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**AT KRAUSE LATER ELEMENTARY WE ESTABLISH
HIGH STANDARDS AND SUPPORT LEARNING FOR ALL
IN A CARING ENVIRONMENT.**

Reading month and more!

Special points of interest:

- *"New Me" Parent Meeting*
February 28th 7:00,
March 4th 1:00 p.m.
- *Daddy/Daughter Dance*
March 4th 7:00
- *March 10th 1/2 Day;*
Parent/Teacher Confer-
ences 1:00-3:30
- *March 16th-3rd grade*
"Morning with Mom"
- *In-Service (no school)*
March 21st

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Reading Month Begins!

As you may know, March is reading month across our great nation. While reading is important every month, it is traditionally celebrated by schools each March. It is no different at Krause, with this year's theme being "Reading is out of this world!". Students will be encouraged to read a little extra this month to earn class, grade level, and school goals. To kickoff reading month, classes will travel the universe inside our robotics lab. How, you may ask? A portable planetarium will be traveling to Krause and allowing students to see our galaxy up close and personal! Students

will learn about Native American legends associated with stars, planetary systems, and much more under the guidance of Mrs. Goulette. In addition to the "star laboratory", students will have guest readers in their rooms, teacher switch day, and finish the month with a school "read-in" in our cafeteria.

Morning with Mom

Our third annual "Morning with Mom" is set for Wednesday, March 16th from 8:00-8:30 in the cafeteria. Third grade moms are invited to a light breakfast with conversation, a short survey and more. If you are planning on attending, please return the flyer by

Friday, March 11th.

Parent Teacher Conferences March 10th

Spring conferences are scheduled for Thursday, March 10th from 1:00-3:30. Spring conferences are held on an "as-needed" basis and your child's teacher will notify you if a conference is required. You may also request a conference if you have concerns that you would like to address. If you cannot attend on the 10th because of other obligations, but would like a conference, please contact your child's teacher.

How are we doing? What can we do better?

Could you spare five minutes to help our school? Each year we use a short parent survey to provide information on what our school can improve upon and your feedback is critical. In order to access the survey, please visit our school's website at www.armadaschools.org/laterel.

You will find a link in the lower right hand corner of the page titled "2010-2011 Parent Survey". If you cannot access the survey and are planning on attending parent teacher conferences on March 10th, please consider stopping in the computer lab by the front door to

complete this short survey. Suggestions from previous parent surveys have been used to modify lunch schedules, adjust tutoring options, and much more. Results of the survey will be shared in the April newsletter. Thank you in advance for helping us better meet your child's needs.



Above, Anna Barbret tries on a soldier's coat



Above, Mr. Keller explains the patterns on a quilt

Civil War & Underground Railroad Presentations

Conductors Lead the Way

Stalking in the dark of night to a different house, hopeful you will survive for the next day's travel. You travel with someone you barely know with no food, maps, etc. Sound scary? Life for slaves on the Underground Railroad was very difficult as our fourth grade students learned this past month. Mr. Charles Keller explained how "conductors" on the railroad navigated to safety, in addition

to enlightening students on communication systems used at "stops" on the railroad. Students were amazed to learn about how our area was one of last stops on the railroad before slaves seeking freedom escaped to Canada. If you are interested in learning more about the Underground Railroad, please consider attending a tour in Washington Township's Octagon House on Saturday, February 26th at 10:00. Please call to make reservations at 586.781.0084.

Civil War Presentation

In addition to learning about the Underground Railroad, Mr. Paul Lipka educated students about life as a Civil War soldier. Mr. Lipka talked about the long days of marching, cold nights, diet, and much more. Our students loved seeing the different authentic Civil War artifacts and were able to ask questions about what was experienced by soldiers over two hundred years ago.

The Super "U" Challenge, promotes a positive school environment by encouraging students to build positive character traits and identify bullying behavior.

Bullying Assembly a Hit!

Did your child tell you about the terrific assembly we had last week? The Super "U" Challenge, presented by Chris Linn and his associates, Brandy and Andy, promotes a positive school environment by encouraging students to build positive character traits and identify bullying behavior. Through a series of challenges that were designed TV game shows like Brain

Surge and Minute To Win It, students worked together in teams to complete the tasks. One such challenge tested students' ability to get dressed as a superhero as fast as they could by pulling articles of clothing out of a bag. Another challenged students to build a tower of foam on a tray and attempt to walk their tilting tower across the floor without making it fall. Every

challenge was based around a specific message about positive character traits. All challenges promoted teamwork, good sportsmanship, and cooperation among the audience. Special thanks to the Healthy Living Committee for sponsoring this exciting assembly with a great message!

