, Nathan), Jeff Fanning (Katelyn), Michael & Brooke Fink (Emma), Aaron & Janelle Fistler (Bryce), and Sherry Foster (Trevor).

***As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him—you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.” 1 Peter 2:4-5***

The five aspects of stone living: **S**trong, **T**ested, **O**riginal, **N**ew, **E**verywhere.





Oh the memories! Would you like to have your RCLS uniform back? **There will be a silent auction for the OLD RCLS BASKETBALL UNIFORMS at the Friends of RCLS Basketball Tournament on November 14, 2009.** The silent auction will be for both boys and girls, home and away uniforms. The bid will include both home and away uniforms for each separate number. Bidding will begin at 8 a.m. and close at 5 p.m. The minimum bid is \$5. Proceeds from the silent auction will be used to purchase new uniforms. The winning jersey bidder will receive his or her jersey in early December.

## SPORTS UPDATE

In their first competition of the 2009–10 season, the RCLS **6th grade boys' Bobcat basketball team** met the Holy Spirit Jaguars on the Jaguars' home court on Saturday, November 7. The Bobcats shook off a two-point first period and a substantial point deficit to briefly lead by one point after the start of the second half, 20 to 19. Unfortunately, the Bobcats were unable to maintain the momentum that they developed during the first half, ultimately losing to the Jaguars 37 to 24. Nathan Eide (12 points), Joshua Ojeikhodion (6), Kyle Wernstrom (4) and Jack Stien (2) scored for the Bobcats. Yoav Rodriguez pulled down a few rebounds and Jonathan Hickman had some defensive steals. The Bobcats' next game is Saturday, November 14, at 9 am against St. Francis at St. Francis.

Saturday, November 7, was the **league volleyball tournament** hosted by St. Marten's in Winona. Both A & B squads participated in the double elimination tourney. Our B squad, who played A teams from the other schools, was eliminated in 2 matches, but had a good showing and made a valiant effort. When RCLS met with RCLS, RCLS won. The A squad played 4 matches with several very close scores. After a loss to Silo, they won the consolation bracket. RCLS then lost to Resurrection in a close three game match. Congratulations to all of the players on their competitive play in the league tournament. RCLS B squad consisted of: Becca Bany, Matt Boettcher, Jodie Bratager, Agum Dut, Andrew Jedlicka, Carolyn Arndt, Elizabeth Bauman, Elizabeth Parry, Josh Reinstrom, Katelyn Fanning, Molly Fuelberth, Sarah Arndt, Sean Pendergast and Brian Happel. RCLS A squad consisted of: Alex Gatzlaff, Alysha Langford, Chad Wagner, Hannah Ganskop, Kayla Biar, Luke Wagner, Micaela Rud, Michael Carl, Nate Witte, Karin Canakes, Mitch Muras, and Sam St. Peter. The coaches thank the players for their efforts. Everyone showed great improvement throughout the course of the season.

## EMERGENCY WEATHER CLOSING

School closing announcements can be heard on the local radio stations as well as on KTTC-TV. When Rochester public schools close, RCLS also closes!

**Stepping Stones (formerly SAC)** has the following guidelines:

- When school is closed: Hours are 8 am—4 pm
- When school starts late: Hours are 8 am—6 pm
- When school dismisses early: Stepping Stones remains open 1 hour after dismissal time.
- When the governor closes schools: Stepping Stones closes.
- When the governor dismisses schools: Stepping Stones closes immediately at the time of dismissal.

All children will be accepted on inclement weather days, however, please call to alert staff if your child will/will not be attending so that adequate staff is maintained. 289-3267 x 209



**WINTER**

Hot lunch is not provided on non-school days. If you do not bring a lunch for your child, one will be provided at a cost of \$3.00.

**PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES** are scheduled for November 17 (Preschool only) and November 18 and 19 for Preschool and Grades K-8. Please note the schedule. Parents of students in grades Preschool—Grade 5 are to call the school office to schedule your parent teacher conference. Last Friday a letter was sent home to families K-8 explaining the process for conferences for those families with students in grades 6-8. If you did not receive the letter please let the office know. Everyone is asked to participate. Thank you.

- November 17 (Tuesday) —**Preschool Parents** only, noon—4 pm
- November 18 (Wednesday) - **Preschool Parents** only, 8 am—7 pm
- November 18 (Wednesday) - **Kindergarten—Grade 8** only, 3:30-5 pm, 5:30-8 pm
- November 19 (Thursday) - **Preschool Parents** only, 8 am—7 pm
- November 19 (Thursday) - **Kindergarten—Grade 8** only, 1:30-3:00 pm, 3:30-5:00 pm, 5:30-8 pm

**No Preschool** on November 18 and 19 because of conferences.

**Early dismissal** (12:45 pm) for students in Full Day Kindergarten-Grade 8 on Thursday, November 19 and **no school** for Preschool-Grade 8 on Friday, November 20.

**Stepping Stones (formerly SAC) will be open and offering child care** from 8:00 am until 8 pm on November 18 and 19 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, although 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.

November 13	- No School—Records Day - SAC Open - Evening of Celebration, 6-11 pm
November 14	- Alumni BB Tournament, 8 am—6 pm, RCLS gym
November 15	- Concert Choir at Family of Christ
November 17	- Preschool Conferences Noon-4 pm - Personnel Committee, 5 pm - Finance Committee, 6 pm - Executive Committee, 7:30 pm
November 18	- Grade 2 to sing at chapel - Report Cards Out - No Preschool - Preschool Conferences 8 am-7pm - K-8 Conferences 3:30-8 pm - SAC available until 8 pm
November 19	- Early Dismissal, 12:45 pm—Parents Transport Home - No Preschool - Preschool Conferences 8 am—7 pm - K-8 conferences, 3:30-8 pm SAC available until 8 pm
November 20	- No School
November 23	- Board of Directors, 6:15 pm
Nov. 25-27	- Thanksgiving Vacation

December 1	- Marketing, 4 pm
December 2	- Kindergarten to sing at Chapel - Coffee/Tour, 7:45-8:45 am
December 9	- Concert Choir to sing at Chapel - Academics/Curriculum, 4:30 pm
December 10	- Advent Music Concert, Grades. 5-8, 6:30 pm
December 11	- Parent Transport TO school
December 12	- New Ulm BB Tournament, 7/8 Boys/Girls
December 15	- Personnel, 5 pm - Finance, 6 pm - Executive, 7:30 pm
December 16	- To sing at Chapel—To be announced - Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Program at John Marshall High School, 9-noon
December 17	- All School Christmas Celebration, PS-8, 6:30 pm
December 18	- Mid-term
December 21	- Board of Directors, 6:15 pm
December 22	- Christmas Parties
Dec. 23-Jan. 1	- Christmas Break
December 29	- Ski/Snowboard Trip, 8 am—5 pm
January 2	- Ski/Snowboard Trip, 8 am -5 pm
January 4	- School Resumes, Normal Hours