Special Needs Request Forms Due April 1st

Each year our school attempts to make the transition to the next grade level as smooth as possible. Part of this transition is proper placement with consideration given to students with special needs. These special needs include information about medical concerns, learning needs, and other pertinent

information. This special needs request form is not a teacher request form. Requests for specific teachers will not be considered. Instead of a specific teacher request, parents are asked to provide information about the learning style that benefits their child the most. Forms will be available

in the office beginning March 18th. Forms must be turned into the office by April 1st.



December/January Principal's Award Winners

THIRD GRADE

Rene' Beauchamp
Nicole Beechie
Alexandra Childers
Samantha Marcum
Nolan Wisneski

FOURTH GRADE

Meghan Blake
Yesenia Gamez
Ryan Kaminski
Carly Malinowski
Kyle Schmidt

FIFTH GRADE

Julia Boushelle
Haylie Bowerman
Michael Anne Carbery
Connor Collins
Hannah Smith
Victoria Sutherland



NEW BOOK DRIVE



Student Council is looking for new books to donate to Children's Hospital. March is reading month and a perfect time to donate new books for our 'New Book Drive'. All new books donated will be given to children ages birth to 18 who are at Children's Hospital. A box will be placed in front of the main office at Krause Elementary between March 1 and March 26.

Dear Parents,

Let's talk trash again!! During the period of March 10th- March 25th, 2011, you once again have an opportunity to support the Elementary Healthy Living Committee by purchasing and selling something used every day- Trash Bags. Your child(ren) should receive and bring home their sales kit on Friday, March 10th. If your child does not receive a kit or if you have any questions please contact Kathy Pace at 784-2640. The Committee is sponsoring the seventeenth annual school-wide project to raise funds for activities such as the Tiger Tracks Walking Club, the Talent Show, assemblies, guest speakers, classroom presentations, and other Healthy Living projects. All of the Committee's efforts are toward providing our children with the information they need to begin to learn how to make the right choices when they are faced with decisions related to their physical and emotional health.

We will again be selling Bear Claw Bags. They are extra heavy duty, 2-mil thick trash bags up to four times thicker than bags sold in stores! Bear Claw Bags, made from recycled plastic, carry a very important message on each bag:

DRUGS ARE TRASH

Good news, we have kept the prices the same for this year! The bags come in a variety of colors (random- sorry, no choosing your color!) and can be bought in the following quantities:

***20 count box- \$8.00 *40 count box- \$13.00 *100 count box- \$26.00**

KITCHEN BAGS TOO!!

Tall Kitchen Bags 50 count box (white only and no Drugs are Trash imprint). These are the same heavy duty bags as the 30 gallon size but in a more convenient size for kitchen use:

***50 count box - \$12.00**

WHEN & WHERE??: 2011 Sales Dates

Friday, March 10- Fundraiser begins.

Wednesday, March 25- All orders must be turned into the office by 3:30pm.

Wednesday, May 4- All orders picked up in the gym, 3:30pm-5:30pm or during the Ice Cream Social, 6:00pm-8:00pm.

****AGAIN THIS YEAR- All payments must be received at the Ice Cream Social or when you pick up your order.** All checks made payable to Krause Elementary School. All fees for returned checks are the responsibility of the check writer.

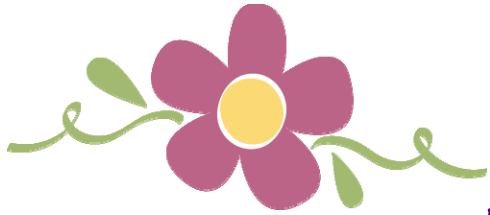
PRIZES!!

Many ways to win again this year! There will again be a drawing for prizes from Nintendo Wii and DS, Tivoli's Pizza, Squirreled Away Books, Achatz Pie Co., Dollar Discount, New Tyme Pizza, Vera's Balloons-R-Fun, Lick's Ice Cream, Scholastic Books, and the Committee. For every \$50.00 in sales your child's name will be entered in the drawing. The drawing will be held on Friday, May 20th at the end of the school day. **Again this year we will have a 2-night stay at a fun, family resort including spending money for the top student salesperson, a \$75 gift certificate for second place, and a \$50 gift certificate for third place.** However, the dates listed above must be adhered to for your child to qualify for any prize.

We wish to thank everyone in advance for participating in our fundraiser. We realize that these bags cost a little more but you are getting an industrial strength bag and, more importantly, each student will benefit from the money raised and from seeing the important message that

DRUGS ARE TRASH





Debbie Johnson Marcia Monnette Lenora Saunders Nancy Moegle Kathy Pace Kim Goulette Jennifer Bovenshen
Krause Elementary Healthy Living Committee



March 2011



March is Reading Month—Read a Book.!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Principal Award Assembly 3pm PICTURE DAY!	2 TCB Mtg 9am Star Lab	3 Star Lab	4 Daddy Daughter Dance 6:30 New me parent Meeting 1-2:45	5
6	7	8 AMS Academy mtg. for interested 5th graders 6:30 @ MS	9 Fourth Grade Kensington Forest Heritage	10 Half Day School Spring Conferences	11 Dress like a celebrity day	12
13  Daylight Savings Time begins	14 New me begins	15 Troy Museum 3rd grade Board Mtg 7pm	16 Troy Museum 3rd grade Third Grade Morning With Mom 8:00 am	17  St. Patrick's Day	18 CAPS for Cancer	19
20  Spring begins	21 No School for students In-service	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 March is Reading Month "Read In" 2:45-3:15		



"Breakfast is a great way to start the day"

Milk- \$.50

LUNCH- \$2.50

Reduced Lunch \$.40

MARCH

Krause Elementary School

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
28 BBQ Chicken Leg Mashed Potatoes Whole Wheat Roll Chilled Pears Choice of Milk	1 Hamburger or Cheeseburger on Whole Wheat Bun Oven Fries Chilled Mixed Fruit Choice of Milk	2 Nacho Chips/Cheese Refried Beans Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk	3 Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Tossed Salad Chilled Peaches Choice of Milk	4 Cheesy Breadsticks Broccoli Chilled Pineapple Choice of Milk
 Second Choice: Ham and Cheese Sub				
7 French Toast Stix Sausage Links Tater Tots Applesauce Choice of Milk	8 Soft Shell Tacos Lettuce/Cheese Corn Chilled Peaches Choice of Milk	9 Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Tossed Salad Chilled Pineapple Choice of Milk ASH WEDNESDAY	10 1/2 Day Spring Conferences	11 Cheesy Breadsticks Fresh Baby Carrots Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk
Second Choice: Mini Corndog Nuggets				
14 Ravioli/Meatsauce Tossed Salad Garlic Toast Chilled Pears Choice of Milk	15 Whole Grain Chicken Patty on Whole Grain Bun Broccoli Chilled Pineapple Choice of Milk	16 Hamburger or Cheeseburger on Whole Wheat Bun Oven Fries Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk	17 Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza Tossed Salad Chilled Mixed Fruit Choice of Milk	18 Cheesy Breadsticks Garden Peas Chilled Peaches Choice of Milk
Second Choice: Cereal Fun Lunch (Cereal, Hard Boiled Egg, Juice and Milk)				
21 INSERVICE NO SCHOOL	22 Chili Dog on Wheat Bun Baked Beans Mixed Fruit Choice of Milk	23 Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza Tossed Salad Cinnamon Apple Slices Choice of Milk	24 Sweet and Sour Chicken Rice Whole Wheat Roll Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk	25 Cheesy Breadsticks Mixed Vegetables Chilled Pineapple Choice of Milk
Second Choice: Nachos Fun Lunch (Tortilla Rounds, Cheese, Salsa, Fruit and Milk)				
28 Baked Breaded Whole Grain Chicken Nuggets Whole Wheat Roll Corn on the Cob Chilled Peaches Choice of Milk	29 Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Tossed Salad Chilled Pears Choice of Milk	30 Popcorn Chicken Bowl (mashed potatoes & corn) Whole Wheat Roll Chilled Mixed Fruit Choice of Milk	31 Nacho Chips/Cheese Refried Beans Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk	1 Cheesy Breadsticks Fresh Baby Carrots Chilled Pineapple Choice of Milk
Second Choice: Ham and Cheese Sub				

If you have questions, Comments or Concerns?
Please Call Director of Dining Services Norene
Msal at 586-784-2474

In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, age, or disability. If you believe you have been discriminated against, write immediately to Dept. of